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Ted Bundy Interview with Dr. James Dobson

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James Dobson, Ph.D.



Ted Bundy

One of the most infamous sex criminals of all time is Ted Bundy. According to his own words, Bundy believed his descent into the horrible pit of sexual assault and

murder was fueled by an addiction to violent obscenity. What makes Bundy's case of immense interest to evangelical Christians is an execution-eve interview conducted by Dr. James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family. This interview took place Monday, January 23, 1989, 2:30 P.M. EST, at the State Penitentiary in Starke, Florida. Bundy called Dobson and offered the interview with the understanding that it would be used to warn the public of how his horrible downfall actually took place.

On February 3, 1998, MS-NBC reviewed the crimes and execution of Bundy on Jane Pauley's program *Time and Again*. At the end of the program, Pauley made a brief reference to Dr. Dobson's interview and the link Bundy made between obscenity and his murders. She remarked that *this may have been just another Bundy scam*.

There are several important points made during the interview, which are reinforced with five direct Bundy quotes:

- **Point 1: Bundy was not born a monster. He began life as a normal person.**

"... there was no physical abuse or fighting in the home... I led a normal life ..."

- **Point 2: Obscenity is progressively addictive.**

"... You reach that jumping off point where you begin to wonder if maybe actually doing it will give you that which is beyond just reading about it or looking at it ..."

- **Point 3: There is a cause-and-effect relationship between using obscenity and criminal sexual behavior.**

"... I've met a lot of men who were motivated to commit violence just like me. And without exception, every one of them was deeply involved in pornography ..."

- **Point 4: Bundy was eventually driven by an evil supernatural force. Although he never named this force as demon possession, his descriptions of it, and the obvious results, point to a classic case of intermittent (time-sharing) demon possession.**

"... have been possessed by something so awful and so alien, and then the next morning wake up from it, remember what happened ..."

- **Point 5: Despite the influences of obscenity and demonic forces, Bundy recognized his need to be accountable to society and God for his behavior.**

". . . I deserve, certainly, the most extreme punishment society has and society deserves to be protected from me and from others like me, that's for sure."

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