

Date: June 23, 2009

To: Publication Review Committee

From:

Subject: Reviews of Publication "Under Lock and Key, May 2009, #8"

On June 22, 2009, I received a letter entitled "Publication Receipt and Course of Action"; this letter attempted to justify the exclusion of the above-named publication by checking off two boxes on this preprinted form, being:

1. Advocate or encourage violence, hatred or group disruption or it poses an intolerable risk of violence or disruption.
2. Be otherwise detrimental to security, good order, rehabilitation, or discipline or it might facilitate criminal activity or be detrimental to mental health.

In support of my request to receive this publication

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I request the opportunity to challenge this censorship, in person, before the Publication Review Committee. At that time, I will present my arguments as to why I should be permitted to receive this publication; in addition, I wish to be presented with, in advance of the hearing, with a brief summary of each article the censor found offensive, and an explanation of which First Amendment reason applies to that article. This will allow me to prepare particularized rebuttal to the censorship, where warranted.

In addition, I wish to submit for the Committee's education, the following supportive information, to bolster my argument against the censorship of this publication:

1. The perpetrator already admits these books - the Koran and Bible - which contain passages which promote violence against non-believers. An example of the violence caused by these publications recently occurred in Kansas, where a religious fanatic executed a doctor who performed late-term abortions. This act of violence was widely reported on

the television, and on the front page of the June 1, 2009 issue of USA Today, which, I would note, was not censored.

2. The Karan clearly states that it is the responsibility of every Muslim to kill someone who commits blasphemy against the Prophet. Since 9-11, Americans as a whole - including prisoners - have expressed their displeasure, and sometimes disgust with radical Islam. If a Muslim prisoner should overhear these remarks, and assault the offending prisoner, is Meowad at least partially responsible for that act, because it allowed the Karan into the prison?

Lastly, I would like to ask the Committee if it would censor a publication which contained either of the following statements:

1. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to

abolish it, and to institute a new government.

2. But, when a long chain of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

Both statements clearly advocate overthrowing the government, under certain circumstances. However, if the Committee were to concur this document, it would have warned me from reading the Declaration of Independence.

I submit that the publication in question encourages political discourse, in light with the Declaration's aforementioned principles, and should be allowed into the prison. Unlike the Bible at Katan, I am unaware of anyone murdering someone in the name of "Under Lock and Key".