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Thousands Of Christian Sermons Deleted By YouTube Without Any Warning -

<https://hellochristian.com/6160-thousands-of-christian-sermons-deleted-by-youtube-without-any-warning>

Saints,

This was a shock to hear of a brother report this to me today. We trust the Lord in this. We had over 35 million views on the videos. There were embedded in 10,000's of places on the internet. And we had over 5000 videos uploaded.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sermonindex>

This account has been terminated due to multiple or severe violations of YouTube's policy against spam, deceptive practices, and misleading content or other Terms of Service violations.

Please pray that this situation can be remedied somehow, we cannot even access to the videos nor even find the copyright problems or violations.

If there are any brethren who are lawyer type brothers that can help with forms and legal language for this that could be beneficial just to try and ask youtube to understand what has happened and why.

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Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube - posted by Anamosa41 (), on: 2017/1/30 16:44

This is sad to hear. I will be praying.

Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube, on: 2017/1/30 16:44

look here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7ML7t5Puxg>

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/1/30 17:04

Prayed and will keep in prayers.

Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube - posted by chetanch, on: 2017/1/30 17:04

Praying brother.

Please check this link on how to appeal.

<http://www.geteverything.org/fix-this-account-has-been-terminated-severe-violations-of-youtubes-policy/>

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/30 17:21

Thank you brother I have filed out that form with the right email now.

Re: - posted by lovejt (), on: 2017/1/30 18:06

Lifting this up and joining you all.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2017/1/30 18:25

sorry to hear this news Greg, am praying for it to be resolved quickly.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/1/30 18:37

Greg, I just saw this for the first time. I am no coopyright lawyer, but if you email me I will do as much as I can.

Praying that they reinstate. My thought is if they don't, it may be due to thinking of much of it as hate speech, based on the article another poster linked you to.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/30 18:42

Thanks brother, I got off the phone with a christian lawyer who gave basic advice. It seems unless Youtube responds and gives the reason we cannot know.

My mind goes towards christian persecution, LGBT rights and other possibilities if there is not a clear answer.

This could also be a spam attempt by an enemy of the gospel and therefore could somehow be reconcilled to get the account back up.

Re: - posted by Ruach34 (), on: 2017/1/30 18:49

Brother Greg,

Can we do anything? Like contact YouTube someway and post a complaint or request the channel again? I think if the saints make a loud noise this might help??? Thoughts???

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/30 18:53

Perhaps if youtube videos are posted about the sermonindex channel being deleted that could help. Sharing it on facebook, etc for prayer will be the key.

It is shocking, we only have around 70% of it backed up or so. I am going to look at seeing alternatives coming up to host the videos in a different places. Just 5000 videos to re-upload again might take a few years :)

We are thinking of self-hosting options and possibly Archive.org but even that is not 100% secure.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2017/1/30 20:51

Brother, do you think any of the speakers' ministries might have complained to YT about copyright infringement? That's the only thing I can think of. This is horrible.

Re: , on: 2017/1/30 22:49

It appears this is an attack by the enemy. If several million people were viewing these videos and lives were being changed. Then the devil would get upset and attempt to shut down access to the message. At this point I don't know what know what could be done to reinstate the YouTube channel. I certainly pray it will be reinstated.

In the meantime brother Greg might want to look at Vimeo. Though it is second in viewing to YouTube. Their policy seem to be more flexible for allowing Christian messages.

Again just my thoughts.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/1/31 6:29

I really can't see any minister complaining about spreading one of his gospel messages. It was probably someone who dislikes Christ and His message (and messengers).

You should just make another account and call it preachingindex or something (sorry, lame joke)

Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2017/1/31 7:58

That's a great suggestion, let us know how we can continue to pray and serve

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/31 8:10

Saints,

We might explore a few options for the future, even if the youtube comes re-enstatd, I think it would be good to have an entire backup and for a few brethren to start youtube channels mirroring all the content. So essentially uploading all the video sermons or most of them.

Perhaps if this is something you want to commit to, we could send a hard drive with most of the videos. Send an email to sermonindex@gmail.com

Vimeo would cost a monthly amount but if a brother felt led to lead that and pay for it, they could upload all the message s there also.

I will keep you updated on any news from youtube. Do continue to pray.

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/31 12:19

Saints,

A few have committed to start new youtube channels and upload many sermonindex videos. If this interests you to help establish a youtube channel email me: sermonindex@gmail.com and I will give instructions.

May the Lord allow these messages to spread even further and glorify His Name.

here is an example of one brother starting a channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCvNnPVPAJIEyLTZQHW0ELw/featured>

do SUBSCRIBE to it.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/1/31 12:29

I shared an email with folks in our home group asking them to pray that YouTube reinstates. A sweet sister who, with her husband, a very interested in the efforts of groups like American Family Association and ACLJ asked --- and I will ask here, too --- if Greg thinks it a good idea to reach out to someone like AFA and see if they will help generate publicity and a call to action such as an email campaign to YouTube for SI.

I have no contacts with any such organization but if you could get AFA to say anything at all I think you might find a swell of support and at least some number of emails asking them to reinstate and standing for the benefit SI provides for believers here and abroad.

Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2017/1/31 12:30

Wow -- this is terrible!

Did they even contact you before they deleted your account? I had a friend who was given a "strike" (or something like that) because he had used copyrighted material in one of his videos. He said that they use some sort of system like that (two or three strikes before termination).

I thought that a particular video had to be flagged for a violation. I don't think that any of the ministers featured here at SermonIndex would target you for termination (and, if they did, that is very disappointing).

Is it possible that it has something to do with that recent minister who wanted his sermons removed had something to do with this?

I'm praying that this is resolved quickly and Alphabet/Google/YouTube will reinstate and restore your channel.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/1/31 18:03

I received this vague response from Youtube so right now there is absolutely no reason to believe it was copyright infringement as it could be other reasons such as hate speech or religious discrimination, etc

At this point we are encouraging saints to forward this information to conservative news outlets that they can report on it. the SermonIndex Channel had 5000 videos with over 35 million views and 90.000 subscribers, one of the largest on youtube.

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Hi Greg,

I just got off of the phone with YouTube/Google (via their local number which has offices close to where I live). When I called, I selected to be transferred to issues with YouTube (which was done by dialing "3" with their automated system on the second or third prompt).

After a ten minute hold, I reached the telephone representative. I explained the issue (and gave the name of the channel) and asked why the channel was terminated. I also expressed my disappointment over its removal.

The YouTube rep couldn't give me any information (since I am not the channel owner), but suggested that it could have been flagged by disgruntled individuals visiting the site.

The representative did admit that an individual or group can sometimes target a particular channel for flagging, but couldn't say if that was the case here.

The rep suggested that you reply to the "appeal" email that you received, call them directly (between 9AM-5PM PST on Monday through Friday) or to use their Help forum.

I did voice my disappointment. I stated that -- without clarification -- it almost seems like this website was targeted on religious discriminatory grounds. I explained that the channel garners a lot of traffic too.

Either way, please keep us updated! This will be remembered constantly in prayer!

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/1/31 20:13

Suggested Tweet:

@YouTube please restore 5K Christian sermon videos viewed 35 million times around the world on @SermonIndex channel. #putitback

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/1/31 21:27

Hi Greg

I would like to give you some advice but I'm at a loss to say anything only that I am with you and will pray for some resolution.

This comes under the heading of Christian Persecution of that I am off no doubt. You know that you have our full support

I can see from the enemies point of view why it's beneficial to have us off the air (YouTube) as it is a great evangelical tool, a site where Christians and Non Christians visit.

It's the getting punished without been given the reason that hurts the most and the inability to hold them to account of their actions,

I will send an email to Youtube to complain just to add my name at least. My gut feeling but I'm not saying this is from God is that it's a strike back against the recent happenings in the USA by opposing views,

Our sword is bigger than theirs, our sword has two edges, our sword doesn't corrupt in the heat of battle, our sword is always victorious and our sword is living and will do for ever, Yours Hugh

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2017/2/1 7:10

I would seek council from the men at Calvary Chapel and Franklin Graham ministries.

Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/2/1

I did a search on YouTube for SermonIndex. I discovered several pages of with site, the address, a shortened Google address in the channel description and a combination of random key words but the most common theme dealt with the punishment for adultery.

This is an example:

Quote:
-----Channel title: KUWAIT NATIONAL DAY 2014 Website: <http://www.sermonindex.net> | Twitter: <http://goo.gl/f9i0R> The work and ministry of sermonindex can be encapsulated
Owner/name: nguyen hoah
Description: Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong speaking at National Day Rally 2015. The Rally was held on 23 August 2015 at ITE HQ & College Central in Singapore.

EDIT: On further investigation, there are lots of references to a Nigerian film called "END OF ADULTERY."

EDIT 2: There are two main accounts associated with these playlists,

1. 'Crybery' link: https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCL_Yt12OTU0_DsqvbZ0cPsw
2. 'Comedy Central stand up' link: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCJDLHvvEHu61In78LC8pX5w>
3. 'nguyen hoah' link: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC5OC14-epuji5jbsq3-V1Kw>

Crybery online has one video on it.

'Comedy Central stand up' has zero videos on its channel.

Nguyen hoah also has zero videos.

Another one named, This Is What You Came For, features pages and pages of playlists. Groups of about contain the same keyword but the same thumbnail.

EDIT 3: I checked the source channels for the other playlists, they are doing the exact same thing. None of the channels

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had more than 3 subscribers. They may all be made by the same person and subbed to each other.

Check it out for yourself. This should be good enough data to get SermonIndex forgiven, though it may take awhile.

I think the reaction to diversify the storage of the videos is wise. We should also work to keep regular archives around the country and around the world.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/1 8:23

Brother,

Thank you for doing this research, I reported this to youtube on their form: https://support.google.com/accounts/contact/suspended?p=youtube&visit_id=1-636215024963968338-2137206447&rd=1

Trusting this might be the solution to see the channel come back.

This good brother posted a video on our channel being deleted letting others know and pray:

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/2/1 9:46

We should keep in mind, it's very possible that just one person that has the ability to do this is responsible. For these reasons right here is why there should be alternative sites from YouTube and also Face Book, although i'm not on facebook so I don't know that much about it, but I don't think it would be that hard to have optional sites. These sites use their monopolies to voice their own political views, by removing content that don't line up to their views. Maybe someone should start a site called "ChristTube" or something similar, after all, if i'm lost, I would be more drawn to "ChristTube" than YouTube.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/2/1 10:03

Bill, <http://www.GodTube.com>

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/2/1 10:06

Thanks Tim, I remember that now, I was using that as an example, but glad to know there is a still a God tube.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/1 10:16

We have messages up there and will be uploading more:

<http://www.godtube.com/sermonindex>

We will be slowly adding sermon video files that can be downloaded directly from sermonIndex like this one: <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myvideo/photo.php?lid=2811>

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This will be a manual process but in the end it is better the files are hosted this way.

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There are now 2 christian news websites carrying this story:

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Popular YouTube Sermon Channel Shut Down

<https://newcitytimes.com/news/story/popular-youtube-sermon-channel-sermonindex-shut-down>

Re: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/2/1 12:4

i had no clue that any channel could be deleted after 3 complaints. Now that I know that, if I see something that is offensive, I know that I can complain about it. Just saying.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2017/2/1 13:33

Hi Greg,

Were you able to call YouTube or reply to the email that declined appeal email that they sent to you?

It would probably be helpful to news outlets to include YouTube's rationale for terminating your account.

*EDIT - It has crossed my mind that this might have been done as a response to the recent temporary moratorium on immigration from seven Muslim-majority nations by the Trump administration.

Remember: Google/Alphabet is the parent company of YouTube. On Monday, thousands of Google/Alphabet employees marched to protest the temporary travel restrictions.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/google-protests-trump-streets-trying-182333110.html>

In one local interview, one of the employees marching complained that Christians receive "favorable" treatment by Trump. I would hope that this isn't some sort of retaliation motivated by angst from overzealous and bitter Google/Alphabet/YouTube employees.

Re: , on: 2017/2/1 13:38

Popular YouTube Sermon Channel Shut Down

Dustin Ranem February 1st, 2017 0 comments

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It appears that the popular YouTube channel SermonIndex has been deleted by YouTube "due to multiple or severe violations of YouTube's policy against spam, deceptive practices, and misleading content or other Terms of Service violations."

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Community Policing

YT has a standard policy regarding complaints about channels: "Anyone on Youtube can submit a complaint, and YouTube will delete a channel after three strikes. No appeal. No questions asked." said Donny Soles, III a law student at Regent University. "This is YouTube's developed method of community policing."

Many people are sure to be upset about this, as the channel had accumulated 34+M views, 100k subscribers, and over 5k videos.

Greg Gordon, the channel owner and site owner of SermonIndex.net, submitted a complaint to YouTube but received a

vague reply. "At this point I have to believe there is religious discrimination possibly involved and this does not seem normal to have no email warning or exact reason why the account is deleted." Greg explained on his forum asking for prayers.

Unfortunately, since YouTube has this community policing in place there may be no way of fighting back. The policy is there to allow community members to report any channels they feel are in violation of YT's guidelines, which is great for spam, pornography, etc. However it does leave any controversial channels vulnerable to attacks.

Perhaps SermonIndex will be able to build a case of an attack and get the channel restored (which had an estimated annual earnings of up to \$30k). Other notable instances of videos being removed have gotten a lot of attention, and some were even being restored though with negative ramifications.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2017/2/1 14:02

I just noticed that the channel appears to be back up again!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sermonindex/>

Praise God!

Re: This should be revisited in 3 months [UPDATED] - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/2/1 14:30

Praise God!

I think we need to be careful how we attribute the cause of the take down. Based on my research, the takedown was due to spam. The spamming came from those playlists I linked in my previous post.

I do not doubt that this was an attack by the Principalities and Powers but the nature, cause and method of the attack was different than many members attributed. Practically, the SermonIndex channel was taken advantage of by internet marketers and spammers to promote a movie. Their methods have taken advantage of many other popular items including celebrities, sports stars, movies and so on.

Now, in the process of this, we were faced with several important facts. First we saw how dear members of SI viewed the threat. Many directly pointed toward men who are known to be antagonistic to the Gospel. The other reaction was to turn to men to use influence to solve the problem. Both of these methods proved to be incorrect, it was just someone taking advantage of the goodwill towards SI to promote their stuff and they ended up stealing everything until the cause was discovered.

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I was thinking it might be smart to be careful how files are distributed and backed up across channels. It might be wise to remove links in the descriptions of the videos linking here. This is not isolate them from the wealth here but so it is harder to find them and eliminate them all at once. Ideally, the mirror files should have different meta-data and hashes as well.

I think more importantly, we should return to this issue in three months to look at what the Lord has done through this both to raise awareness for SI and in each one of us and whether we have taken this lesson to heart.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/1 14:49

Saints,

Thank you for praying, it was prayer chiefly that helped bring the site back up. Youtube still gave only a very vague reply giving zero reasons why it went down. This should be a lesson to christian ministries including myself.

We are still going to explore and work on self-hosting the video files on SermonIndex. As well as encourage all the saints who started channels to mirror the content on youtube. We will support these channels and send followers to them.

Thank you to everyone that prayed and gave support by calling youtube or on social media posting about this.

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Thankful for the wisdom in your post brother. Nigerian registrations and growing alot on SermonIndex, so it was not a surprise that the spammer for that video was Nigerian.

There was also malicious porn spam that used the sermonindex name and description tags. But this might have not been the reason for it being taken down.

I agree with your wisdom that the mirror channels should try and make the content look unique and not copy tags or descriptions, etc.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/1 16:38

Another news group carried what happened:

YouTube Shuts Down Sermon Channel, Claiming 'Deceptive Practices'

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/62758-youtube-shuts-down-sermon-channel-claiming-deceptive-practices>

Re: , on: 2017/2/1 18:20

Bro Greg writes.....

"So there is no confusion from saints that we are trying to make big bucks (which we could) from this youtube channel."

Thank you for clarifying that bro. It is very important that folks dont believe that any of us are peddlers of the Gospel.....
.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/1 19:37

Hi Frank and anyone watching

Sermonindex is above reproach in its dealings of any kind and everyone including myself detest as Frank said the "peddlers"

Its good ending and a warning as Greg said as well.

We are at the mercy of a worldly organisation on the one hand and the flip side of the coin is that it is such a great tool to have. We have to keep an eye out for other Christian organisations in the future as well just in case they need our support,

Yours Staff

Re: , on: 2017/2/1 20:14

Staff, no one is above reproach.....

definition of "above reproach,".....

above (or beyond) reproach
phrase of reproach

1.

such that no criticism can be made; perfect.

synonyms: perfect, blameless, above suspicion, without fault, faultless, flawless, irreproachable, exemplary, impeccable, immaculate, unblemished, spotless, untarnished, stainless, unsullied, whiter than white; informalsqueaky clean

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/1 21:10

Hi Frank

I think you know what I mean. Im not going to count how many angels can dance on a pin head. Suffice to say that Sermonindex have been honest and fair and above reproach in my opinion regarding their dealings. Paul said on occasion when dealing with the churches that he was basically above reproach in the sense that he went out of his way not to be a burden even though he had the right. So in certain things you can be above reproach and blameless as Paul said of himself.

Yours Staff

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I actually did not know what you meant bro, that is why I challenged the notion that anyone is above reproach.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2017/2/2 3:54

As far as storage and file sizes for these videos goes there is a really good free programme used by a lot of photographers called Handbrake. It reduces the file size of a video to a third or less and will keep all of the resolution and sharpness and colour etc.

It may not be of interest but just thought I would let anyone know.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/2 7:45

Hi Frank

Blessings Brother its hard to communicate correctly sometimes with text apologies,

Have you made anymore of your poems into songs?I really liked "All The Kings Horses" I think I got the name right.Really liked that song.

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/2 7:49

Quote:
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Brother,

This is a great suggestion. One interesting thing is that when you submit the video files to youtube they shrink them down also. I will take a look at handbrake, I have used it before to rip DVDS to mp4.

Re: , on: 2017/2/2 9:28

Hi Staff,

I agree. This kind of communication is very two dimensional. Yes, there have been three others recorded in the studio and one as we speak. One of them was my sisters favorite and it was sung live at her funeral two years ago. All the Kings Horses was written with her in mind when she gave her heart to the Lord just a few short years before she died at the age of 52. She actually gave her heart to the Lord in a Carter Conlon meeting in Greenock, the year after he had spoken at the SI conference there.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/2 12:48

Hi Frank

Thats great please let us know where we can listen,

Thats a very nice testimony about that song.I have an interest in the same thing making songs with a Christian theme and I have been drawn I believe by God into the production end of things and I have to say I find it very very hard .so the studio is a great way to go because they can make a great song sound great as well.Poems I think can communicate something quicker than a song but songs are something where the message is repeated and repeated and to a wider audience.So they both have great value.

Well I had another listen to Mary Creig singing broken pieces and I still like the whole arrangement and I hope it reaches ever widening audiences like a ripple in the water as the message is very important,

SermonIndex Announcements :: PRAY: SermonIndex Youtube Channel Deleted without any notice by Youtube

Im an admirer of Carter Conlon and Times Square Church and they try really hard to get things right
God bless

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/2 13:02

Saints,

Here is the list of channels now that are uploading our older content:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCvNnPVPAJIEyLTZQHW0ELw>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVnpKC2hRhQ4_-kPqrn4ekA

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0_sRVxWrmnoL34r_3adjQ

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ahavajerusalem>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC45NTLoTwqpi8nCcl_0KzOw

Do subscribe to them all.

We are also looking for volunteers to help upload the videos to other locations such as <http://www.godtube.com/sermonindex> [vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com) and others.

If you are interested to any of the above just email me: sermonindex@gmail.com

One brother is downloading the entire sermonindex youtube to a hard drive. We encourage some others to do this if they have bandwidth, and an extra hard drive with 500 gigs of space.

here is possible free software that can work: <https://www.4kdownload.com/howto/howto-download-youtube-channel>

Re: , on: 2017/2/2 17:17

Hi Staff,

This is the song that Mary Grieg and Aileen Gilchrist sung at my sisters funeral as a duet. The Spirit of the Lord came down and most folks attending, who were not Christians, were moved to tears. After this the Gospel was plainly preached. All of this is very unusual at a Scottish funeral where I come from. Of all the songs I have written, this was my sisters favorite. I wish you could hear both women singing this, it was so anointed. Of course you can hear Aileen sing here on SI under Godly music.....bro Frank

<https://youtu.be/MAvLLp-jX00?list=FLzaJEo3iS31j-rIPwGUncDA>

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/2 18:24

Hi Frank

I can see why she liked it and also the length is very nice you didn't cut it too short which I like. There's something about two compatible voices together that is way more than the sum of their parts. It's rare to get that in any genre of music and when the voices are female it is amazing I think.

It's quite a process to bring a song from A to Z almost all goes unnoticed by the listener!

I'm not sure but I always think the angels do be listening in and singing along to the chorus,
God blessing on your music;

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/3 14:55

Saints,

A few more news outlets pick up the news about what happened:

<http://www.trunews.com/article/youtube-shuts-down-another-christian-channel>

<http://christiantimes.com/article/youtube-briefly-shuts-down-popular-sermon-channel/70970.htm>

Just so saints know we are in talks with some other Christian media sites to have our entire archive hosted with them so youtube will become an alternative source not the only main source. If anyone has contacts to online christian ministries that host video media feel free to get them in contact with us.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/2/3 18:40

Hi Greg

A portion from the ChristianTimes article;;;

According to New City Times, YouTube has a standard policy that allows community members to report channels that are deemed to be in violation of the website's guidelines.

"Anyone on Youtube can submit a complaint, and YouTube will delete a channel after three strikes. No appeal. No questions asked," said Donny Soles III, a Regent University law student

So according to this guy if I or a group say complain 3 times let's say to any youtube channel like "WWE" with millions of views or the Ellen Degeneres channel which seemingly has billions of views that this will happen. I DON'T THINK SO DONNY!! We always wanted to say this and I hope no one is offended
Donny you are out of your element!

SI had no strikes at all except that hack in 2005? I think.

The good news is and there is good news pressure counted and SI is in a safer place regarding youtube than where it was. SI 1 Christian Discrimination 0

We are also more aware of the risks.

Great to see the response from outside sources. God Bless you for carrying the story

Yours Staff

Re: (Correction) SPAM not persecution - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/2/4 0:50

EDIT: The playlists referred to in this post do not line up.

They were posted between July 2016 and November 2016.

These news stories are leaving out important information. That information being that there were several channels using Sermon Index's name to promote a new movie through SPAM tactics.

SPAM refers to more than just junk email. Here is more information from the YouTube help section:

Quote:

-----Misleading metadata

Metadata refers to any and all additional information provided on a video. This includes the title, description, tags, annotations, and thumbnail. The reason we have metadata is so that you can add additional contextual information to your videos. Please do not use these features to game or trick our search algorithms. All metadata should be representative of the content contained in your video. Among other things, metadata added in an attempt to game search algorithms will lead to the removal of your video and a strike against your account.

Quote:

-----Video and comment spam

It's not okay to post large amounts of untargeted, unwanted, or repetitive content in videos, comments, private messages, or other places on the site. If the main purpose of your content is to drive people off of YouTube and onto another site, it will likely violate our spam policies.

Source: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2801973?hl=en>

If you and the news organizations actually do their research, and get the whole story, they will see that the cause for SermonIndex getting SUSPENDED was because these people used SermonIndex's metadata in their SPAM marketing. After Greg submitted the information about these people using SermonIndex's metadata to create SPAM, the SermonIndex channel was restored. If you mark the time between my posting this information, 2017/2/1 4:29, Greg posted about reporting this to YouTube at 2017/2/1 5:23, less than an hour after my post. Then ccchhhrrriiisss posted about the channel being restored at 2017/2/1 11:02, only six and half hours after the new information was submitted.

Timeline:

Jeremy221 - SPAM research: 2017/2/1 4:29

Greg - post new appeal information: 2017/2/1 5:23

ccchhhrrriiisss - posts channel is back up - 2017/2/1 11:02

It is important to note this information from the website where Greg submitted the information about Sermon Index's metadata being used for SPAM:

Quote:

-----Please fill out this form if you believe that your access to a Google product has been suspended in error. We'll follow up with you only if we require more information or we have additional information to share.

Source: https://support.google.com/accounts/contact/suspended?p=youtube&visit_id=1-636215024963968338-2137206447&rd=1

In the second sentence it reads, "We'll follow up with you ONLY if we require more information or we have additional information to share."

A little while later Greg re-posted the email response from his first appeal. The response to the appeal was roughly 24 hours after he posted the thread about the YouTube channel being taken down but dated 2 days before the SPAM appeal.

Original post time stamp: 2017/1/30 13:23

YouTube appeal response time stamp: Tue, Jan 31, 2017 at 3:23 PM

This data about the response to the appeal is from his first attempt. It is not from the information about SPAM. That webpage states that usually they will not respond with or for more information.

If you look at these spammers' playlists, you will notice that several of them feature videos that have been deleted. I went

t and rechecked and all the playlists have at least one additional video that has been or made . I can't conclusively say t his is due to Greg's submission but it has happened since then.

I am sorry for using all caps but the message being promoted in the news articles is incorrect. We need to tell the truth in all things. None of the news stories linked in this thread include this information and none of these "reporters" did any homework.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/2/4 7:20

Brother,

Thank you for thinking deeply through the facts. I do still believe we cannot be certain about things as Youtube has not given any clear facts to us other than vague statements.

"If" the takedown was because of the meta data with the nigerian movie video playlists, that would seem to imply willful intent on their part and a form of anti-christian persecution. Secondly, I found sexual videos that were doing the same thing so that speaks to me that it was a bigger attempt to "de-fame", I do not want to post the direct links to those sexual videos so that brethren would not stumble, but I did report those to youtube.

One way of persecution online is to directly spam a site with links from bad places, this probably was the tactic used.

Re: brother Greg - posted by JFW (), on: 2017/2/8 23:17

Glad to see the SI YouTube channel back up and running:
God be praised!