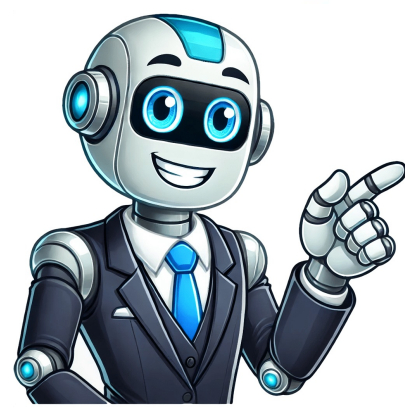


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In answering this question about bad language being a sin, we must first clarify what is meant by bad language. In answering this question about bad language being a sin, we must first clarify what is meant by "bad language." For some people, bad language includes everything from taking the Lord's name in vain, to cursing, to blasphemy or to just plain old profanity. In general, the Second Commandment governs this area: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Ex 20:7; Dt 5:11). Specifically, a person must have respect for God's name. Throughout Sacred Scripture, God's name is held sacred. He reveals His name to those who believe, and through this revelation, invites them to an intimate and personal relationship. For example, in the story of the call of Moses, he asked God, "...If they ask me, 'What is His name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then He added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites, 'I AM sent me to you.' God spoke further to Moses, 'Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations'" (Gt Ex 3). Therefore, we rightfully use God's name in prayer or in other ways to bless, praise, and glorify Him. The respect for God's name reflects the respect a person owes to God Himself (See Catechism, No. 4142ff.). Given this foundation, certain forms of abusive language are sinful. First, to abuse God's name, whether the word God, Jesus, or in some other form, is objectively mortally sinful. The same rule applies to abusing the name of the Blessed Mother or the saints. One has to ask oneself, "Why would someone use the name Jesus as an expletive when angry or impatient? Would not such an action show an arrogant and disrespectful attitude toward God, whom we should love above all things?" I often wonder what a Moslem must think when he hears a Christian use God's name in such an irreverent and improper way. Second, blasphemy is also a sin. Blasphemy is contempt for God, expressed in thought, word or action. To use words either vocally or mentally against God which show hatred, reproach, disrespect or defiance is sinful. This prohibition also applies to the Blessed Mother and the saints as well as sacred things or Church related practices. Moreover, blasphemy includes invoking God's name to legitimize crimes or harmful actions against others. The Catechism notes that blasphemy is a grave sin. Third, cursing is to call down evil from God, and usually involves specifically invoking God's name, not just His power. For instance, all of us have heard someone say, "God damn it," or even "God damn you". Here a person is commanding God, who is all powerful, all good, and all just, to damn someone (or something) in Hell for all eternity. Who are we to ask God to damn anyone or to bestow some evil upon them? Objectively, this act is a mortal sin. Finally, profanity itself is wrong, even though such words may not specifically involve the name of God. God gave mankind the gift of language which should be used positively. Language should build good relationships with other individuals, and enable people to share their lives intimately with each other. Sadly, more and more, we hear in normal conversation profanity especially those four letter words, like s\*\*\*\* and f\*\*\*\*. We also hear people speak profanely about good and holy topics; for example, they profane human sexuality or the act of marital love. Such language is not only negative, vulgar, impolite and offensive, but also debases the dignity of each human being. Moreover, this language reveals not only a person's bad attitude and lack of respect for others, but also his own immaturity and insecurity in dealing with others. In using these words, the person builds barriers rather than bridges with another person. Take for instance the word Hell. First of all, no one should make light of Hell, that place of eternal damnation. Yet, people use the word so many ways today: in anger, "Go to Hell!"; in surprise, "What the Hell!"; in greeting, "How the hell are you?"; or in inquiry "What the hell are you doing here? Or, "What the hell are you doing?" No only are these various usages demonstrative of poor English, they show a lack of respect for what Hell is. Perhaps if a person really believed he would end up in Hell, he would not be so casual in using the term. Each of us needs to be careful in our use of language. Objectively, using God's name in vain, cursing and blasphemy are mortally sinful, although lack of due reflection or habit can diminish culpability. Profanity too can be mortally sinful when done with great anger or viciousness against another person. Each of us needs to control our tongues, and prevent a bad language habit from becoming part of our person. St. James wisely admonished, "Every form of life, four-footed or winged, crawling or swimming, can be tamed, and has been tamed, by mankind; the tongue no man can tame. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. We use it to say, 'Praised be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (Jas 3:7-10). Saunders, Rev. William. "Why is bad language a sin?" Arlington Catholic Herald.This article is reprinted with permission from Arlington Catholic Herald.Copyright © 2003 Arlington Catholic Herald Home Categories: Bible Questions and Answers Is saying words like gosh, golly, heck, darn, dang, etc. the same as saying the "bad" words? I hear lots of Christians say these words. Are they wrong? Here is a good question. This shows that someone out there is concerned about their speech and the influence of their speech upon other people. The Bible has much to say about our influence by the speech we use upon others. The passage that comes to my mind immediately is Ephesians 4:29 which says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." From this passage we learn that "corrupt" speech is not to be spoken by the Christian. The Christian's speech is to be for edifying, that is, building each other up. The Christian's speech is to serve grace or favor to those who hear it. Herein lies the standard for our speech and communication patterns. There are three ways in which we can use speech in a corrupt way. First of all we can utter a curse upon something. This is basically what Jesus condemns in Matthew 5:22 "But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." To curse another person or even to curse God's creation is a sin against God. God made the earth and people as a blessing. We ought to respect God's blessing and not curse it. The second way in which we can corrupt speech is by using God's name in vain. God told the Israelites in Exodus 20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." This principle is still true today. God does not want us to refer to Him in a vain or empty way. He is God and deserves our constant and complete respect. To use His name in an empty way is to not give God the respect that God deserves. The third way in which we can corrupt speech is by taking something that God has made holy and make it common. The sexual relationship is one such example. God made that relationship to be holy, that is, set apart-between husband and wife. If we speak concerning that relationship as if it is just another common activity then we denigrate it. Many today speak of such matters in a flippant and joking way. Such should not be named among the people of God. Ephesians 5:3, 4 says, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it be as named among you, as becometh saints; Nothing is so common, yet rather giving of thanks." Now, all of your so called "curse" words fit into one of these three categories. So where do the words in your question fall into these three categories? When we are unsure of the meaning of words, the best place to go is to the dictionary. When I looked up "gosh" it said it was a euphemism for God. When I looked up "golly" it said the same thing. The word "heck" is a euphemism for "hell." The words "darn" and "dang" are euphemisms for the word "damn." The word euphemism means the following- "the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant." Basically, a euphemism is using a word that doesn't sound as bad as the one that most consider offensive, but the meaning of the word is the same. So there is no change in meaning when we use a euphemism. Let me offer an example. Suppose I was to approach someone who was sensitive about their loss of hair and say that they were really getting on in their bald head. Most would likely take offense at such a serious expression. However, suppose I suggested the following, "He is possessing fewer follicle appendages on the cutaneous apex of his cranial structure, anterior to the sagittal suture and posterior to the lambdoidal suture, where said follicle appendages habitually germinate." More than likely one would say that he is getting a little "thin on top." The one is a euphemism for the other. The design is to be less offensive, but the meaning is the same. So think about those three categories of corrupt speech: the curse, using God's name in vain, and making common something that is holy. Are any of these words that we are discussing euphemisms for curses? Are any of them euphemisms for God's name? I think that we can see that they are and as such would be in that category of forbidden speech that Paul described as "corrupt communication." The euphemism itself (gosh, golly, dang, darn, etc.) is really just a milder way to utter a curse or use God's name in vain. Such corrupt speech ought not to cross the lips of the Christian. Cursing or using offensive language is something we hear pretty much around us as we hear it as a way for others to communicate. However, in religious contexts, questions arise about the moral implications of such behavior. We all know cursing is not something good, but do you ever wonder if cursing is a sin? This post will explore the Catholic Church's perspective on cursing and shed light on the underlying principles and considerations. Words have the ability to shape thoughts, emotions, and relationships. The Catholic Church teaches that language should be used responsibly and with respect for oneself and others. While the Church does not explicitly label cursing as a sin, it places great emphasis on the commandment to love one's neighbor and to avoid actions that harm or offend them. Cursing, particularly when it involves taking the Lord's name in vain, can be seen as a violation of the second commandment: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain". The Church teaches that the name of God is sacred and should be used with reverence and respect. Using profanity or engaging in blasphemous speech can be considered a form of disrespect towards God and His creation. Furthermore, the Catholic Church encourages believers to strive for holiness and to imitate the virtues of Christ. This includes cultivating a pure heart, controlling one's tongue, and using language that builds up rather than tears down. Cursing, which often involves derogatory or offensive language, contradicts these virtues and the call to love and respect others. It is important to note that the Church recognizes the complexity of language and the role of cultural and societal norms. What may be considered offensive or profane language varies across different cultures and contexts. While certain words or expressions may be universally recognized as offensive, others may carry different connotations depending on the cultural context. The gravity of cursing as a sin can also depend on the intention behind the words and the impact they have on others. Cursing used to insult, demean, or harm others is more likely to be viewed as sinful than the casual or unintentional use of strong language. The Church encourages individuals to consider the effect their words may have on others and to strive for charitable and respectful communication. To foster virtuous speech, the Catholic Church encourages believers to cultivate a deep relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments. It is through this relationship that individuals can develop self-control, discipline, and a desire to use language that reflects their faith and values. In conclusion, while cursing is not explicitly labeled as a sin in the Catholic Church, the Church emphasizes the importance of using language responsibly and with respect for oneself and others. Cursing can be seen as a violation of the commandment to love one's neighbor and the call to imitate Christ's virtues. The Church encourages believers to strive for purity of heart and to use language that builds up rather than tears down. By cultivating a deep relationship with God and seeking to align their speech with their faith, individuals can strive for virtuous and respectful communication. The words like: damn, darn, damn, oom, drat, hell... Which of these are "curse words"? When are they appropriate for Christians to use in speech, if they are? What does the Bible say about such words? Bible Answer: God has given us a high standard that should govern our lives. A previous question and answer has addressed some of the principles in your question. It is titled, "One of my weaknesses right now is my mouth. What can I do?" . . . and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. Ephesians 5:4 (NASB) In this verse we discover that we are to avoid "filthiness," "silly talk," and "coarse jesting." The Greek word that is translated as "filthiness" is *aiochrotes*. It refers to a "shameful, indecent, or obscene speech." This word refers to any speech that is "disgraceful." The Greek word that is translated as "silly talk" is *morologia*. It refers to speech that is "dull, stupid, and foolish." This type of speech is characteristic of a drunkard or ancient pirate. It is sometimes referred to as low obscenity, foolish talk that comes from the drunk or the gutter mouth. It has no point except to give an air of dirty worldliness. 1 The Greek word that is translated as "coarse jesting" is *eutrapelia*. It refers to suggestive, crude or obscene language. This type of speech usually occurs on talk shows, and comedy programs." It includes silly humor and "refined sin." The sense of the word here is polished and witty speech as the instrument of sin. 2 The words that you mention are not fitting words for a Christian. All of them are considered to be curse or cuss words. We can express ourselves using normal English words. Why use such language when the English language has enough words to communicate our thoughts? Such words are usually avoided in the business world, among professionals, and in churches. Unfortunately, we are hearing them more frequently in the media. They are more common in the late comedy programs, movies containing sex and violence, and the world of fiction. Conclusion: I will end with a passage that I have attempted to follow. It reminds us how we should speak. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person, (NASB) Colossians 4:6 Our speech should be seasoned with grace and have the fragrance of Jesus Christ. References: 1. John MacArthur. Ephesians. The Mac Arthur New Testament Commentary. Moody Press. 1986. cp. 201. 2. Kenneth West. Ephesians and Colossi. West.'s Word Studies. Germans Publishing Co. 1973. cp. 121. Suggested Links: One of my weaknesses right now is my mouth. What can I do? What is the meaning of "coarse jesting" or "jesting" in Ephesians 5:4? One of my weaknesses right now is my mouth. What can I do? How To Be Filled With The Spirit Frequently Asked Questionsregarding THE SIN OF SWEARING. Q. 1. What does the Catholic Church teach about the sin of swearing? Other than using the Lord's Most Holy Name in vain, I never considered swearing as a sin. Some Catholics believe that all forms of swearing are sinful. Is it? Or is it just a personal opinion? A. 1. First of all, as christians, our every action should serve the purpose of building up the Body of Christ. Swearing does not edify anyone. It does not foster intelligent conversation. For some people, foul language refers to everything from taking the Lord's Most Holy Name in vain, to cursing, to blasphemy or to just plain old profanity. According to the Second Commandment of God, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." [Ex. 20:7; Dt. 5:11] More specifically, a person must have respect for God's Name. Throughout the Sacred Scripture, the Name of God is held Sacred. He reveals His Name to those who believe, and through this revelation, invites them to an intimate and personal relationship. How can you have an intimate and personal relationship with God when you keep using His Name loosely as a meaningless form of expression. Do not let this bad habit creep into your speech. The Second Commandment does not stop at showing respect for the Name of God. We are expected to show respect to all of God's creations, Mother Mary, the Saints, the Angels, using words such as Satan, Hell, making expressions such as "damn it!", abusing Church related words such as the chalice or the Tabernacle. While these expressions may have become habits, they are a reflection of what is in the heart, a total disrespect for God and His creations. Regarding those who swear, the Bible says: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." [Prov. 18:21] Our words are an indicator of what's in our mind and heart. Jesus said: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person brings forth good out of a store of goodness, but an evil person brings forth evil out of a store of evil." [Mt. 12:34-36] "For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." [Mt. 12:37] Is saying "damn" just a common thing we do today? Or does it really go against what Christians believe? With more and more people using bad words in movies and TV, it's important to think about if Christians can say "damn". Looking into the Bible's view on words and bad language is key. We need to understand the moral side of using such words. This helps us see how our words show our faith. Understanding the Context of Language in Christianity Language in Christianity is a big topic. It shows both history and culture. It's not just talking; it shows our faith and values. What we say can honor or dishonor God. So, we must think about our words. The Bible says our words matter a lot, like in Ephesians 5:3-5. Today, Christians face challenges with words like "shoot" and "crap." The Bible shows Jesus and Paul used strong words too. But they used them in special situations. Christians are asked to think about their words carefully. We should speak with love and humility. This is what the Bible teaches. For more on this, check out the conversation about cursing. It shows how important this topic is. Theological Perspectives on Word Usage Looking into how words are used in Christianity is important. It involves studying biblical language and its role in Christian ethics. The Bible shows that words are powerful, showing what we believe and value. Many theologians say that language is key to sharing our faith. It's vital for being true to ourselves and for showing our faith to others. In faith communities, the use of bad words and jokes is a big issue. Many Christians, especially online, use language that's not fitting for their faith. This shows a gap between what they say and what the Bible teaches. Teaching says that even simple words can show love and morality. The word "sin" means missing the mark, like in archery. This means our words can also miss the mark of God's standards. This idea makes us think about how our words affect us and others. It's not just about what we say, but how it impacts our faith and community. The Bible talks about different kinds of language. It shows us the importance of choosing our words wisely. This connection between theology and language is deep. It's not just about what we say, but how it shows our faith. By understanding and living out Christian teachings on language, we can change how we talk. We can show the love and grace that the Bible teaches. Can Christians Say Damn? An In-Depth Analysis Can Christians say "damn"? This question leads to a deep biblical analysis. It's about the meaning of words and how they affect Christian speech. Many think saying "God damn it" breaks a big rule, about 80% do. Some experts, around 60%, say this rule is often misunderstood. This makes talking about speech patterns in Christian settings tricky. Saying things like "God bless" at the end of emails can also raise questions. Looking at how "damn" has been used over time shows different views. The Bible teaches us to be careful with our words. It warns against using God's name lightly, just like the Israelites were told. Thinkers like Aquinas talk about sin and punishment. They say our words show what's in our heart. Using bad words can hurt the moral values Christians hold dear. So, using words like "damn" needs thought and careful consideration. The Power of Words According to the Bible The Bible teaches us about the power of words. It shows how words can deeply affect people and groups. James 3:10 tells us to be careful with our words, saying they should be either good or bad. Proverbs 18:21 says our words can give life or death. This means our words can make things better or worse. Ephesians 4:29 tells us to speak kindly to others, showing we care about them. When we talk, our words can make things better or worse. Mount 12:36 reminds us we will be judged for our words. We should try to speak in a way that shows love and kindness. The Bible teaches us words are very powerful. It helps us build a community based on respect and understanding. By choosing our words wisely, we show love and support, which is key to being a Christian. 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