*Tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jewish men attended a rally Sunday at the New York Mets' stadium on the dangers of the Internet and how to use modern technology in a religiously responsible way.*

The internet is dangerous. Much of it contains utter nonsense. For instance: there are countless sites dedicated to Ghost Worshippers. What makes this dangerous is that so few people possess the critical thinking skills necessary to protect themselves from the garbage that is passed off as fact.

*Women were not permitted to attend the meeting at Citi Field in Queens.*

Gee, what a fucking surprise.

A religious meeting for men only. Will wonders never cease?

*However, it was broadcast live to audiences of women in schools and event halls in ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods.*

Aren't they lucky?

If they play their cards right, they may someday earn an increase in status above that ... of furniture.

*The event garnered so much interest that organizers rented the nearby Arthur Ashe Stadium for the overflow crowd.*

Somehow I get the feeling that Arthur Ashe would not have been welcome; or were there black people there and we just weren't told about it?

*Eytan Kobre, a lawyer who is the spokesman for the event's organizers, said the rally's purpose was not to ban the Internet but to learn how to harness it.*

*"There is a very significant downside to the Internet," he said. "It does pose a challenge to us in various aspects of our lives."*

That challenge is called "enlightenment." Don't worry, you people have proved yourselves immune to that for centuries.

The worst that could happen would be that your women would learn that, when everyone else has sex, both participants are usually pleased.

Oh, I see your point: that would represent a significant downside for you guys.

*He cited online pornography and gambling as well as the risk of social media undermining "our ability to pray uninterruptedly, to focus and to concentrate."*

Perhaps you could explain to me why the internet interferes with your ability to talk to yourself uninterruptedly?

How can it interfere when you have to turn IT on - it doesn't turn YOU on (unless you watch porn).

*Television is banned or discouraged, but Kobre said many ultra-Orthodox Jews use the Internet either on computers or smartphones.*

And that exposes the true purpose of all religions ... control. You dictate every aspect of a believer's life; even all the way down to what they can think.

*Shlomo Cohen of Toronto told The New York Times that he uses the Internet for shopping, business and staying in touch with friends, but that "desires are out there. We have to learn how to control ourselves."*

Shlomo, what better way to learn how to control yourselves than to expose yourselves to temptation? Your method doesn't teach you how to control yourselves, it teaches you how to avoid facing temptations. The reason you teach that method is because you know that many will yield to temptation; temptations that your religious beliefs prohibit.

*The organizers are leaders of ultra-Orthodox sects that reject many aspects of modern life.*

Like thinking.

*Women dress modestly and wear wigs after marriage, while men wear black hats and long beards.*

I can't think of a single gang that doesn't have a dress code. It is another form of control.

You can easily see that, when talking about Muslim burkas, but blind yourselves when you do the same thing.

*Children are educated in Jewish schools, and Yiddish is the first language for many.*

One of the primary goals of all religions is to get to them while they are young, before they develop the ability to defend themselves. You brainwash them with religious propaganda and teach them that science is untrustworthy. You must do that because science has proven that your "Holy Book" is nothing more than an ancient collection of vile fairy tales.

Preventing your children from receiving the education that all modern children enjoy, is child abuse; though not on the same level as intentional child abuse such as sexual or physical abuse.

*A group urging more support for the victims of child sexual abuse inside the close-knit community held a counter-protest outside the stadium.*

Well, good luck with that. We've seen how much effect protests have had on the Catholic Church. This collection of Jewish good-ole-boys doesn't show any signs of allowing women to force them into modern civilization, as they desperately cling to their medieval lifestyle.

The main victims, as this story shows, are their own women and children.

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