

Cuss Control: *What the haggis?*

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Being a theater student who had just joined a family that happened to have a church, I needed to adjust my vocabulary, which means I needed to stop cursing.

So, I looked for alternatives. There was one from a science fiction book I read when I was young "Frost-bitten son of an egg-laying tree stump!" After rejecting some alternatives, such as "What they hey!!" or "Shut the front door!!" "What in the French toast!?!" - I settled on

Monkeyfungus. "What kind of monkeyfungus is that?!?"

Gerbilsnot. Well, it's an animal and an excretion. "What a bunch of gerbilsnot!"

Fart in the dark. Stub my toe. get kicked out of some prime fundraising area. "Fart in the dark!"

Fart-gargling. "What kind of fart-gargling gerbilsnot is that?!?"

When you needed to pull out the stops, use a combo: "Fart-gargling gerbil Jesus!" or "Swivel-necked, ratchet brained, fart-gargling gerbil Jesus!"

Remember those little photo developing booths in parking lots? Well, "MotoFoto" became one of my favorite things to mutter under my breath when feeling frustrated.

Later on, when we had kids, I had to remember this. One day when my firstborn tossed a Lego at the wall with a disgusted "Deez cwise!" I knew I had to dust off the old euphemisms.

What were your go-to acceptable cuss words?

Remember, when Father was speaking and Col Pak translated "You rascals!" he was really watering down what Father said.

It is worth noting that the majority of 'dirty words' involve either excretions or sex, and that the Principle explains very well why cursing someone with sex is a thing.