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## Attack on Pope unfair

YOUR correspondent Son of Islam, in his letter of September 25 2003, was callous in his unfounded remarks about his holiness the Pope.

To hold the Pope responsible for the problems of Christendom such as the spread of pornography, Aids and gay / lesbian unions and for the highest divorce and rape rate in America is preposterous.

In fact, there is an impression that these social and religious issues affect Christian's only- of course, in the case of the Pope, Catholics. The derogatory swipe

at the Pope is unjustified, careless and illogical. Islam demands the respect of people's Faiths, creed and culture and most certainly to show deference to religious leaders.

Your correspondent appears to hold the view that Muslims do not commit crime. Perhaps there is not a Muslim who has Aids or is gay and the abuse of females does not exist in Muslim society.

I look forward to your correspondent directing us to a country free from the social malaise and especially where men are not the chosen ones.

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