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I wish to take this opportunity to offer an apology to everyone whom I humiliated, insulted, and offended by statements I have posted in the past under the pseudonyms "Troy II", "Troy Donaghue II", that contained vulgar language and crossed the line of decency. In particular I apologize to Reza Ganjavi for numerous incidents of verbal abuse to which I subjected him through posts I responded directly to him or to his faked screen name which was masqueraded by someone else. I made those implied or direct statements without regard to their offensive nature and their consequences.

Recently Reza Ganjavi unfolded the identity behind my screen name through his technical know-how and determination. I was caught with my hand in the cookie jar but what followed was a very profound experience.

Think about the damages he could have done to someone who had hurt him, but he chose not to do. Reza had all the capability to make me feel miserable, but instead he chose NOT to take revenge and dealt with me as a kind human to another. For that I'm forever grateful. He had the control to turn an adversary situation into a friendly one, and that generated an incredible amount of goodwill. He won me over, many times over, if not as a friend then as a fan, with his strength, determination, and grace.

His willingness to forgive and to work out the conflict was the most important factor that changed my whole attitude about him. It's the positive aspects of him that changed the whole thing. I knew he was upset and angry, but somehow he showed his heart through instead of taking revenge. That is one of the characters, you have to hear me out on this, that is rare and most valuable. I wish that all freaking politicians have that character so we can extinguish all the wars in the world!

This saga which I truly regret has now become one of my invaluable, well-learned lessons in humanity. I built a virtual world with those nasty posts and was drawn to an illusion that I have all the power in the world. However, the biggest lesson for me through this is probably not about right and wrong - we learned all that in grade school, but it's about the ability to forgive.

I have gone through tough times in my life, and the most unforgettable thing to me is the goodwill and generosity extended to me from helping hands. Reza was a helping hand, and I will not forget that.

Just two weeks ago I would never have thought in a million years Reza and I could have a conversation about this subject. Today, I listen to his music, and I have a strong conviction that his music should be heard by more music lovers. Things changed, don't they?

Again, for any statements that Reza or others took offense or exception to I sincerely apologize.  
Presently, Reza and I will not comment further on this subject.

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NOTE From Reza Ganjavi: I found John to be a sincere good person who had made some mistakes like we all do as human. His good character became evident through his childlike surrender and feeling of remorse when he was caught. I appreciate the fact that he worked diligently to make the wrongs right by retracting the offensive messages and cooperating on the other aspects of a formal peaceful settlement. I truly believe he has changed for the better and I am happy to have him as a new friend.

I think a big lesson in this for all internet users is that anonymity which in most civilized countries is a cherishable right should not be abused and that the internet should not be used as a fa=E7ade behind which to conduct vulgar activity. We are moving to a day and age where the internet plays a bigger and bigger role in our lives and the world and it is of utmost importance that civility, law and order, should be the dominant norm in the cyber-world just as they are in the real-world.

Thank you John for your cooperation.  
Reza.

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