



Clearing the Fog

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“Once the dust settles, you will soon discover whether you were seated on a horse or a donkey”

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ML TARIQ JAMEEL'S ATTENDANCE AT THE GPU FESTIVAL IN UK

A brief description of the festival: The Global Peace and Unity (GPU) Festival is a multicultural, interfaith, and Muslim lifestyle event that promotes unity, peace, and understanding among diverse communities and cultures.

What actually happened? Moulana Tariq Jameel took to the stage as a guest speaker at the festival, the atmosphere of which resembled a concert. The MC prompted the crowd to shout Takbeer in anticipation of Moulana Tariq Jameel's arrival. As he made his grand entrance, walk-in music exploded through the speakers, setting the tone of the event. The music stopped as Moulana Tariq Jameel reached the podium.

Facing a mixed crowd of men and women, Moulana Tariq Jameel began his address with Salaam, Bismillah, and a recitation from the Quran Kareem.

Comment: Combining the recitation of Quraan with the very things that Allah Ta'ala forbids in the Quraan Kareem is a cynical mockery of the words of Allah Ta'ala.

Intentionally violating Allah Ta'ala's commands while engaging in Quranic recitation and delivering a sermon has severe consequences on one's Iman. Both for the listener and the speaker. It is deeply disturbing to witness any Muslim, let alone a religious figure, exhibiting such callous disregard for the revered symbols of Allah Ta'ala.

Music: Moulana Tariq Jameel walks onto the stage in celebrity fashion and gives the impression that there is nothing wrong with music in Islam. His actions are a far cry from the conduct of Pious Ulema, who are role models for the Muslim Ummah.

From the Ahaadith we learn that music causes hypocrisy to grow in the heart. It is a trap of Shaytan, and it clouds the mind. Sadly, the music bands and cheering crowds of the festival was reminiscent of a soft rave disguised as an Islamic festival.

Without any hesitation or shame, Moulana Tariq Jameel stands in plain view of strange women, breaking Allah's command and compromising basic Islamic values of humility and modesty. He shamelessly gazes at the mixed crowd of strange men and women sitting together without a care for Allah's command being broken. Islamic teachings strictly prohibit men from gazing at strange women, and

vice versa, as this opens the doors to adultery and the destruction of the moral fibre of society especially when it is being normalized by Deeni figures.

The Islamic stance on music and gender mixing is clear: it is Haraam, and this prohibition is not subject to change, regardless of who sanctions it.

Imam al-Ghazali RA writes: “And a barrier should be placed between men and women to prevent them from stray glances, as these gatherings are breeding grounds for immorality, and [the widespread immoral conditions in the society] bear testimony to the harm of these improper gatherings...”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Would you honour someone who displays such open disregard for the commands of Allah Ta’ala?

Is he really worthy of your admiration? Is your loyalty to him stronger than your obligation to uphold the teachings of Allah Ta’ala?

Beware of the veiled deception in his talks and actions. To attend his lectures, or to even listen to the recordings exposes you to his deviation and makes you vulnerable to misguidance.

May Allah Ta’aala protect us from misguidance at the hands of deviated scholars

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