

TOUCHING NON-MAHRAM FEMALES

MI Tariq Jameel, in public, on camera, shamelessly shakes the hands of strange females or places his hand on their heads and backs in a display of courtesy. Sitting in front of female audiences is now customary in his public speeches.

<u>Comment</u>: It is a foundational principle of Islam, upheld for centuries by all Muslim societies, that intermingling between strange men and women is forbidden. The prohibition of actually "touching" a stranger is even more strict and carries more severe warnings.

Sayyiduna Ma'qil ibn Yasar RA narrates: "It is better for one of you to have a steel nail pierced into his head than for him to touch a woman who is not lawful for him." (Targheeb wa Tarheeb 39:3)

It is indeed a tragedy beyond words that in a world where humanity has lost its moral compass, we find "a Moulana" who seems to consider himself above the laws of Allah Ta'ala. He has shown complete disregard for the laws of Allah Ta'ala by openly meeting strange women in public, sitting and conversing with them, having meals with them, and even touching them. Such behaviour is unbefitting of any Muslim, let alone a person who is considered an Aalim. Hold firmly onto your accepted values, instilled since childhood; don't let the deviant behaviour of a misguided individual sway your convictions.

The Deen of Allah Ta'ala remains unchanged. The actions of a scholar are not proof for matters of Deen. They will not answer on our behalf on the day of Qiyamah.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Would you endorse someone who dilutes fundamental Islamic teachings, risking your very Iman?

A person who openly and unrepentantly disregards the commands of Allah Ta'ala defies the very wisdom of Islam. 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 his misguidance.

Repeatedly being in his company lowers your defenses until, eventually, you will unwittingly commit the same. May Allah Ta'aala protect us from misguidance at the hands of deviated scholars.

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