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Date	Begins	Jamaah	Sunrise	Begins	Jamah	Begins	Jamaah	Begins	Jamaah	Begins	Jamaah	
Thursday	1	02:43	03:45	04:44	01:08	01:30	05:27	05:45	09:25	09:30	10:47	11:15
Friday	2	02:44	03:45	04:44	01:08	01:00	05:27	05:45	09:25	09:30	10:47	11:15
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Sunday	4	02:46	03:45	04:46	01:08	01:30	05:27	05:45	09:24	09:29	10:47	10:55
Monday	5	02:47	03:45	04:47	01:09	01:30	05:27	05:45	09:23	09:28	10:47	10:55
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Friday	9	02:51	03:45	04:51	01:09	01:00	05:27	05:45	09:21	09:26	10:46	10:55
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Sunday	11	02:53	03:45	04:53	01:10	01:30	05:26	05:45	09:19	09:24	10:46	10:55
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Thursday	15	02:58	03:45	04:57	01:10	01:30	05:26	05:45	09:15	09:20	10:45	10:55
Friday	16	02:59	03:45	04:59	01:10	01:00	05:25	05:45	09:14	09:19	10:45	10:55
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Monday	26	03:19	04:15	05:12	01:10	01:30	05:21	05:45	09:02	09:07	10:41	10:55
Tuesday	27	03:22	04:15	05:14	01:10	01:30	05:21	05:45	09:00	09:05	10:39	10:55
Wednesday	28	03:24	04:15	05:15	01:10	01:30	05:20	05:45	08:59	09:04	10:36	10:55
Thursday	29	03:27	04:15	05:16	01:10	01:30	05:19	05:45	08:57	09:02	10:34	10:55
Friday	30	03:29	04:15	05:18	01:10	01:00	05:19	05:45	08:56	09:01	10:32	10:55
Saturday	31	03:32	04:15	05:19	01:10	01:30	05:18	05:45	08:54	08:59	10:29	10:55

Weekly activities at Lewisham Islamic Centre

- Monday :** 8:00pm As-Sirat - The Straight Path By Imam Saleem Beg (All welcome)
- Tuesday:** 6.30pm Al-Lu'lu Wal-Marjan (Pearls & Corals) By Abdur Rahman Sanel
- Wednesday:** 8:00pm Fiqh Classes - With Faraz Farhat (All welcome)
- Thursday:** 8:00pm Usool Thalatha (The Three Fundamental Principle)
- Friday:** 7:00pm Weekly Lecture in English (All welcome)
Friday Football after Isha £2 Entrance (brothers over 14 only)
7:00pm LIC Football Club (Boys Only) Over&Under 16s info@ www.licfc.co.cc
- Saturday:** 8.00pm Quran Circles (Learn to read the Quran) (Brothers Only)
5.30pm Fitness Training (Sisters Only)
2.00pm Al-Hawd Sisters Circle (Commencing on 24th July 2010)
- Sunday:** 3.00pm Swimming For Sisters (Contact us for more info)

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The Spy who betrayed me

By: Abu Talha

So you meet a brother who feeds you the story that he has no money, he wants to learn about Islam and needs help because all his life he has associated with the 'wrong crowd'. He tells you he has no family. He tells you about his past; stories about alcohol and drug abuse melts your heart. He wants to associate with you, and learn from you. What is a Muslim to do? Quite naturally you take this brother under your wings, and to the best of your ability, you help him. You don't question him, nor do you judge him. You comfort him, and tell him that Allah is the giver of mercy and that it is your duty to help a fellow Muslim in difficulty. You are motivated by the Hadith you hear all the time. This is when you can actually put the words of the Messenger of Allah into action:

"Whosoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the griefs of the Day of Judgment. Whosoever alleviates [the lot of] a needy person, Allah will alleviate [his lot] in this world and the next. Whosoever shields a Muslim, Allah will shield him in this world and the next. Allah will aid a slave [of His] so long as the slave aids his brother."

When it turns out that this "brother" was in fact an undercover reporter posing as a Muslim in need you are immediately filled with an immense sense of betrayal. Whilst you were trying to support him in what you thought was a difficult and lonely time for him, spending your time with him instead of your family, buying food and drink for him, looking out for him, he was recording your every move undercover, taking advantage of you. His only aim was to "catch you out", to manufacture an image of you which is far removed from reality. For someone to deceive and betray you to such a degree would shock any human to the very core of their soul. Such behaviour is indicative of a real and fatal spiritual illness.

Ayah of the Month

"And whoever obeys Allah and His messenger, has indeed achieved a great achievement"

Al-Quran (33:71)

I can only imagine the spiritual condition of this "brother", his heart must be full of rust and black spots, engulfing his heart, making guidance and the ability to perform good deeds near impossible. In another Hadith the Prophet said "Truly in the body there is a morsel of flesh which, if it be whole, all the body is whole and which, if it be diseased, all of it is diseased. Truly it is the heart". Can you imagine the deep spiritual sickness a person's heart must be in, for them to be able to partake in this malicious, wicked and dishonourable behaviour?

Allah says: "O ye who believe! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin: And spy not on each other behind their backs. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, ye would abhor it...But fear Allah. For Allah is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful."

On one occasion we sat down to eat – and of course we paid for him – this "brother" asked us "so what kind of books should I be reading to help me?" in hindsight I can imagine the answer he was hoping for! It would have been a scoop for the Dispatches footage for one of us to have said "Milestones, by Sayyid Qutb". But no, instead we advised him on a number of books that were suited for him at that time, and as it turns out one of them was the perfect prescription,

Hadith of the Month

The Messenger of Allah saw said:

"Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the falsest of speech. Do not eavesdrop; do not spy on one another; do not envy one another; do not forsake one another; do not hate one another. Be, O slaves of Allaah, brothers."

[Al-Bukhari & Muslim]

the book recommended was "Purification of the Heart: Signs, Symptoms and Cures of the Spiritual Diseases of the Heart, edited by Imam Hamza Yusuf". Alas our "brother" did not get the "hard-line" recommendation he and his masters were hoping for.

Having said all this I do have empathy for the individual in question because for him to stoop so low and stab his fellow Muslims in the back must mean he has experienced some severe trauma in his life. It's a clear sign of how he truly has no understanding of the Deen. How Muslims truly do live for the Akhirah and not for temporal gains (perhaps money) in this Dunya. If the "brother" bothered to take heed of the many words uttered by us during the months he spent with us, he would know that a Muslim's ultimate goal in life is to seek the pleasure of Allah and that a Muslim must serve society and want good for people. He would know that committing sins alienates you from Allah's Mercy.

What we must avoid as God conscious people is this culture of suspicion and doubt. One outcome Dispatches sought to achieve was to create enmity and divisions amongst Muslims. So that the cry of Judas would be our dominant behaviour and we would succumb to an internal witch-hunt. Our faith inspires us to care for humanity and we should always look upon people with a positive outlook, until we have evidence to suggest otherwise. We should always rush towards those who cry out for help and assistance and not stop to judge them first and help them later. The nature of Islam is that it builds people who help first and ask questions later.

Our "brother" would have saved time and energy if he simply made his intentions clear from the go. We are not a sinister and murky group of people hell bent on taking over the world. 'Atif' (That's the name he went by), were you not involved in organising an event with us aimed at young people to promote the ideas of chastity, marriage and good treatment of women?

My experience with 'Atif' has taught me many things. Not least that we should make sure that we carry out Dawah by using Hikmah and be aware of the climate of Islamophobia. We need to be conscious of the fact that we live in a world where our own people will backstab, betray and attempt to criminalise us. Look at the various people that Andrew Gilligan used in his documentary, they are of our own community (albeit representing a small minority) who are willing to sell themselves for a temporal goal.

Alhamdu'Lilah, my experience in this whole affair has taught me much. This however has not fazed me, rather it has made me more determined to fight Islamophobia and promote Islam. May Allah (swt) forgive us and guide those who have broken our trust. 'Atif', I find it difficult to forgive you. I hope in time I will be able to forgive you, and the matter between us I will leave for Allah (swt) to decide upon. (Source www.islamicforum.eu)

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