

The advice that GLM admin does not want you to read...

Advice from My Heart to Yours

*To my brothers and sisters who attend
Green Lane Masjid in Birmingham (UK)*

From Moosaa Richardson

Jareer ibn ‘Abdillaah – may Allaah be pleased with him – said:

“I pledged allegiance to the Messenger of Allaah (may Allaah raise his rank and grant him peace) that I would hear and obey, and that I would convey sincere advice to every Muslim.”

(Aboo Daawood #4945)

***It does not matter what tactics they employ to keep you
from receiving this advice, it will reach you if Allaah so wills!***

In the Name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the All-Merciful...

To my Muslim brothers and sisters who attend Green Lane Masjid,

As-Salaamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh.

After praising Allaah and asking Him to raise the rank of our Prophet Muhammad and to grant him peace...

I am your brother in Islam. I may not be from your local community, but I see you in danger and care enough about you to reach out with some very important words of advice.

Al-hamdulillaah, Allaah has blessed me to understand how essential sincere advice is in the life of Muslims. Jareer ibn 'Abdillaah – may Allaah be pleased with him – said: ***“I pledged allegiance to the Messenger of Allaah (may Allaah raise his rank and grant him peace) that I would hear and obey, and that I would convey sincere advice to every Muslim.”*** (Aboo Daawood #4945)

I hope and pray that you could look past a lot of the rhetoric aimed at keeping you from having any relationship with certain students of knowledge like myself who do not endorse much of what sadly takes place at GLM. In reality, it does not matter how much hatred and discord people may try to create to keep you from hearing words of advice from people who care about you. It is Allaah alone, who is sufficient for us, who has allowed these words to reach you, and thus, no one could have prevented them from reaching you. Now you are responsible for how you interact with them – may Allaah give you success!

I pray that Allaah allows some of my words to benefit you in your practice of Islam. May Allaah give all of us the sincerity, resolve, and fortitude to stand as just witnesses for what is right, not fearing the blame of those deprived of such blessings. May He grant us all insight into what harms our practice of Islam and keep us from it.

This is no easy matter in the face of trials many of the Muslims of Birmingham are facing. They are being led to believe that certain students of knowledge are the absolute enemies of the Muslims, seeking only to lead them into blameworthy *ghuluww* (fanaticism) and *taqleed* (blind-following), and nothing else.

This calculated hate-mongering and carefully planned demonization of your brothers in Islam becomes evident when you review the following facts surrounding important issues that have taken place over the past year.

Please take the time to review the following documented facts, and then prepare yourself to make your own logical conclusions based on them.

JUST THE FACTS

Magic Promoted as Permissible at GLM Summer Conference

FACT: During the Summer of 1433 (2012), GLM admin invited, promoted, and introduced to you a man named **Kamal el-Mekki**. A simple google search brings up very clear information about his history of open promotion of illusionary magic, including acts of levitation and even cooking food with dog feces in it.

FACT: During his visit, he was asked by a GLM representative about his stance on magic. He was also asked to perform a magic trick. He openly claimed that illusionary magic was perfectly *halaal*, and that it is no problem for Muslims to attend magicians' shows. He claimed to know all the tricks of Criss Angel and Dynamo, being ready to teach them to you, and he openly mocked Muslims who opposed him in this understanding.

FACT: The previously described meeting was recorded on video and uploaded to YouTube on GLM's official YouTube channel. (See Exhibit A for the exact transcript of that incident.)

FACT: I wrote a private email to GLM admin on Oct. 30, 2012, asking them about the event and if GLM holds the same views as Kamal el-Mekki about illusionary magic, and why a GLM representative would request el-Mekki to perform a magic trick. (See Exhibit B for the complete email.)

FACT: Shortly afterwards, I recorded some direct words of advice and admonishment for the benefit of the Muslims of Birmingham about this blatant promotion of magic and lack of responsibility by people who (should) know better. This advice is still available on YouTube, entitled: "*Why is al-Maghrib Institute Promoting Magic? Why is Greenlane Masjid Hosting a Magician?*" Specific blame is directed at the GLM imam Abu Usamah for his negligence in this matter, combined with ongoing, vocal criticism of Salafi callers and organizations.

FACT: GLM admin posts an official clarification of the incident on the masjid's website on Nov. 7, 2012, which refers to Kamal el-Mekki (without naming him) as someone who dedicates his life to calling to the Religion. The promotion of illusionary magic and GLM admin's request for el-Mekki to perform a magic trick is referred to as a "**remark**" which was not "**intended to confuse people nor promote magic.**" This official clarification remains publicly viewable to today on the GLM website, and a copy of it is included as Exhibit C.

FACT: I sent a follow-up email to GLM admin on Nov. 9, 2012 to thank them for clarifying the issue of magic and to admonish them for lying and marginalizing a serious issue. The text of that email is found as Exhibit D. I never received a response to either email from GLM admin.

FACT: On Nov. 9, 2012, GLM imam Abu Usamah delivers a Friday *khutbah*, recorded and uploaded to YouTube on the official GLM channel, entitled: "A Clarification on Magic." In the *khutbah*, Abu Usamah accepts blame on behalf of himself and the GLM admin for bringing someone who opposes the cornerstone of the *da'wah* of *towheed*, not checking out his background, and requesting him to perform a magic trick. He further clarifies that magic is *kufr* and *shirk*. This, while, in the same *khutbah*, he refers to those who raised this issue as "butchers" who oppressively accuse all attendees at GLM of believing in and supporting magic, and themselves falling into the "magic of rhetoric" used to mix up truth and falsehood. It ends with Abu Usamah repeating phrases from my

open advice addressing him, *“Get the kufr out of Green Lane!”* To which he responds, *“Where is the kufr in Green Lane?”* This rhetorical question is posed after about 25 minutes of apologizing for hosting a magician, explaining that magic is *kufr*. The video remains available on GLM’s official YouTube channel.

FACT: An email of mine is circulated on Nov. 10, 2012 addressing the community of GLM and their admin, encouraging them to demand proper clarification that does not refer to the open blatant promotion of illusionary magic as *“a remark not intended to promote magic.”* Refer to Exhibit E.

FACT: A person by the name of **Abdur-Raof Mohammad** sends an email on Nov. 10, 2012, addressed to me and a number of his fellow Madeenah dot com colleagues. The main focus of the email can be best expressed in his concluding advice: *“Fear Allah Moosa Richardson. You are not from the Green Lane community. This is not America. Stop trying to cause splitting and fitnah amongst the salafees of Birmingham.”* Another email from Abdur-Raof sent to the same group that day further states, *“I advise you not to involve yourself in matters that do not concern you and that you have no knowledge of.”*

FACT: While I received no response from GLM admin, I was addressed directly in a number of slanderous personal attacks on a website famous for demonizing the Salafis under anonymous screen names, AHYA.org. On Nov. 10 (the same day the previously mentioned emails were sent to me), someone by the name of **“Abu Umar2”** posts Abdur-Raof’s private emails to me and contributes further admonishments for me to stay out of GLM business, noticeably similar in style, tone, and content to the writings of Abdur-Raof Mohammad.

FACT: “Abu Umar2” posts on AHYA.org: *“The matter between GLM and the Jamiat is a private matter. It will inshallah be resolved by them privately. It is not a matter for public discussion on the internet nor for people to go around Birmingham spreading Qeel wa Qaal and trying to split the Salafees. So I advise the brothers and sisters not to pay any attention to anyone who wishes to make this into a public scandal and controversy.”*

FACT: Another long-time member of AHYA.org responds to the attacks on me by “Abu Umar2”, apparently familiar enough with the identity of “Abu Umar2” to say, *“Rifqan [gentleness] applies to Moosaa too and there is a contradiction between calling to Rifqan on one hand and then **lambasting someone in public after privately emailing them.**”*

Important Questions and Observations for Balanced Muslims

I hope you could share with me in considering a few important follow-up questions and observations about the Kamal el-Mekki incident at GLM.

When people reject the falsehood of magicians and admonish the responsible parties in a way that leads to clarification of core issues in Islam that had been misrepresented, how blameworthy are they really? Do they honestly deserve to be demonized for this?

Why does Abu Usamah give an apologetic *khutbah* about the incident, accepting blame on behalf of GLM for hosting a magician who tried to teach the Muslims that magic is permissible, identifying magic as clear *kufur* throughout his *khutbah*, and then say, “**Where is the *kufur* in Green Lane?**”

Why does Abu Usamah demonize the callers to *towheed* by lying on them, calling them butchers, claiming that they accuse **every attendee at GLM** of believing in and supporting magic? Doesn't this seem like sensationalistic hate-mongering? Surely, the evil *ghulat* (fanatics) who Abu Usamah tells you are slandering you and accusing you of “loving magic” would be a soul-less bunch of miscreants who have no respect for Muslims' honor.

For the record: I, Moosaa Richardson, have **never** said about you or any other innocent attendee at GLM that you support, endorse, love, sympathize with, or marginalize magic, illusionary or otherwise. Anyone who makes such a claim should be known as a **liar**. Rather, I openly criticized GLM admin, imam, and involved representatives for gross negligence in the promotion of a magician and his anti-Islamic teachings that began to spread from GLM to the whole world, seeking to advise you and our innocent brothers and sisters in Islam who attend GLM.

Do the people of the truth ever need to misrepresent their opponents in order to promote the truth?

In his *khutbah* on magic, GLM imam Abu Usamah claimed that his critics have used *sihr al-bayaan* (the magic of rhetoric) in order to make falsehood seem like truth. I ask you - Who really has *sihr al-bayaan* (the magic of rhetoric)?

- The people who took open stances against magic and magicians, openly admonishing the people and calling them to repent and clarify?
- Or someone who gives an entire *khutbah* about the *kufur* of magic, accepting blame on behalf of GLM, and then ending with, “Where is the *kufur* in GLM?”

And what about those who refer to hosting a magician, allowing him to give baseless fatwas that magic is permissible in Islam, asking him to even perform magic tricks, recording the event and uploading it to YouTube for the world to watch (and be misguided), and then saying about the incident: “A remark was made **not intended to promote magic.**” Really? Who is using magical rhetoric to dress up falsehood as truth?!

Is it not magical rhetoric to spin the visit of a known magician, even asking him to perform magic, into what Abu Usamah claims was something **unknown** to GLM? Let us ask ourselves - Is it standard policy to request speakers at GLM to perform magic tricks? Are we really going to swallow the spin of “It was **later** found out that he promotes magic”? Can we not see the lies and deception going on

here? The truth is free of lies and deception, and the carriers of the truth have no need for such false tactics to convey the truth.

وَمَنْ يَكْسِبْ خَطِيئَةً أَوْ إِثْمًا ثُمَّ يَرْمِ بِهِ بَرِيئًا فَقَدِ احْتَمَلَ بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُّبِينًا

“Anyone who commits a mistake or a sin and thereafter blames it on an innocent person indeed bears the burden of slander and clear sin.” [4:112]

Is it acceptable to warn me against interfering in GLM’s business, quoting a hadeeth of the Messenger (may Allaah raise his rank and grant him peace), which means, **“From the good affairs of a person’s religion is that he leaves alone things that do not concern him”**? If my brothers and sisters in Islam are being deceived and tricked into accepting magic as a permissible pastime, am I to remain silent because of this hadeeth? Am I disobedient to the Messenger of Allaah (may Allaah raise his rank and grant him peace) for warning my Muslim brothers and sisters against clear and present *kufur* being spread around the world through GLM’s official YouTube channel?

Brothers and sisters at GLM, I firmly believe that GLM admin and their imam are keeping you away from benefitting from students of knowledge and preachers who call to *towheed* and blow the whistle on the kinds of falsehood GLM promotes. **The Kamal el-Mekki incident must raise your eyebrows and cause you to think more carefully** about the kinds of stances they are trying to lead you into taking.

Quite simply, you should know that the Salafi critics of GLM activities who are constantly demonized just might possibly be trying to reach out to you and save you from harm. If you feel that is **not possible**, then question yourself and how you came to feel this way about your brothers in Islam. *Could they really be that evil, that it is beyond consideration that they could possibly be trying to advise me for Allaah’s sake and help me in my Religion, or could I have been affected by the magical rhetoric of people who have an agenda?*

Have you seen or heard of the 10+ year legacy of slander and demonization of Salafi scholars, students, and callers at websites like AHYA.org, with active members like GLM imam Abu Usamah at-Thahabi, “Abu Umar2”, and other anonymous GLM and MJAHA (Markaz Jamiat Ahlil Hadeeth) defenders and supporters?

Please, dear brothers and sisters, if you can recognize the breeding of hatred and its manifestations, then you must now realize that there is something behind it. No one who represents the truth needs to slander and demonize their opponents in any discussion.

This Year's 'Eed Controversy

I earnestly invite you to think carefully and critically about another clear example of calculated demonization of your brothers – the recent **Small Heath Park incident**. Basically, GLM admin took the initiative to reserve the same park that SPUBS have prayed their 'Eed prayers in for many years. Government approval was granted to GLM admin to use the park on the day of the 'Eed. It has reached me that some of you suggested praying together with the previously established SPUBS congregation in that place. May Allaah reward you for your inclination toward Muslim unity!

In explanation of the event, GLM imam Abu Usamah shoots down this suggestion as completely unacceptable. He explains why he would not even consider praying with the brothers from SPUBS on the 'Eed day, claiming that SPUBS would have **cursed him**. He makes this claim **more than once**. The video has been uploaded to GLM's official YouTube Channel on Aug. 6, 2013, under the title, "The Clarification: Eid in the Park Issue."

After viewing this strange accusation, I sent an email to Abu Usamah asking him why he claims that SPUBS would curse him, and have they ever cursed him in the past? No response has been received to date.

Are your eyebrows not raised even more? Can you see the demonization? Has Allaah blessed you to see through the *sihr al-bayaan* (the magical rhetoric)? If so, thank Him, and He will increase you in insight, while many people are still being deceived.

Your ambitions for unity were dismissed as ridiculous. You were told that your brothers at SPUBS would be cursing you and your imam, and that this was not permissible to subject yourselves to that, according to the Messenger of Allaah (may Allaah raise his rank and grant him peace). Please note the highly emotional stance, the evil conjecture of what he assumed would happen, and the further hate-mongering and discord perpetuated by the GLM imam when an act of grace and unity was suggested by everyday community members at GLM.

While it is absolutely possible to think that our brothers from SPUBS would say a word of warning against Abu Usamah and GLM admin, and rightly so, based on the Kamal el-Mekki incident and many other similarly important issues affecting core Islamic beliefs and methodology, ***why would we think that SPUBS would curse Abu Usamah?*** Have they done that previously? While Abu Usamah often invokes Allah's curses upon himself to prove his points, cursing individuals is not known to be from the manners of our brothers at SPUBS.

Brothers and sisters who attend GLM, I am personally convinced that GLM admin and their imam continually attempt to manipulate your emotions by feeding you slanderous and exaggerated hate speech about your brothers in Islam at SPUBS and their da'wah.

While I am not British, nor have I ever been to Birmingham, I am your brother, and because of your adherence to Islam and your desire to tread the path of the righteous Salaf, I do indeed love you for Allaah's sake, worry about you, and pray that Allaah does not allow you to be victims to those who continually split the ranks of Muslims who just want to follow Islam correctly. In the authentic hadeeth:

الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا

“Believers are to each other like (the parts of) one structure, strengthening each other.”

[Collected by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim, on the authority of Aboo Moosaa]

The harm reaching you from GLM admin, imam, and representatives affects me as your brother in Islam, causing me pain, and I have reached out to you with these words of advice, praying that Allaah would allow them to reach receptive hearts and cause benefit.

Of course, these words are not expected to be pleasing to the hate-mongers, who will likely delve into the hidden intentions and ulterior motives of your brother, with more *sihr al-bayaan* (magical rhetoric), hoping to turn honest advice from one Muslim to another into further proof of ill intentions, religious fanaticism, and whatever else they will come up with. However, Allaah is sufficient for us, and upon Him we place our complete trust.

وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالحَقِّ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾

“By the (passing of) time, verily Mankind is in loss, except for those who believe, do righteous deeds, remind each other of the truth, and advise each other with patience.”

And Allaah knows best. May He raise the rank of His Messenger and grant him peace.

Moosaa Richardson

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For comments, questions, and keeping brotherly ties:

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Exhibit A:

Transcript of the YouTube Video Uploaded by GLM Kamal el-Mekki on Illusionary Magic

Green Lane Masjid Representative: OK... talking about jokes... uh, there's this black magic joke that you mentioned?

Kamal el-Mekki: Yea, I mean, I was warned that in Birmingham if I mentioned that I like magic, that there would be a riot and stuff. And I'll be blacklisted and all kind of things now. And it's very irritating because you try to explain to people when we say ma-, the word magic, in contemporary English, it doesn't mean sorcery, ya'nee, it doesn't mean sorcery and it doesn't mean jinn. When you say the word magic now, we use that to mean, to refer to sleight of hand, things like that, you pick a card, any card, something like that, and there's nothing haraam about that. You can argue that it's a waste of time, that's no problem, like TV, like... that's fine. But it's not haraam, ya'nee, it's just... sleight of hand, it's illusion, yeah?

So, if you watch Dynamo, Criss Angel, or... Oh! Muslims talk about, "I don't watch them cause they use jinn." And they don't use jinn. I can show you every one of their tricks, how they do it, and every one of them has an explanation, yeah?

So, but, and one talent show I was going to do some sleight of hand tricks, but someone already came up and objected, (deep mocking voice), "Oh, magic on stage!" So, khalaas.

So, we tell people that what's haraam is sorcery, yeah? So, if you go to a magician's show, they're just doing illusions on stage, there's nothing haraam about that.

Now, so what you're not allowed to go to – to a black magician, yeah? That's what's haraam. Now I don't mean a "black" magician (gesturing to his skin color), ya'nee, I mean... (laughs) a magician who uses jinn and stuff.

Green Lane Masjid Representative: Can we get an example, of something that's sleight of hand?

Kamal el-Mekki: Yea, absolutely, I brought something with me (reaches into pocket), watch this. This is a grape, yeah? (displays a grape). I'm going to make it disappear.

Green Lane Masjid Representative: Watch carefully, cameras...

Kamal el-Mekki: (Chews and swallows grape) It's gone! (Interviewer laughs out loud, crowd also) What do you think? Don't ask me to bring it back though! You'll have to wait. (everyone laughs)

Green Lane Masjid Representative: While we all sit here waiting, do we want so say the watermelon joke?

Kamal el-Mekki: No, no we don't.

Green Lane Masjid Representative: (laughing) Leave that for another day.

Kamal el-Mekki: Birmingham, Birmingham! You have to know where you are.

Green Lane Masjid Representative: (laughs) C'mon guys, we've got this reputation.

Kamal el-Mekki: Some things work in America, and they would not work in, uh, in the UK, you know? I learned that when I was in Leeds. Some sisters got offended and stuff. Sisters always want to get offended. I'm so glad there are no sisters at this conference, you know. (Interviewer laughs) No, I'm just kidding, I know they're somewhere else, yeah? Cause you know, uh, they just want to get offended, they want an apology and stuff. And these other speakers, they're sweet, wallaah, you know, aren't they? Look Muhammad Shareef is so sweet, Shaykh Ahsan Hanif they're sweet, Shaykh 'Abdul-Baari', yeah? I was, if a sister comes to me, she's like, "I'm offended and I want to leave." I'd be like, "The door is right there, so make a left, and leave. I can call you a cab if you don't have a ride," you know?

Source: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXN6zvwj4eA> (removed)

Exhibit B:

Private Email Sent to GLM Admin (Oct. 10, 2012)

as-salaamu 'alaykum

After viewing a disturbing video of the magician Kamal el-Mekki in Green Lane Masjid, mocking people who do not want his magic tricks, ("sisters always want an apology...!")

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXN6zvwj4eA>

I need to ask:

Does the admin of Green Lane feel any need to say something about this? In light of the magician, Kamal el-Mekki, and his videos promoting and defending magic, performing "levitation" and other magic tricks to promote his dawah course at Maghribi (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOyg08V2ovs>), even promoting and defending Chris Angel and Dynamo right there in the Green Lane interview.

Does the admin feel a need to address this at all? Or have they already addressed it? If so, how? Please provide as much information as possible about previous clarifications?

Also, please inform me if the admin holds the same position as Kamal el-Mekki, that there is absolutely nothing wrong with illusionary magic? This would help me understand why a GL rep would ask the magician to perform a magic trick in public and on a recorded interview.

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions and address my concerns,

Moosaa Richardson

Exhibit C:

GLM's Official Clarification (Nov. 7, 2012)

07 November 2012 - All praise is due to Allah alone, and may His peace and blessings be upon our final Messenger, Muhammad, and upon his family, Companions and those who follow in their footsteps.

Recently there has been some confusion regarding a remark made by a speaker at Green Lane Masjid in our annual Summer Conference 2012 concerning the issue of magic. Green Lane Masjid would like to make it explicitly clear that we do not endorse nor encourage any type of magic or trickery, but believe it is something which Muslims should safeguard themselves and their families from. Magic is an evil which destroys families and lives, and as such has been made haram by Allah.

Magic is of different types and it takes different forms, some require the assistance of jinn and others are sleight of hand. All this should be avoided, even magic tricks so that there is no danger of this leading to an infatuation and eagerness to explore more severe forms. Allah speaks about the evil of magic in the Qur'an in many verses, not least of which is the passages concerning the Prophet Musa and his encounter with the magicians of Pharaoh. According to the scholars of tafsir, the sorcery of those magicians did not involve jinn but was sleight of hand, yet still Allah rebukes this type of magic and mentions that such magicians will never be successful. The Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) clearly mentioned in the Sunnah that magic is from the seven deadly sins, and thus a major act of evil which in its most severe form is kufr.

At the same time, it is also proper and just to maintain the correct etiquette and code of conduct when dealing with our fellow Muslims, and especially with du'at who dedicate their lives to calling others to this religion. We are all vulnerable to making mistakes and erring, and when this happens, as brothers and sisters in Islam, we offer one another sincere advice whilst correcting the mistakes that have been made so that others do not fall into them. We do not believe that the remark made was intended to confuse people nor promote magic, yet since some confusion has arisen, we make this clarification so that there is no doubt left in the issue.

May Allah, the Most High, guide us all to that which He loves and is pleased with.

Exhibit D:

Follow-up Email Sent to GLM Admin (Nov. 9, 2012)

as-salaamu 'alaykum

While I wasn't really expecting any response from you, I was actually delighted to see an open position on magic... may Allaah accept it from you. I am pleased to see the correct words in the beginning of the clarification...

BUT...

As you would like to make people think your critics "exaggerate" the issue and blow it out of proportion, I would personally like to remind you to fear Allaah the All-Knowing and do not BELITTLE what you have done.

In all balance and honesty, you are belittling the issue.

You are referring to your administration who conducted an interview asking a magician about the position on sleight of hand magic. Your administration even REQUESTED a sleight of hand magic trick to be done for the audience.

The same heedless man who sat next to Muhammad Tim Humble and "moderated" a lecture about how illusionary magic and sleight of hand (criss angel specifically!!) are absolutely impermissible:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an0BUey2eKM&t=46m15s>

This same man is the one who later asks Kamal el-Mekki to perform some magic tricks!!

Was he paying any attention to the lecture when he sat there next to Md. Humble? he called it an outstanding eye-opening lecture at the end!! Whose eyes he was referring to - I don't know.

I could easily excuse someone who made an incorrect remark, and I would be honestly offended if my Muslim brothers made a big deal out of a "remark" that was mistaken.

Do you not see how you are making light of a very serious issue?!

In all honesty, WAS IT "A REMARK" that was made? Are you not blatantly lying when you say:

"We do not believe that the remark made was intended to confuse people nor promote magic."

The man (may Allaah guide him) mocked the upright Muslim women of Leeds who knew enough about their Deen to demand him to stop his magic. He mocked them and joked about how he doesn't have patience for their type. Was ALL OF THIS in your masjid an innocent "remark" not intended to promote magic that "has led to some confusion"?

And since you brought Kamal el-Mekki, who does NOT share your stance against magic, AS YOU KNOW, and you have guided your people to him, many of whom were exposed to him through your invitation of him, and YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT for him to explain magic and give examples.

Do you not feel the need to say anything about him? Or is it ghuluww in preserving a magician's honor (or your own) that keeps you from warning against a very evil person WHO PRODUCES VIDEOS of cooking with dog feces, people eating it, and HE EVEN REFERRED TO IT in your interview as "dog poop".

While your imam (may Allaah guide him) speaks openly against known and upright salafees (with sensationalism and exaggeration), you remain silent about a magician who openly teaches that sleight of hand is perfectly permissible...! Promoting his jokey dawah routine that he calls a "course" with magic tricks, taking the people's money with baatil??

I honestly believe that if you have integrity and self-honesty, you would NEVER be happy referring to such a disaster as simply a "remark" that you don't believe was intended to promote magic (you know that's a LIE), one that "yet since some confusion has arisen, we make this clarification so that there is no doubt left in the issue." This is blatant trickery and deception and you must know it.

I pray that Allaah guides all of you to repent from deceiving the Muslims, and that He makes me and you real men of this da'wah who put the Deen of Allaah first above everything else, taking responsibility to deal with mistakes honestly and clearly seeking Allaah's Face.

Moosaa

Exhibit E:

My Public Email About the Clarification (Nov.10, 2012)

UPDATE: The people of towheed rejoice as **Green Lane Masjid** openly takes a stance against magic, in an open clarification (dated Nov. 7) on their masjid's website. While we want to thank them for the good that is in the clarification (may Allah accept from them), we must be balanced, and so we need to remind them to avoid trickery and outright lies in their words:

"...We do not believe that the remark made was intended to confuse people nor promote magic, yet since some confusion has arisen, we make this clarification so that there is no doubt left in the issue..."

Muslims who prefer **honesty** in matters related to their religion are free to review the "remark", or what is more truthfully referred to as: [remarks, including blatant promotion and defense of illusionary magic and professional magicians like Criss Angel, a baseless and unprecedented fatwaa declaring it permissible for Muslims to attend magic shows, and – last but not least – mockery of those who try to forbid such evil!](#)

The Muslims of Green Lane Masjid have **every right** to ask their imam and administration:

- * *Why are you making light of such a serious issue?*
- * *Why are you lying and covering up what actually happened?*
- * *Why are you insulting our intelligence by announcing that Kamal el-Mekki "didn't intend to promote magic"?*
- * *Why don't you warn against Kamal el-Mekki whom you introduced us to a few months ago, asking him to perform a magic trick for us?*

May Allaah guide the administration of Green Lane Masjid to honesty and sincerity, especially as it relates to the affairs of what Allaah will hold them accountable for on the Day of Judgment.

"All of you are shephards (to some degree), and all of you will be questioned (about your flocks)!"