

Protection and intellectual self-defence:

A procedure targeting families of which a member has become an Islamic radical

and for supporting those who have turned their backs on Islamic radicalism

Duration of the procedure: 2 hours

GEMPPI* uses this procedure for the families, friends and relatives, brothers and sisters of the radicalised person (in his absence) to avoid the often-observed contagious effect. This procedure can also be used for certain profiles of people who have their backs on Islamic radicalism.

The offer is naturally optional, especially because certain people, due to their religious sensitivities, may not feel at ease with this rational approach ignoring the sacredness of religions. Families, friends or relatives are first informed of the exact content of the approach. If they are not interested, the association Turquoise Freedom** takes them over without using this ideological protection procedure offered by GEMPPI.

What the procedure offers

29 years' experience in observing and treating sectarianism, including various radical religious sects, allows us to affirm that when a family member converts to a sect or a radical religious movement, he will try to convert his friends and relatives. The first targets will be his brothers and sisters, and sometimes even his parents. In many cases, we have seen whole families or family members being dragged into a sectarian group by this means.

This experience has taught us the necessity of avoiding sectarian "contagion" among the convert's friends and relatives.

Whom does this procedure target?

The radicalised person's family and especially his brothers and sisters, cousins and close friends.

The nature of the procedure and the cultural background of the people concerned lead us to precisely describe what the approach involves before starting with it. This is particularly important in the case of minors or people over 18 still living with their parents. In such cases, we need to gain the support of the parents after they have been duly informed of the procedure.

Steps used

1) Exposing the general principles used in mental manipulation and indoctrination (seduction, indoctrination, a break with the past and mental confinement). Exchange of experiences in this field and in particular the concrete experience of meeting with a sect member or radicalised person.

2) Presenting the religious texts used in seduction (Bible, Coran, Sunna): their positive, humanitarian and generous aspects.

This prepares the path to point 3, demonstrating how these positive religious texts are used as a springboard, via a specific (conspiratorial) interpretation of world political and social events, to get people to understand these same texts in an opposite manner (see below).

3) Presentation of the sacred texts (Bible, Koran, Sunna) used to provoke sectarian behaviour and a break with the past (rejection of non-believers, discrimination, incitement to violence, etc.)

After several tests, the method is proving to be promising.

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When families do not wish to go through this procedure, we pass them on directly to the *Association of Victims of Radical Islam (Turquoise Freedom)*

- **Individual support for families, development of a strategy**

- **Individual support for young radicalised people by a specialist from Turquoise Freedom ****

- **Support groups and group therapy sessions for families and/or friends and relatives with a radicalised person in their midst.** Sessions are supervised by a specialist from Turquoise Freedom and in certain cases by a psychologist (in the absence of the radicalised persons).

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