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Andy Worthington—Seeing Guantanamo as an Opportunity for Growth

I'm always slightly amazed at how nice, how un-bitter, how intelligent, and how eloquent so many of the former prisoners are. Now I don't mean...that's not universal. There are people very seriously damaged by what happened to them. And there are people who are not necessarily that nice. When they maybe weren't that nice in the first place, or they may have been okay and have been really damaged by what happened to them.

We obviously know that some people have been so profoundly damaged by what happened to them that they've developed serious problems. But most of the people that I've met have been...are quite amazing people considering what happened to them. They seemed to have turned what happened to them into something that helped them grow as people.

And some of that's related to their understanding of their religion. That they were tested by Allah, and that actually that is a kind of blessing that was bestowed upon them, the opportunity to go through this suffering to grow.