



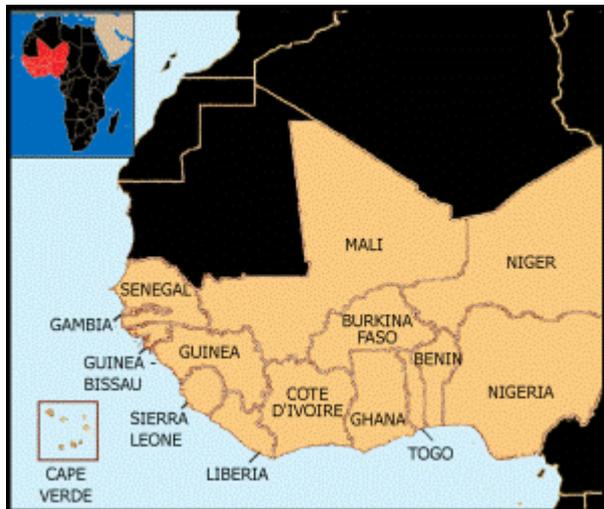
'Searching for Truth Together'

"How can I understand unless someone helps me?"

(Acts 8:31 CEV)

**Welcome to a new year of 'Exodus From Darkness'**

**Great News!**



- The Hausa translation of 'Understanding and Freedom' is now underway in West Africa. (Hausa is a key language across West Africa)

- The Swahili translation is now completed and has been printed for distribution.

- The Arabic voice-over of 'Understanding and Freedom' is in our hands and undergoing final checks prior to distribution.

- The Urdu translation project is underway in Sydney with the first Urdu episode of 'Understanding and Freedom' ready for reviewing. (Urdu is a key language in Pakistan and India and is very similar to Hindustani)

- We are working hard to find suitable translators/reviewers to assist with the Urdu, Indonesian and Bangla translation projects.

**We want to thank all of you, our supporters and prayer partners, for journeying with us over all these years.**

We praise God that Daniel's testimony to Jesus and his teaching is going out in more and more of the languages of the Islamic world!

**It is exciting to remember the words of Dr Daniel Shayesteh, written in the early 2000's**, as he reflected on his own life journey in Jesus and the power of his (and our) story/testimony to open up conversations with others.

*"When any of us who are of the children of heaven, see the wonderful artistry of our Lord Jesus Christ, we become more excited and encouraged and we are moved towards serving him among the various nations of the world. Our mission of 'searching for Truth together' is about talking to our brothers and sisters in Christ about how to dialogue with people from other lands and cultures. This open dialogue provides us with a way to encourage people of all nations to discover for themselves the 'eternal confidence'.*

*One general thought, that has wrongly convinced the minds of the majority of the world's inhabitants, is an irresponsible sentence that says "your belief is yours and my belief is mine - let's not discuss this with each other, but live in peace with each other." How is it possible to live in peace without understanding and exploring the values that we have each chosen to live by? This is why, even in the most multicultural societies, there is a lack of confidence.*

*For this reason, the Lord has brought us to this point so that we can help the people from different nations to dare to read the 'chapters' of the lives and cultural values of each other. In this way, we can discover the best values and the real confidence for living. This is what we call the "Exodus from Darkness". We pray and hope that the Lord will raise up many of you to undertake with us such a ministry of 'awakening' so that we can discover eternal confidence together."*

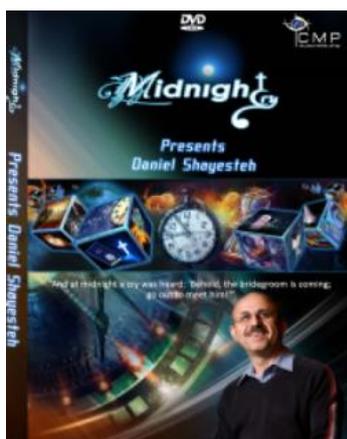
Remember to take a look at our latest postings on [Daniel's YouTube Channel](#). And never forget the power of someone's story of 'meeting Jesus and learning from Him'!

It is able to help us all in our journey into freedom in Christ.



**Daniel's 'Midnight Cry' Video Series is now being uploaded one episode at a time every couple of weeks. [We invite you to take a look!](#)**

Midnight Cry is a unique television programme created by Christian Media Productions that was created to explain the Christian Faith to the global Muslim community. It seeks to inform Muslims about actual Christian beliefs, and likewise, to encourage Christians to talk about those beliefs with their Muslim neighbours and friends. Daniel was invited by Christian Media Productions to make 13 episodes of 'Midnight Cry'.



## Progress on the 'Understanding and Freedom' Translation Project

- The English version is now fully uploaded onto our [Daniel Shayesteh YouTube Channel](#) . We are continuing to upload new Farsi episodes of Daniel's 22 episode series 'Understanding and Freedom'. The remaining episodes will be uploaded every 1 to 2 weeks until the whole series is available world-wide. We also plan to upload the Arabic version as soon as possible.
  - Translations
    - A Swahili edition has been translated and printed for distribution.
    - Work is continuing on the Indonesian edition. Please pray for our translators/reviewers as they steadily tackle this challenging task.
  - Voice-over
    - We are preparing the Arabic 'voice-over' version of 'Understanding and Freedom' for distribution in the near future.
  - Publications of Books
    - The Turkish text for 'Understanding and Freedom' is now in print.
    - The Farsi text for 'Understanding and Freedom' is being prepared for printing.

- The Arabic version is also being prepared for printing.

## Speaking Opportunities

- Daniel is receiving invitations to speak around the world. Pray that these invitations will continue to come in as they are a significant part of multiplying the impact of the overall ministry.

## Social Media Action

- Two Facebook pages are being updated regularly. The [Exodus From Darkness Facebook page](#) and the [Understanding and Freedom Facebook Page](#).
- The '[Daniel Shayesteh YouTube Channel](#)' now has [playlists](#) in both English and Farsi.
  - [English](#) (Click here to see the English episodes)
  - [Farsi](#) (Click here to see the Farsi episodes)
- We ask you for your continuous support by watching and sharing episodes with others. You can do this by:
  1. Visiting our [Daniel Shayesteh YouTube Channel](#) and then clicking 'subscribe'.
  2. **PLEASE SUBSCRIBE** to the [Daniel Shayesteh YouTube Channel](#). Our need of the hour is to get more subscribers so that we can have the opportunity to generate income from our YouTube Channel.
  3. You can also become part of multiplying the following for our ministry by visiting our '[Understanding and Freedom](#)' [Facebook page](#) and clicking on 'like' when you receive each Facebook posting.
  4. You can also use time when you are doing something routine and automatic to listen to one of the episodes of 'Understanding and Freedom' (e.g. while weeding the garden, preparing a meal, doing the ironing, pottering in the shed, driving in the car, etc)
- [Episode 10](#) ("Is Islam Really The Last And Perfect Religion?") is an excellent example of the messages that Daniel has designed to stimulate Muslim and Muslim-background believers to ask questions and to search for the Truth.

## How can you help?

- Firstly and foremost through your prayers, but also through your financial gifts and talking it up everywhere you go. The more people who hear about it, the more who will subscribe and the more who will view episodes.

## Prayer Points

- We invite you to download our '[7 Days Prayer Guide](#)' for the ministry of Exodus From Darkness.
- Praise God for many people working with EFD to get the whole world thinking about the wonder & uniqueness of Jesus.
- Praise God that influential people are taking an interest in Daniel's 'Understanding and Freedom' Series. Please pray that God will open the door for Daniel to speak through media to people who want to ask him questions as a result of watching the Series.
- Pray for our EFD Social Media Manager as she works to raise awareness of the 'Understanding and Freedom' Series around the Muslim world.
- Please pray for the appointment of an EFD researcher/writer/editor to work closely with Daniel and our Executive Officer. Please contact us at [aus@exodusfromdarkness.org](mailto:aus@exodusfromdarkness.org) if you are interested in applying for this role, or if you know of someone who might be interested. It is a relatively small part-time position that would be a huge benefit to the ministry. We would desperately love to appoint someone to this role. We are also seeking advisory services from a specialist NFP Australian Accountant. Do you know a semi-retired person who might be interested in this role?
- Praise God for the teams that are now working on the Hausa, Indonesian and the Urdu versions. Please pray that we will find suitable translators and narrators for the Bangla project that we hope to commence during 2019.
- Please pray for God's power and blessing to be upon the Arabic Voiceover Team as they draw close to the completion of the Arabic edition of 'Understanding & Freedom'. This has been a demanding project and we have learnt lots of lessons from this project.
- Pray for God's guidance in identifying the best technical teams for recording the voice-overs for each of our target languages – Turkish and Swahili are possibly the next two languages to be recorded in voice-over format.

# The next instalment of 'Your Ministry to Muslim Friends' - KEYS TO EVANGELISM

## Revelation Makes God Known

God is the source of truth. Only through the revelation of God are we able to know and have the truth. John 1:14 tells us that “the Word [God] became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”.

- Can someone call himself the messenger of a non-revealing god?
- God revealed Himself to Moses and talked to him (Ex.25:9);
- The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend (Ex.33:11; Num.12:8)
- Allah could not reveal Himself to Muhammad and did not talk to him personally,
- Who, Moses or Muhammad, knows God personally and is able to speak about the glory of God?
- Having God, talking to Him and knowing Him personally affects all dimensions of our life

## Daniel's Books and DVD's

Many people have been blessed through the special insights into Islam and other religions that are provided by Daniel's books. Please use Daniel's books and DVD's and share them with your churches, Bible Colleges and friends.

*Understanding and Freedom* (DVD Series-a comparison between Islam and Christianity. This is an engaging and deeply spiritual conversation with Daniel Shayesteh through 21 key topics. Join in with the conversation and dare to listen to your God-given conscience. (Available in English (DVD Series, CD Series and Book), Farsi (DVD Series).and Turkish (Book). Arabic DVD and Farsi Book coming soon.)

(Please write to us about how these resources can best be distributed in your country. You can also source Understanding and Freedom resources to share with others by contacting us using the contact details below).

*The House I Left Behind* (Revised Edition) Daniel Shayesteh's life journey from Islam to Christ. *Islam and the Son of*

*God* (Revised edition of *The Difference is the Son*) Compares the Qur'an and the Bible against the backdrop of Islam's early history and Islam's contemporary message. *Christ Above All* Looks at the nature of 'god', sin and salvation in several of the world's major religions, and in the problems of selected philosophies while, at the same time, challenging the conscience of every human being to search for the Truth.

Suggested Donations for Resources

*Understanding and Freedom* - DVD Series \$15 + \$8 for postage

*The House I Left Behind* – \$20 + \$8 for postage

*Islam and the Son of God* - \$20 + \$8 for postage

*Christ Above All* - \$20 + \$8 for postage.

Daniel's Testimony DVD (70 min) - \$15 + \$5 for postage.

Go to the end of this email for contact details (either USA or Australia) for ordering books and DVD's. Some orders can also be made online through our [EFD website](#).

We close with the words of Jesus.

***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37,38***

Please visit our [EFD Facebook](#) page, our NEW ['Understanding & Freedom' Facebook page](#) and our NEW [Daniel Shayesteh Youtube Channel](#).

## **Donations**

[Click here to start your donation](#)

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- the General EFD Fund
- Understanding and Freedom translations and voice-over production costs
- The Satellite TV ministry
- etc

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## Past Newsletter Topics

You can catch up with past topics of discussion at [Daniel's Blogspot](#)

## **Invite Daniel**

"If you keep quiet at a time like this, ... you and your relatives will die. What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14; read Isa.62 :1; Am.5:13)

Daniel and Mary are from Iran. Daniel was a teacher of Islamic philosophy, a member of the Iranian Revolutionary Army and a leading Muslim fundamentalist political leader during the Iranian Islamic Fundamentalist Revolution that began in 1979. He is now an evangelist for J... [Read more here . . .](#)

