



Exodus FROM Darkness

'Searching for Truth Together'

"How can I understand unless someone helps me?"

(Acts 8:31 CEV)

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of Daniel Shayesteh and 'Exodus From Darkness'

Many Middle-Easterners who've moved to Europe are hungry for the truth! and Praise God, they're willing to move heaven and earth to share it with those back home!



Daniel speaking in Farsi (Persian) in one of the episodes from his 'Understanding and Freedom' Series (click on the picture to take a listen)

[Daniel's YouTube Channel](#) is providing us with intriguing insights into the audiences who are viewing the Farsi (Persian) Series of 'Understanding and Freedom'. While there were many Farsi viewers of Daniel's channel in the USA during 2019 (and of course many other parts of the world as well), there was an even bigger audience for the Farsi Series of 'Understanding and Freedom' in both Sweden and Germany. Furthermore, these viewers are mostly young men in the age range of 25 – 34, which is very heartening given the propensity of this age group for radicalisation.

The bigger audiences in Sweden and Germany highlights the large number of Farsi speaking asylum seekers/refugees/immigrants who have moved to these countries over recent decades and years.

Daniel has been building relationships with some of the Muslim background believers (MBB's) in these countries who have been influenced by his messages. This has provided us with a valuable insight into why the Farsi Series of 'Understanding and Freedom' is considered so precious by these people.

These MBB's talk about how they were initially agnostics while in Iran because they had become disillusioned with Islam and the Iranian Islamic Government. But then Jesus called them to himself (often through visions and dreams) at some point during their journey to the West and they became followers and disciples of Jesus. Before long they found themselves in debates with Muslims. Coupled to this they experienced a growing passion to share their faith with their Muslim friends and homelands.

They faced a frustration though! Many of the Christians broadcasting to them in Farsi were unable to respond to the questions being posed by Muslims and MBB's. These Christian broadcasters humbly confessed that they did not have a deep knowledge of Islam. This limited their ability to answer the deeper questions of people regarding following Jesus compared to Islam.

This is what makes Daniel's Farsi Series of 'Understanding and Freedom' so special! Daniel was born into a Muslim family in Northern Iran. At one time he was a radical Muslim leader and teacher of Islam. This provided Daniel with the deeper knowledge of Islam necessary for answering the deeper questions being posed by Muslims and MBB's in countries like Germany and Sweden.

MBB's in Europe have explained that Daniel's Farsi Series of 'Understanding and Freedom' is like a 'university' for them, educating them so they can reach out with the gospel in partnership with Daniel. They are now doing this using innovative and secure digital social media channels to reach people in Iran and other parts of the Middle East. This means that so many are now hearing the transformational truth of Jesus – the message that is life changing for every dimension of their lives compared to their lives in Islam.

[The list of 'Understanding and Freedom' languages now includes English, Farsi, Turkish, Arabic, Swahili, Urdu, Indonesian and Mandarin.](#)

The English, Farsi and many of the Arabic 'Understanding and Freedom' episodes are already available on [Daniel's YouTube Channel](#). Other resources on our

YouTube Channel include [Daniel's Testimony](#), an [Audio Book of Daniel's autobiography 'The House I Left Behind'](#) (with new episodes uploaded regularly), [Daniel's Midnight Cry Series](#) and some 'snippets' from some of Daniel's other talks. Some languages, Turkish, Swahili, Urdu (available soon), Indonesian (available soon) and Mandarin (available soon), are only available as 'Understanding and Freedom' booklets.

We encourage you to visit Daniel's YouTube Channel and to [subscribe now](#). This can really help us to raise the profile of Daniel's Channel around the world.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers that is making this journey possible.

What kind of return are we seeing from the financial investment of so many in Daniel's Farsi ministry?



We believe every story that filters back to us about the impact of the Farsi Series of 'Understanding and Freedom' is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what is being achieved.

These stories demonstrate the effective pre-evangelistic AND evangelistic purposefulness of communicating Daniel's 'Understanding and Freedom' material in Farsi through social media and the internet.

Below are some examples of the stories we're able to report to you. Together with these inspiring stories, we're also aware of many who are trying to hinder the spread of Daniel's Farsi materials. This is also evidence that our message is being effective.

"Peace be upon you. I love your videos. There is a special peace in your conversations that I love very much. Your explanation is penetrating hearts and drawing listeners' deep attention. Your teaching led me to know and believe in Jesus Christ as my God and Savior. I just wanted to let you know that I received the Good News through you with all my heart and being. I pray that you live 120 years so that I can benefit from the wealth of your teaching. Please pray for me dear master so that I can hold fast in the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Hello. I was a strict Muslim and loved Islamic Sharia. I gave my life to Jesus because of you ... I wish there were many like you who could touch Muslims' minds."

"Hello. I saw some of our fellow Muslims responding to your sound discussions with hatred. Your kind responses to their deep hatred caused me to investigate more and eventually follow Jesus."

We also have evidence that Daniel's messages have been touching the hearts of some of the fighters involved in the Syrian conflict and the war against Islamic State. A Muslim soldier has asked Daniel for instruction in how to pray Christian Prayers, so they might know the peace and security of Jesus in their lives and families.

Furthermore, as we shared in our opening article, how exciting that young people in Europe are teaming up with Daniel to communicate the gospel in a contextually relevant way to the Middle East.

We encourage you to keep praying that the Lord will provide all the resources required as Daniel's 'Understanding and Freedom' Series is distributed and promoted in English, Farsi, Turkish, Swahili, Arabic, Indonesian, Urdu and Mandarin.

To do this effectively we need to raise funds for employing writers and video editors. We also need many thousands of advertising dollars for promoting Daniel's content on YouTube and Facebook so that our target audiences are aware of its existence

We're delighted to inform you that the booklet 'Understanding & Freedom' is now being produced in Arabic, based on the voiceover text from the Arabic video version of 'Understanding & Freedom'. The written word still has an important place in our world! Please pray for us as we make booklets like this one easily available online for those who learn best from the written word.

Opportunities to Invite Daniel to Support Your Ministries!



We thank God for the opportunities Daniel has had to speak to young people who want to learn more about sharing Jesus with their world – at home and wherever Jesus is not known or not worshiped.

Christians of all ages and even those who are only exploring the Christian faith are increasingly confronted by the hostility of their world to the Good News of Jesus. It seems that even the offer of a conversation about Jesus produces antagonism – even persecution. There is little doubt that followers of Jesus are the most persecuted people in the world. Yet there is astonishing ignorance of the story of salvation and the 'life of the Spirit that is life and peace' (Rom 8:6).

Churches are faced with a growing challenge of how to effectively engage their people in conversing with the world in which they exist. The training of Christians in the art of non-adversarial conversation about the contours of a world view and, in particular, the uniqueness of a Christ-centred world view, has never been more critical for the church.

Daniel is uniquely placed and highly motivated to assist churches in training people for this vital entry point for introducing the Gospel into conversations.

If you are looking for a way to stimulate your church or group to know Jesus better and to grow their passion for evangelism, Daniel would love to assist you and work with you on this journey!

During Daniel's recent trip to Australia he was continually encouraged by feedback from his audiences about how they valued the comparisons he made between following Jesus and other religions and worldviews. They not only valued these comparisons with respect to doctrine and philosophy; they were also excited to hear about how following Jesus impacts the social, ethical, economic and leadership aspects of our lives, communities and nations.

For those who have already had Daniel visit their churches to share his story, this is a golden opportunity to invite him back to build on the impact of his initial ministry. His deep, lived experience gives him countless examples of how to shape a conversation towards profoundly significant spiritual issues.

If you would like to know more about developing such a seminar, please contact us in the USA at usa@exodusfromdarkness.org or in Australia at aus@exodusfromdarkness.org

Social Media Update

We encourage you to visit Daniel's YouTube Channel and to [subscribe now](#). This can really help us to raise the profile of Daniel's Channel around the world.

The YouTube channel has achieved 1000+ subscribers. Thank you for the support and we continue to encourage our supporters to subscribe and to keep increasing the number of subscribers and watch hours.

We are continuing to focus on:

- Leveraging our new **Daniel Shayesteh Telegram Channel** to update our supporters throughout the world about our EFD Reachout Media.
- Transmitting the ['Arabic voiceover' version of 'Understanding and Freedom'](#) via YouTube and Facebook.
- Uploading the book ['The House I Left Behind', section by section, to Daniel's YouTube Channel as a talking book.](#)

We thank you for your prayers as EFD reaches out to the Muslim world and the West with the love and truth of Jesus.

Prayer Points

- We invite you to download our ['7 Days Prayer Guide'](#) for the ministry of Exodus From Darkness.
- Pray for the Muslim World. May followers of Jesus always remember I.S.L.A.M - I sincerely love all Muslims. We have good news to share with all people.
- Praise God for many people working with EFD to get the whole world thinking about the wonder & uniqueness of Jesus. Please pray that our growing partnerships with other Christian Missions Organisations will bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

- Please pray for Daniel and Mary as they look to the Lord for his guidance and provision for the years ahead.
- 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.
- Pray for the effectiveness of our new Daniel Shayesteh Telegram Channel and for Daniel as he prepares new short talks for not only this Channel but also for YouTube and Facebook.
- Please pray for the appointment of an EFD researcher/writer/editor to work closely with Daniel and our Executive Officer.
- Praise God for the teams that have completed the Indonesian and the Urdu versions. Please pray that we will find suitable translators and narrators for the Bangla and Hausa versions, which are the projects that we hope to work on next.
- Please pray for God's power and blessing to be upon the Arabic version of 'Understanding and Freedom' as we continue to upload episodes to Daniel's YouTube Channel. Please pray for those working to produce an Arabic version of the 'Understanding and Freedom' booklet.
- Pray for God's guidance in identifying the best technical teams for recording the voice-overs for at least some of the episodes in each of our target languages..
- Download [Headlines for your Church Noticeboard](#)

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

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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 . . .](#)

