



'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'**

## **Daniel's Recent Travels**

Daniel visited five countries in Europe during October. He had many opportunities to speak with representatives of the persecuted church from around the world. Many were excited to hear about EFD's apologetics approach for reaching the Islamic World. Many also showed interest in Daniels ['Understanding and Freedom' video series](#) and [YouTube Channel](#). Daniel shared his testimony in many churches and schools and there were also opportunities for him to teach, strengthen and encourage Christian leaders, Muslim-background believers and politicians.

**The 'Huge Fear' that must be demolished: Daniel's life changing work around the world.**

There are many contexts in the world today where simply asking questions or comparing different worldviews, particularly the Islamic worldview, is discouraged or even

forbidden. As a result Daniel reports that in many places he visits there is a huge fear that looms over many Christians.

There can also be complex deep seated issues that inhibit conversations between different ethnicities living alongside each other.

Daniel travels around the world to work in these kinds of contexts with local Christians. We ask for your prayers for these brothers and sisters as they study and think about how to encourage 'searching for the truth' where they live. Daniel speaks to them about how to break the chain of fear that oppresses them. This leads many to repentance about their fear and they cry to the Lord in prayer to overcome their fears and anxieties. They also cry to the Lord about the many other kinds of barriers making it difficult for them to reach out to people of other worldviews and ethnicities.

The forces of darkness surrounding them reminds us of Ephesians 6:12.

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*

We're also reminded of John 3 that says:

*"19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."*

Please pray for Daniel and EFD. Please pray for the demolishing of spiritual strongholds in the places where Daniel visits and works.

## **Latest News**

### **Understanding and Freedom**

- We are continuing to upload onto our [Daniel Shayesteh YouTube Channel](#), in both English and Farsi, new 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
  - Work is continuing on the Indonesian edition and a Swahili edition of 'Understanding & Freedom' is nearly complete. Please pray for our translators/reviewers as they steadily tackle this challenging task.
- Voice-over
  - Final editing work is being done on the Arabic 'voice-over' version of 'Understanding and Freedom'.
- 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 in the USA and 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)
- Our target was to reach 4000 'viewing hours' for our channel by the end of the year and we have already reached that target. Now we have reached 4000 'viewing hours' we may have access to advertising revenue for the ministry. With potentially millions of viewers around the world, there is the potential for us to raise significant funds for producing

'Understanding and Freedom' in more languages of the Muslim world.

- We would therefore 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. Making about 20 minutes per week available to actually watch each episode over the next 5 months. Their presence on YouTube makes it so easy to watch them. (600 viewers x 22 episodes x .33 hr = 4356 viewing hours)
  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 by 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 Indonesian version and the Swahili version. Please pray that we will find suitable translators and narrators for the Bangla project that we hope to commence later in 2018.
  - Please pray for God's power and blessing to be upon the Arabic Voiceover Team as they complete the Arabic edition of 'Understanding & Freedom'. This continues to be a demanding project and we need patience and wisdom from the Lord as we complete the final steps. The Reachout team has learnt lots of lessons from this part of the 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 Accessible**

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 proclaim God without knowing Him?

- Can someone know God without the revelation of God?
- How can the followers of non-revealing gods speak about these gods?
- Does a non-revealing (impersonal) god exist?

## 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](#).

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- Understanding and Freedom translations and voice-over production costs
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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 . . .](#)

