



'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'

For we are co-workers in God's service

2019 has been a significant year for Daniel and the EFD Team as they work with diverse groups of God's people around the world. It has been exhilarating to see the way the Lord has drawn together different teams of people to help in the task of making 'Understanding and Freedom' available in more and more languages of the Islamic world. The amazing and miraculous make-up of these teams has astonished us and filled our hearts with thankfulness to God.



Daniel speaking with two of our dedicated translator-reviewers at a meeting in Sydney this year.

The list of 'Understanding and Freedom' languages now includes English, Farsi, Turkish, Arabic and Swahili, with work progressing currently on Urdu, Indonesian and Mandarin.

The English, Farsi and some 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.

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 and ongoing support that is making this journey possible.

The Journey with Jesus is an invitation to think, to search and to find truth, meaning, purpose and love.

Our constant prayer is that, through EFD, the Lord will use 'Understanding and Freedom' and our numerous online resources to help many people across the world, including the Islamic world, to begin and continue a walk with Jesus.

Daniel's ministry (and therefore the ministry of those of us who support it) is about encouraging people to consider, understand and embrace the incredible redemptive story of God revealed in the Bible.

What an amazing opportunity God has given us to walk with his Son!

Reflect on these words from the gospel of John!

Jesus said:

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger." John 6:35

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

"I am the gate; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for His sheep." John 10:11

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies." John 11:25

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." John 14:6

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser." John 15:1

What amazing claims! What profound, transforming truths!

Father in Heaven. Thank you for sending us your Son – the great ‘I AM’ – the Alpha and Omega! (Rev 22:13)

Opportunities to Invite Daniel to Support Your Ministries!



We thank God for the opportunities Daniel has had this year 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.

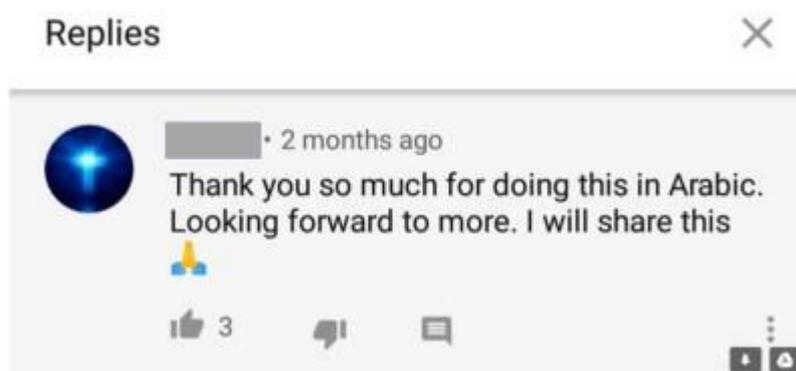
If you would like to know more about developing such a seminar, please contact us in the USA at usa@exodusfromdarkness.org or in Australia at aus@exodusfromdarkness.org

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 received the following reply from a viewer of the Arabic 'Understanding and Freedom' Series.



We received the following comment from someone listening to the audio book of Daniel's autobiography 'The House I Left Behind'



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I love listening to these!



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.
- Continuing the translations of 'Understanding and Freedom' into Urdu and Indonesian. We are very encouraged by the feedback we are receiving from our carefully chosen reviewers.

We are also pleased to advise you that people have taken the initiative to translate 'Understanding and Freedom' into Mandarin. Pray for this project as this new translation is reviewed and prepared for distribution.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support 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 are now working on 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 upload episodes to Daniel's YouTube Channel.
- 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 – Turkish and Swahili are possibly the next two languages to be recorded in voice-over format.
- 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 . . .](#)

