



'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'**

**Learning about Jesus together – helped along by a slice or two of Pizza!**

A highlight for Daniel during his recent Australian visit was catching up with several Persian (Iranian) Christian Fellowships.



This was a great opportunity for Daniel to tell them first-hand about his personal journey and about his 'Understanding & Freedom' video resource that is [now available online in Persian \(Farsi\)](#).

After one of these Persian Fellowships, Daniel enjoyed a fantastic time of fellowship at a Pizza business owned by one of the couples! At the heart of EFD's ministry around the world is 'conversation' often over shared meals - learning, prayer and having fun!



## Invite Daniel!

**Are you looking for a way to stimulate your church or group to know Jesus better!** 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. 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.

So, we encourage leaders around the world to [contact us](#) about inviting Daniel to visit their churches or groups.

# EFD's Growing Tool Kit for 'Understanding & Freedom'

During Daniel's recent trip around Australia, our EFD Australia Executive Officer, Bob Johnston, accompanied Daniel to many of the meetings. Bob often introduced Daniel to the audiences and referred to the growing number of EFD 'tools' for helping people to discover '**Understanding & Freedom**' through Jesus.

This delicious thought can't help but bring to mind Matthew 13:52! (if you don't mind mixed metaphors)

*52 He [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."*

Bob always highlighted one of EFD's most accessible tools - Daniel's autobiography. Presented in the book '**The House I Left Behind**', this is now being [uploaded on Daniel's YouTube Channel as a talking book](#).

Then there was also Daniel's most recent tool - '**Understanding and Freedom**'. Bob explained to the audiences that this project was prompted by Daniel's desire to respond to the 21 major objections that Muslims have to the Christian faith. Daniel's passion is to provide Muslims (and others) with reliable information and reasoned responses to these 21 objections. So, 'Understanding and Freedom' is a very useful tool for both Muslims and Christians to put in their toolkits. It certainly creates the potential to improve the quality of our dialogue with each other. As many will know, this series of videos is now available in English, Farsi and Arabic on our 'Daniel Shayesteh' YouTube Channel. The 'Understanding & Freedom' book has also been translated into Swahili and Turkish with work underway on Urdu, Indonesian and Mandarin.

Bob also introduced groups to the book, '**Islam and the Son of God**'. This book discusses the difference between the Jesus of the Qur'an and the Jesus of the Bible. Bob drew attention to the fact that these understandings of Jesus are vastly different from each other. An accurate perception and understanding of Jesus, therefore really requires the reader to be equipped to understand the

differences between the Qur'an and the Bible. Another tool for the tool kit!

Finally, Bob presented the book '**Christ Above All**'. This book highlights some of the world's major 'worldviews'. Worldviews too are vastly different from each other. Further, the things we consistently believe really impact the choices we make and the many things we do. We therefore need to realise that if we're going to honour Jesus at the core of our beliefs - our worldview - then we need to search and discover why Jesus is superior to all of the others - and this does make a very big difference indeed!

## **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.**

## **As we move into the remainder of 2019 our focus in 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. Both these projects have now translated 10 out of the 22 episodes and 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.
- 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 commence during 2019.
- 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 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***

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

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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 . . .](#)

