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## Guest-Biography: Dr. Daniel Shayesteh; Ph.D

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**Dr. Daniel Shayesteh** is a well-known Christian author, speaker and Bible teacher. Born into poverty in northern Iran (Talesh), he was a gifted child who greatly excelled in school: by age 9, he could recite the entirety of the Quran in Arabic. During his university-days in Tehran and after his graduation, he became deeply involved in protests which ultimately led to the overthrow of the former *Shah of Iran* in 1979. As his reputation as a committed Islamic-jihadist grew and his unswerving devotion to the Muslim-faith crystalized, he was quickly noticed and invited by the new Iranian Ayatollah (*Khamenei*) and his close lieutenants to build what has today become the infamous *Revolutionary Army of Iran* which, in turn, led to the establishment of the *Hezbollah of Lebanon*.

But success as an Iranian revolutionary was short-lived and after falling out of favor with the ruling elite, he was arrested and sentenced to death. In what followed as a series of providential circumstances and fortuitous events, he escaped from Iran and arrived in Turkey where he then found Christ as his Savior. Dr. Shayesteh's testimony of Salvation is breathtaking and borders on the impossible and the miraculous. Today, he preaches the Gospel of Christ Jesus throughout the world and his account of what God has done for him, has encouraged hundreds of thousands of Christians all across the globe: many have also found Christ as their Savior through his unique testimony and his multi-dimensional presentation of the Gospel.

Owing to his background and experience, Dr. Shayesteh is also well-qualified to instruct on the subject of Islam and explain the difference that Christ makes. Dr. Shayesteh has a PhD in *International Management* along with a Diploma of *Theology and Pastoral Ministry*: he was Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia, for many years. He is the author of a number of books including: *Understanding and Freedom: a Detailed Comparison between Islam and Christianity* (2021); *Christ Above All* (Kindle-edition, 2015), *Islam and the Son of God* (2015); and *The House I left Behind: a Journey from Islam to Christ* (Revised; 2012).