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## *God's Unending Love*

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Dear reader,

I want to thank God for granting me the privilege of sharing with you the story of my life. I am grateful to be alive and to be able to share my testimony. This is the story of a young man born into a Muslim family in Iran, as it was destined by the will of God.

It's a story of an ordinary person just like you, but with different circumstances, environment and influences. In fact, my story goes forward as one of many examples of how Jesus can transform a life of uncertainty to one of real hope and assurance.

Can anyone plan the journey of their life from birth to death? Our lives can change in a moment, but there is One who never changes!

Looking back, I never dreamed where my journey would take me, but it is so wonderful to see the changes God has made in my life and how He brought me to where I am today. Frankly, I do not know why God has chosen to be with me the way He has, but I know now more than ever that His hand has always been on my life.

I must confess that I am not perfect by any means, and many times I chose the wrong road in my walk. Yet, God's faithfulness never changed.

Our Creator, who chose to make us in His own image, has a great deal of interest in every one of us. Furthermore, He has sacrificed so much for us. Whether you are Jew or gentile, black or white, Muslim or Christian, or from any other country, ethnic or religious background, God loves you, and that is a fact that neither you nor I can change!

After graduating from college in 1977, I had the desire to write a book concerning my experiences and challenges I faced during the time I was going to school here in the United States. But time went by, and my desire slowly faded. Then in the year 2005, after another challenging ordeal in Iran, God gave me the desire one more time to write my story. This time the theme and purpose changed. It became all about God and how He transformed my life. I now recognize Him as my True Guide!

The events that you are about to read are a small portion of what God has done in my life since childhood. I am neither a scholar nor a teacher, but this testimony is written with much prayer and meditation. Through these last few years that I have been working on this book, my goal has been simply to share with you some of what God has done in my life so that you too, will know that He would do the same for you!

Because of His great compassion, God has shown me His great mercy and love every step of the way! As far back as I can remember, I have always felt His presence and often talked with Him, but I never knew how He would answer me. I now know that God's ways are amazing and beyond our comprehension!

The Bible tells us that when Jesus came to this dark world as a Light, the world did not receive Him. Even His own people, the Jews, rejected Him. Still, the people within His inner-circle did not understand Him until after His resurrection. Although possible, it is not easy to understand God's love without experiencing, hearing or reading his love letters, which is the Word of God, the Holy Bible.

The Bible clearly speaks of Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God and by many miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him. Many responded to the message of His good-news, or 'gospel', and the way to salvation. His message has always been to testify to the Truth, and to save the lost, and for that very reason, He came to this world as a man, the only begotten Son of God. (Later I will talk more about the Son of God for those who may not be familiar with Him)

**Here are some key scripture verses below:**

The angel told Joseph, "And she will bring forth a Son, you shall call His name Jesus meaning 'Jehovah saves', for he will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

Jesus said; "I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Jesus said "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy man's lives but to save them." (Luke 9:56)

The Prophet John the Baptist says this about Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

Peter, an apostle of Christ, said this in the Book of Acts: “Nor is there salvation in any other name other than Jesus Christ, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by whom we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

The only way to the Father is through Jesus Christ. Jesus said to the Apostle Thomas, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”(John 14:6-7)

As you see from these scriptures, the greatest miracle in anyone’s life is to receive the Truth and His invitation to spend an eternity with the Creator of this world. Also, the most rejoicing of times in our lives are when we know that our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. (Luke 10:20 and Rev. 21:27)

“In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him. Jesus said, “I tell you the truth; those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” (John 5:22-24)

Please read this book with this question in mind; are we here on this earth by accident or for a purpose? Our perception to what the answer is will determine our life long attitude toward our goal while we go through this journey of life.

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