

## **Daniel Ali** **Kurdish-American Evangelist, Author**

### **Daniel 4:2**

***I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that The Most High God has worked for me.***

Daniel Ali is an Iraqi Kurd who grew up as a Muslim under Saddam Hussein's Anfal campaigns against the Kurds; he lived through the gassings and chemical weapons attacks on thousands of Kurdish villages. From his earliest days in Iraq, The Lord placed silent, but loving, Christian witnesses around him, since it has always been illegal in Muslim countries for a Christian to speak to a Muslim of Christianity or Christ..

Daniel in his college days was an active resistance leader among the Arab and Kurd populations defying the Saddam regime. He spent many years in the mountains of Kurdistan evading capture because he refused to enlist in the Iraqi Army. Refusing to enlist was considered a high crime of treason by Saddam, and thus, Daniel's life was in constant danger. Eight times he was jailed, and tortured, once for having written and published a poem using the title "Yerushalayim," which was forbidden in Arabic countries. Instead, the term "QUDS" is used, which implies Jerusalem belongs to the Palestinian Arabs, not the Jewish nation.

With God's sovereign protection, his life was miraculously spared many times. He became a wanderer among the caves and mountains of Kurdistan, in Northern Iraq, befriended by stressful, harsh conditions and loneliness. During those days, he experienced many miraculous interventions from God that saved his life. He became an expert at evading capture, but in 1995, could never have dreamed he would be captured by Jesus Christ.

Daniel began the non-profit Christian-Islamic Forum in August, 2001, just weeks before terrorists struck on 9-11. He has appeared on Journey Home twice and will be taping his third appearance in the Spring of 2015.

Rev. Mitchell Pacwa, S.J. and Daniel Ali give a comprehensive introduction to Islam, presenting the fundamentals of the faith from a Muslim perspective. They explain Islamic beliefs as well as the Koran and Mohammad's Tradition, to help Christians dialogue with their Muslim friends in a respectful, though informed manner. They cover the do's and don'ts for Christians when speaking with Muslims about their Faith.

Ascension Press published his first book, *Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics*, in 2003. He wrote his second book called *Out of Islam, Free at Last*, which was Tate Publishing in 2007. This book clearly spells out in detail how to evangelize Muslims using only their own book, the Koran, since many Muslims suspect the Bible is not accurate. His third book has recently been written in the Holy Land, called *Muslim Objections to Jesus Christ*. It awaits final editing and subsequent publication.

Since joining the Catholic Church in 1998, Daniel has been willing to evangelize wherever The Lord takes him. He is comfortable speaking to both Catholic and Protestant audiences, secular as well, because Jesus is needed everywhere, and is in season at all times. Daniel has spoken to City Social workers on cross-cultural concerns, delivered training seminars to the 26th MEU U.S. Marines, and consulted with the US Government on Iraq. His reviews of policy toward Muslims have been sought out by the Pentagon and the White House under George W. Bush.

In December 2011 he and his wife relocated to Taos, New Mexico, where they were members at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish; in October, 2013 took up residence in the Holy Land in order to learn Hebrew. Most recently, he has preached in Messianic Jewish and Arab congregations in Nazareth, and Nahariya, Israel.

Below, a sample list of media interviews and speaking engagements, by no means all-inclusive:

***Ministries Day Conference Corpus Christi, Texas***

***Bible Christian Society, Birmingham, Alabama***

***Women's Aglow International Conference on Islam, Washington, DC***

***Word of Life, Oxford, Alabama***

***Franciscan University, Steubenville, Pennsylvania***

***City of Alexandria, Va. Social Workers' Conference***

***Catholic Information Center Washington DC***

***Our Lady of Sorrows Birmingham, Alabama***

***Barnes and Noble [book signing] Fairfax, Virginia***

***RelevantRadio.com (born-again Assyrian radio) interviews***

***Bah'rah-Assyrian radio Station Chicago, Illinois***

***Fishers of Men Conference Manassas, Virginia***

***Capitol Bible inter-Denominational Conference on joint Outreach to Muslims, Springfield, Virginia: Activities included distributing the Gospel of St. John in Arabic at mosques and on campuses along with discussions with Muslims.***

***Christlife.org radio interviews***

***Cross Way Fellowship Manassas, Virginia***

***American Academy of Religion Brunswick, New Jersey (delivered treatise on Slavery in Islam)***

***26MEU Marines, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina***

***US Government Operations in Iraq 2004-2006***

***Independent Consultant to White House, DHS, and Pentagon***

***2013-2014 The Holy Land; speaking engagements in Nahariya and Nazareth***