

## Professor, Are You a Christian?

Dear xxxxx,

As we share the love of God and the truth of the Bible on our Christian satellite broadcasts 24 hours per day, people from all levels of society come to Christ and contact us daily. This includes both educated and uneducated, powerful and powerless, rich and poor, and young and old. Yes, the rejection of Islam in Iran is that wide and that deep. Iran will never be a fully Muslim nation ever again. Mark my words—Iran will be the first Islamic country that turns to Christ. As a matter of fact, this change is already happening.



Below is the story of a well-known professor in one of the major universities in Iran. To protect him from certain persecution, let's conceal his identity and call him Professor Hamid:

*I am a professor at ██████ University in Tehran. I have been watching your TV programs for a long time. I like your logical and unbiased way of teaching the Bible and explaining spiritual truths. Particularly, I appreciate the fact that you do not attack Islam, but just present the truth with love and gentleness.*

*Last year, after watching one of your programs, I prayed with you to have Christ in my life. My heart and soul were transformed immediately. I felt a joy and peace in my life that I had never felt before. Anger left my heart, and a love for people replaced it.*

*Because of fear I kept my faith to myself and did not share it with others. Do you understand? **I thought if they find out about my faith, for sure I would lose my job and be arrested, and maybe even tortured and killed.** That frustrated me because on one hand I could not share my faith with my colleagues due to fear, and on the other hand I felt self-condemned for not sharing it.*

*However, a few months ago, when I was having lunch with the people in my department, one of them turned to me and said, "Professor Hamid, have you become a Christian?" Fear overtook me, and I felt a cold sweat cover me. But I controlled my fear and confidently declared, "No, I am a Muslim."*

*That evening when I went home, I started crying because I felt I had denied my Lord Jesus Christ and failed him. I hated myself because of that.*

*A couple months later, again at lunch time, my colleagues confronted me but more directly this time: "**Professor Hamid, we KNOW that you are a Christian. You can no longer deny it.**" I replied. "Why do you say that?"*

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One spoke up on behalf of the others: "Because we have been observing you. You are a changed person the past few months. **You no longer gossip. You no longer get involved in office politics. You are no longer angry. You are so peaceful and always treat others with love and respect. You cannot deny it anymore. You must have become a Christian!**"

It was then that I got courage to tell them that the love of God expressed in Jesus has truly changed my life. I told them, "If you want to research as I have done what Jesus teaches about God's love, then watch Shabakeh7 [the name of Iran Alive's satellite station]."

### **Iran Is Ready to Hear**

My friends, this story is not just about Professor Hamid or even how university professors are coming to Christ through Iran Alive. Even more importantly, it also is about how Iranian Muslims view Christianity. They know that whoever becomes a Christian, their character and lives change for the better. Yes, most Iranian Muslims have a very positive view of Christians and Christianity, and that alone is a miraculous work of God. I believe 16 years of satellite broadcasts have had an important part in changing how Christ and Christianity are perceived by Iranian Muslims.

**No Islamic nation in the world is this open to the Gospel.** No nation in the world is currently so ready for a Christian revival as Iran. But how can they believe, if they do not hear, and how will they hear if someone is not sent (Rom. 10:14–15)? Through your prayers and financial support, **we at Iran Alive are sent to this fertile ground on your behalf** to gather the ripe harvest and build the Lord's Church.

### **Transform the Middle East**

The summer months are historically slow for donations to non-profit missional ministries like ours. Would you make a special donation this month so that we can continue to impact lives such as Professor Hamid's? We are funded only by people like you who have a heart for lost Muslims and who understand God's strategy. We much appreciate those who stand with us in prayer and financial support. We need you and count on you.

Only God knows the impact you are having for His Kingdom. Only He can reward you for being alert to what He is doing by joining Him in transforming the Middle East with the Gospel through Iran.



Yours for transforming Iran,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hormoz Shariat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hormoz Shariat, Ph.D.  
President & Founder, Iran Alive

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