

## Why I Became a Christian

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This remarkable story tells of a man living in Turkey who secretly was gathering information on Christian worshipers because they were suspected of being connected to a terrorist organization. His name is Mustafa Efe.

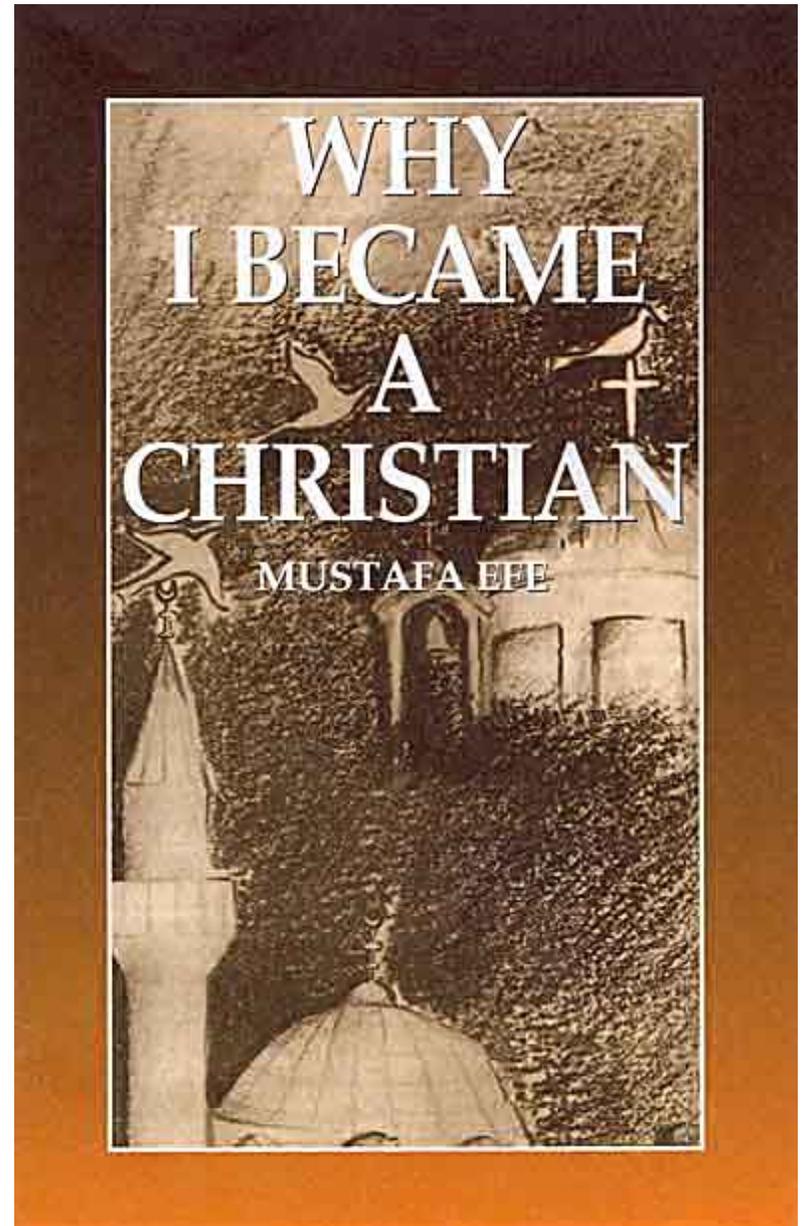
Mustafa was a Moslem who had a desire to make trouble for the followers of Christ. However, in his efforts to discredit Christianity, he actually learned more about his own religion and the Gospel.

One day, the Holy Spirit touched Mustafa's heart as he was listening to the Word of God. The next thing Mustafa discovered was that he had come to love Jesus (Isa) as his Savior and Lord.

What Mustafa learned about Islam and Christianity is simply fascinating. Maybe his story will touch your heart as he recounts his journey from being a skeptic, to accepting Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit into his life, and being Saved.

After reading about Mustafa's experiences, if you feel learning more about Jesus is not right for you, then we encourage you to continue to follow your traditional ways. Maybe the day will come when you will want to know more about Jesus and the Gospel. Until then, we bid you peace.

-Muslims Seeking Jesus



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It was a summer morning. Like always, after having break fast at home, I went to the newspaper office. While doing my daily work at the office, the managing editor summoned me. Thinking that it was in regard to a new job, I went to see the editor.

I am the second child in my family of five children. My father, after completing his studies at the Advanced Islamic Institute and memorizing the Koran, went into politics. For a long period of time, he was also the head of a labor union. My family, like every normal conservative family, was interested in all aspects of its children's education, particularly their religious education.

At the time, I was working in the special news service of one of the top newspapers in the country. Because of the various schools that I had attended and completed my studies, and the research I had done, the management of the newspaper thought that I would be successful in this type of position.

The managing editor of the newspaper was young, dynamic, and a person who definitely did not compromise his ideas. And he did everything he could to increase the circulation of the paper. One day, the managing editor said to me:

“You know, recently, our foreign diplomats have been attacked by the Armenian terrorist organization, ASALA. According to what I've heard, this terrorist group is being financed by the Armenian churches in Turkey. Go to the churches, make yourself known as an Armenian, and investigate.”

Later, after talking with the managing editor, I left the newspaper office and went home to change my clothes. I was busy making plans. How and where should I begin? At this time, I began to investigate on a surface level from the outside. First of all, I bought and read the book consisting of the Pentateuch, writings of the prophets, and the New Testament that is called the Holy Bible. The Bible did not seem too strange to me because I had received a strong religious education since my childhood, and I also knew the Koran. I finished reading it within a short period of time.

I started to visit the churches that were in Istanbul. I introduced myself as a child from an Armenian family and as one who worked as a salesman. In a short time, I more or less became a part of the congregations. At the same time, I was establishing a relationship with a merchant at the Grand Bazaar. However, no matter how deep my investigation seemed to get, I could not find any connection with a terrorist organization.

After a month, I went to the office and explained everything to the editor. He said to me, “You just went and wandered about idly. Don't give me that story! My informers can't be wrong. Go again, write the story and bring it to me.”

Then I left the office, and with no choice, began anew my investigation of the churches.

I tried to establish a closer relationship with those who attended the churches. Of course, when the priest of the church that I attended saw that I was beginning to come regularly to the church, he said to me:

“Every week on Saturday, we have a special catechism class. If you'd like, you can come. Not everyone who wants to attend can. This is just for Christians. Its purpose is to have them grow in their understanding of Christian beliefs and to be informed about the church.”

Thinking that finally, I would be able to participate in secret meetings, with great joy, I immediately accepted his offer. After finding out the place and time of the meeting, I left.

Until that weekend, while continuing my investigation, I thought of all the possible scenarios for the meetings. Finally, Saturday came. The meetings were held every Saturday at 5:00 P.M. in the basement of the church. I joined the meeting with much excitement. The priest introduced me to the group at the start of the meeting.

During the meeting, the people prayed for me, that I would have the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and His Word.

Of course, while they were praying for me like that, I was laughing inside, and at the same time, I was mocking them because I knew that the original Bible had been changed and that Jesus did not die on the cross (this is what the Koran teaches). I thought, “They are fools,” because I knew the truth. The Bible's original form had been changed. They were doing the unthinkable, making God out to have an equal partner. God is a

single entity, one who was not born. While I was thinking this, the meeting came to an end. Everyone started to go, and on the way out, the priest said to me, “I will pray for you at home. We are very glad that you could join us.”

A portion of the people at the meeting had been Muslims and later chose Christianity. In other words, they changed their religion. When the priest told me that the meeting was only for Christians it was interesting to me that there were those who were originally Muslim. I looked at them as traitors. In my opinion, they had been led astray and brainwashed. But how could this be? I had to find the answer to this question.

Like everyone else, I left the meeting and headed home. When I arrived there, I found out that the editor had called and left a message. I felt really pressured because even though I had begun my investigation three months ago, I still had yet to find any negative things about which to write.

So, I sat down and wrote about the people I had talked to up until that point. I was not happy with those people who had changed their religion or the other people who had joined the meeting.

The next day, after attending the Sunday service, I did the final draft of my article. On Monday morning, I went to the office and saw the editor. When he saw me, he began to yell angrily, “Don’t you dare give me some story about how you haven’t found anything yet.”

I handed my article to him He read it immediately, with great interest, and said, “You will continue to write such articles. I want this kind of news from you every week. Go to the accountant now and get your bonus.” I was very pleased and happy. I went right to the accountant and got my money. I left the office feeling as if a weight had been lifted off my shoulders.

Since I had begun investigating this topic, I had kept my distance from everyone and everything. My friends had called and left messages, but I had not been able to return their calls. One of my close friends began to believe in reincarnation. In fact, with the help of my friend, I had prepared a series of articles on this topic. At first, it was really interesting to me. However, because of its perspectives that are contrary to the Koran, I did not continue my interest for long. Sometimes, I read books about this subject.

But I knew that I was treating my friend badly, so I called him and suggested that we go out for dinner. He agreed, saying, “You’ve been really busy getting the dirt on those worthless people. Let’s go out this evening and catch up on everything.”

That evening, we met, ate dinner, and fell into a deep conversation. Of course, we talked about his topic of choice, reincarnation. He was always trying to convince me of the truth of reincarnation. After talking half the night, I left to go home. I really enjoyed the conversation and felt that this was something I had needed for a long time.

In the morning, I began the day as usual by visiting the Christian shop owners. I would say that I was just stopping in to see them. They were living a typical life. As for me, I would sit there and wait with suspicion, thinking to myself, “I wonder if I’ll learn anything today from speaking with them.”

Two days later, I saw a headline in the paper that said, “HOOKED by the Priest.” Muslims who had changed their religion were mentioned, and it was written that these people could have a relationship with terrorist organizations. In the article, there was a partial list of names of those who attended the special meetings on Saturdays. This news created a shock effect in the Christian community, and they were troubled. Whenever this news was talked about in the churches I visited, I rejoiced inside. However, in order for them not to suspect me, I had to act troubled on the outside.

Saturday came once again, and as usual, I joined the meeting. There was an air of sadness in the meeting. The priest struck the podium to begin the meeting and then began to talk about the news that had been published.

He said that people’s opinion of the church and those who go to church was changing and that they were being misunderstood. He said that believers in Jesus are going through a trial. At the end of his talk, he said, “Let’s pray for the people who are being misunderstood.”

Everyone began to pray about this Even I prayed in a loud voice, “Lord, please help our brothers who are being misunderstood. Give them patience and strength. Make known the truth in the hearts of people.” I had to pray because I did not want anyone to be suspicious of me. While on the outside I appeared to be very distressed by these events, I was actually rejoicing on the inside. I told myself, “It’s good that this

happened. You left the true faith of Islam and chose western Christianity! Ha!”

After going to the Sunday church service the following day, I went home, wrote my second article, and sent it to the newspaper office.

From that time on, my investigation took on a different focus. The original topic of Armenian militants was changing to the topic of secret religious meetings. Of course, these people still could have been secretly supporting the work of the terrorists groups. Now, all I needed was a good picture for my articles for them to be complete. So, during the week, I hired a newspaper photographer and gave him the time and location of the meeting. The photographer was going to come and take a picture during the meeting. I explained my plan to him several times. “You will hide your camera, then you will enter from here, and it will be enough for you to take one or two shots.”

The plan was ready. As usual, I joined the Saturday meeting just as it was starting. Because of the troubling news from the previous week, the ones who were misrepresented in the newspaper were still experiencing a lot of distress in their neighborhoods.

The ones who joined the meeting were talking about this. They said:

“They are asking us all sorts of questions regarding a connection to the unlawful Armenian terrorist group ASALA. Also, why do they keep asking questions concerning our attending a secret meeting such as this? Because they do not believe our answers, they look at us badly and swear at us. I wonder who gave information to the newspapers about this secret meeting? Because of this information, people are looking at us suspiciously.”

In order for them not to suspect me, I immediately began to curse the journalist who wrote the article. However, they said:

“Be quiet and don’t curse them. Don’t forget that Judas Iscariot did the same thing even to Jesus. We must praise God for this situation because Jesus says it is because of your faithfulness to me that people will persecute you. Blessed are you when they say all kinds of evil against you. Rejoice and be glad! Because your reward in heaven is great.”

And they asked, “Don’t you know these words of Jesus?” I said, “Of course I know them, but it’s hypocrisy. You are under distress as a result of lies being said. That’s why I cursed them.”

They said, “Brother, don’t curse. God knows the truth, and He will explain it to them in their hearts.”

I was playing my role really well. Right in the middle of the meeting, their attention was disrupted with the going off of a flash.

Someone from far off was taking a picture! Without even having a chance to say, “Hey! Stop!,” the one who took the picture fled. A few people ran after him but were not able to catch him.

They gathered once again and began to pray. The prayers did not last long, and we all left and went home.

It turned out that the picture-taking event was good for me. There was no chance of them suspecting me because when the picture was taken, I was with them all in the meeting. Everything was going really well. However, the way the people responded began to make me think. The idea of people treating you badly, yet rejoicing in response to it seemed like nonsense to me. In any case, these people were already fools, believing and reading a book that had been changed. In short, they were deceived.

I finished that week’s article and took it to the newspaper office on Monday morning. I found the photographer right away and congratulated him on his success. In my opinion, he had done an important thing, and I was able to get what I needed. The photographer said, “I was really afraid they were going to catch me.” I removed the pictures that included me.

I went straight to the editor, and we talked about the things I had investigated and the churches I had gone to. The editor said:

“These are stupid people. They believe in a book that has been changed. Although Jesus never died, they believe that He did. Actually, the Koran tells the truth completely and openly, the essence of their holy book has been changed, and they themselves did it. As for Jesus, He never died and was taken immediately up to heaven. They are degenerate people who have left Islam and chosen Christianity.”

The editor knew that my father was an Islamic scholar and that I had had a good Koranic religious education from the time I was young. He knew that I agreed with him, and together, we laughed and laughed.

After leaving the office, I began to walk around a little. But the things I spoke about with the editor began to gnaw at me, things such as:

...The Pentateuch, writings of the prophets, and the New Testament's original have been changed.

...Jesus never died on the cross.

I knew that these things were accepted as being true since the world of Islam teaches that these truths are written about in the Koran. However, what really made me think was that it was said that the Koran openly and clearly wrote these things. Up until that day, I had read the Koran many times, and I even had a special Koranic and Islamic education. Above all, my father was a graduate of the Advanced Islamic Institute, and he said the same things. I wondered which verse in the Koran wrote openly about the Bible's essence having been changed. I kept thinking about this, but in no way could I remember, so I sat for hours and thought. This question was eating me up inside. How could it be that I could not remember, especially after an Islamic education.

This was very difficult for me, but on the other hand, I was sure of my information—the Bible had been changed. No matter how many Muslims I met on the street, they would all say the same thing. After wandering around thoughtfully until the middle of the night, I went home and began to look through my books.

As I was doing this, I was not able to look at the Koran with religious awe. I was simply trying to look objectively at the Islamic books in order to be satisfied that my ideas on this subject were true.

After being sure of the information I had found in these books, I opened the Koran and began to read its Turkish translation. Despite all the times I had read it before, it was as if this was a new experience for me, and the writings in the Koran were different. The following are some of the verses I read in the Koran.

[English translation]

*“And recite (and teach) what has been revealed to thee of the Book of thy Lord: none can change His Words, and none wilt thou find as a refuge other than Him.”*

Surah 18:27, The Cave (Kehf)

*“It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong).”*

Surah 3:3, The Imrans (Al-Imran)

*“Rejected were the apostles before thee: with patience and constancy they bore their rejection and their wrongs, until Our aid did reach them: there is none that can alter the words (and decrees) of Allah. Already hast thou received some account of those apostles.”*

Surah 6:34, Cattle (Al-An'am)

*“The word of thy Lord doth find its fulfilment in truth and in justice: None can change His words: for He is the one who heareth and knoweth all.”*

Surah 6:115, Cattle (Al-An'am)

*“For them are glad tidings, in the life of the present and in the Hereafter; no change can there be in the words of Allah. This is indeed the supreme felicity.”*

Surah 10:64, Jonah (Yunis)

*“(Such has been) the practice (approved) of Allah already in the past: no change wilt thou find in the practice (approved) of Allah.”*

Surah 48:23, Victory (Al-Fath)

*“Say: ‘Then bring ye a Book from Allah, which is a better guide than either of them, that I may follow it! (do), if ye are truthful!’”*

Surah 28:49, The Story (Al Qasas)

*“It was We who revealed the law (to Moses): therein was guidance and light. By its standard have been judged the Jews, by the prophets who bowed (as in Islam) to Allah's will, by the rabbis and the doctors of law: for to them was entrusted the protection of Allah's book, and they were witnesses thereto: therefore fear not men, but fear me, and sell not my signs for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) Unbelievers.”*

Surah 5:44, The Table Al-Ma'ida

*“And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah.”*

Surah 5:46, The Table (Al-Ma’ide)

These verses from the Koran showed that the Old and New Testament books were sound, and that in them, salvation is found. They showed that the prophet Jesus upheld the Old Testament and that the New Testament, in which is found the true way, came as a confirmation of the previous holy books. And finally, that the Koran’s purpose was to confirm and protect the Bible.

*“Say: “O People of the Book! ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord.” It is the revelation that cometh to thee from thy Lord, that increaseth in most of them their obstinate rebellion and blasphemy. But sorrow thou not over (these) people without Faith.”*

Surah 5:68, The Table (Al-Ma’ide)

The Koran said to obey and follow the Christian holy books. It considered those who do not obey them to be sinners.

*“Let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah hath revealed therein. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) those who rebel.”*

Surah 5:47, The Table (Ma’ide)

*“O ye who believe! Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and the scripture which He hath sent to His Messenger and the scripture which He sent to those before (him). Any who denieth Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messenger., and the Day of Judgment, hath gone far, far astray.”* Surah 4:136, Women (Al-Nisa)

The Koran clearly stated that one should follow the books contained in the Old and New Testaments and that these books were sound and trustworthy. Moreover, the Koran commanded all believers to believe in the Koran and all the books that came before it, that is, the Old and New Testament books. Here the Old and New Testaments had a clear call to Muslims.

*“These were the men to whom We gave the Book, and authority, and prophethood: if these (their descendants) reject them, Behold! We shall entrust their charge to a new people who reject them not. 90. Those were the (prophets) who received Allah’s guidance: Copy the guidance they received; Say: “No reward for this do I ask of you: This is no less than a message for the nations.”*

Surah 6:89-90, Cattle (Al-An’arn)

I was taken aback by what I had read. Right away I looked at other verses on the subject of the Bible having been changed to see what different things would be said, but they were the same. There had to be a mistake here. The Koran actually was saying that the thought of the Old and New Testament having been changed, an idea prevalent in the Islamic world, was not true and that the opposite was true, that is, that they could never be changed. If the world of Islam’s teaching on this subject were true (that is, that the Bible had been corrupted), and given the fact that such a thing was always being taught in Islamic education, could it mean then that the Koran is wrong? I thought, “God forbid, I knew that this was just not possible. I wondered where this idea could have come from.”

God said, “Nobody can ever change my words,” but people said, “No, it was changed.” This couldn’t be possible. While many verses in the Koran say that the Christian holy books were sound and protected by God, other verses said that these same books had been corrupted. Thus, there was a clear contradiction. Verses that said it had been changed and verses that said it had not been changed were both present in the Koran. It was just not possible for God to make such a contradiction.

For example:

*“It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong).”*

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*miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) Unbelievers."*

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*"Can ye (o ye men of Faith) entertain the hope that they will believe in you?- Seeing that a party of them heard the Word of Allah, and perverted it knowingly after they understood it?"*

Surah 2:75, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

*"Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places, and say: "We hear and we disobey"; and "Hear what is not Heard"; and "Ra'ina"; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to Faith. If only they had said: "What hear and we obey"; and "Do hear"; and "Do look at us"; it would have been better for them, and more proper; but Allah hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe."*

Surah 4:46, Women (Al-Nisa)

Verses like these really grabbed one's attention.

The Koran mentioned that the Jews had tampered with the holy writings. It said that they had particularly done this in recent times against the Muslims. But never once had I come across any expression that said, "The Old and New Testament have been changed."

The verses that contradicted themselves really led to a dead end. Which one was I to believe? That it had been changed or that it had not been changed?

After considering these verses, another question came to mind. "Did the Koran remove and replace the authority of the Old and New Testaments?" Once again, I looked to the Koran on this subject.

*"And believe in what I reveal, confirming the revelation which is with you, and be not the first to reject Faith therein, nor sell My Signs for a small price; and fear Me, and Me alone."*

Surah 2:41, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

*"It is He Who sent down to thee (step by step), in truth, the Book, confirming what went before it; and He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind, and He sent down the criterion (of judgment between right and wrong)."*

Surah 3:3, The Imrans; (Al-Imran)

*"This Qur'an is not such as can be produced by other than Allah. on the contrary it is a confirmation of (revelations) that went before it, and a fuller explanation of the Book - wherein there is no doubt - from the Lord of the worlds."*

Surah 10:37, Jonah (Yunis)

*"To thee We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the scripture that came before it, and guarding it in safety: so judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging from the Truth that hath come to thee. To each among you have we prescribed a law and an open way. If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but (His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah. it is He that will show you the truth of the matters in which ye dispute;"*

Surah 5:48, The Table (Al-Ma'ida)

*"Say: 'O People of the Book! ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord.'" It is the revelation that cometh to thee from thy Lord, that increaseth in most of them their obstinate rebellion and blasphemy. But sorrow thou not over (these) people without Faith."*

Surah 5:68, The Table (Al-Ma'ida)

*"Say: 'Then bring ye a Book from Allah, which is a better guide than either of them, that I may follow it! (do), if ye are truthful!'"*

Surah 28:49, The Story (Qasas)

After reading these verses, I saw that the Koran itself did not remove the authority of the Old and New Testaments that had come before it. I then began to look at the New Testament.

*"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of*

this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”  
Revelation 22:18-19

In light of these verses, why were different things continually being said and written? Time had really flown by as I considered these things, and it was almost morning. Promising myself that after sleeping a bit I would talk about these verses with some people, I went to bed.

After breakfast, I gathered up the Koran and some commentaries and left the house. I decided to go to some publishing companies that published Islamic books. From there, I got some addresses of prominent Islamic scholars. I tried to get in touch with them and that day I got an appointment to meet with one, and I also set up an appointment for the following day with another.

I brought up the topic with the first scholar. He confirmed the verses I mentioned, but he also said that the Jews and Christians had corrupted their own books. However, the other man really confused me with his ideas. In spite of the verses that said the books had been changed and the verses that said the books had not been changed, he just gave lots of examples from various Koranic scholars. I was not satisfied with his response.

The verses that speak of the Old and New Testaments being changed were enumerated in light of the other verses that speak of it not being changed, as follows.

*“Can ye (o ye men of Faith) entertain the hope that they will believe in you?- Seeing that a party of them heard the Word of Allah, and perverted it knowingly after they understood it?”*  
Surah 2:75, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

*“There is among them a section who distort the Book with their tongues: (As they read) you would think it is a part of the Book, but it is no part of the Book; and they say, "That is from Allah," but it is not from Allah. It is they who tell a lie against Allah, and (well) they know it!”*  
Surah 3:78, The Imrans (Al-Imran)

*“Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places, and say: "We hear and we disobey"; and "Hear what is not Heard"; and "Ra'ina"; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to Faith. If only they had said: "What hear and we*

*obey"; and "Do hear"; and "Do look at us"; it would have been better for them, and more proper; but Allah hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe.”*

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I could not stop thinking about these apparent contradictions. If I could not find a solution to these thoughts of mine, I thought I was just going to burst. While the Koran in one of its verses said that these books had not been changed, in another verse, it said that the writings were wrong.

*“None of Our revelations do We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, but We substitute something better or similar: Knowest thou not that Allah Hath power over all things?”*  
Surah 2:106, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

*“We know indeed that they say, "It is a man that teaches him." The tongue of him they wickedly point to is notably foreign, while this is Arabic, pure and clear.”*  
Surah 16:103, The Bee (Al-Nahl)

According to the above verses, some verses from God were considered as still valid while the authority of other verses was removed, that is, no longer valid.

*“Allah doth blot out or confirm what He pleaseth: with Him is the Mother of the Book.”* Surah 13:39, Thunder (Al-Ra'd)

Thus, because the fundamental book was at God's side, he could change it as he willed.

Sometimes God left a verse as it is, and sometimes He erased it and threw it out. Thus, God was both the author and the one who could make Himself known in a way that nullified what was written. But despite these verses, Qaf in the 29th verse, said, *“My word cannot be changed, nor am I unjust to my servants.”* Thus, the exact opposite was being stated in this verse. Which one of these verses was true? I began to ask, *“Can the holy word be changed under the direction of God?”*

Our religion of Islam was purported to be a religion that was tolerant of the whole world. In Abundance (Al-Kafirun) 6, we saw the expression, *“To you belongs your religion, and to me Mine.”*

*“Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.”*

Surah 2:256, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

In Islam there was no force or compulsion, and in the whole Islamic world, words such as “Our religion is a religion of tolerance” were used for propaganda along with the above verses. But these verses contradicted that statement:

*“And slay them wherever ye catch them, and turn them out from where they have Turned you out; for tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter; but fight them not at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there; but if they fight you, slay them. Such is the reward of those who suppress faith.”*

Surah 2:191, The Cow (Al-Baqara)

*“They but wish that ye should reject Faith, as they do, and thus be on the same footing (as they): But take not friends from their ranks until they flee in the way of Allah (From what is forbidden). But if they turn renegades, seize them and slay them wherever ye find them; and (in any case) take no friends or helpers from their ranks;*  
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Surah 4:89, Women (Al-Nisa)

These words really bothered me. How could they talk about tolerance after the two verses above? How could we say to those people who are not of our faith, “You have your faith, I have mine”?

The contradictions were increasing as I continued my search. Wherever I looked, on whatever topic, God always had two different perspective, one positive and one negative. If God removed the authority of his word that was given before and put in its place something new, the Koran was thus a book that could have its authority removed as well as give new authority.

While pondering these things, I was also reading some books on reincarnation. I felt as if I had come to an impasse. However, I knew that I could not find what I was looking for in reincarnation. Reincarnation, that is, getting a new body or coming anew to the world, had seemed interesting to me before, but now seemed like nonsense.

As birth happens only once, so does judgment day. For which body, for which sins that were committed, and for which good things is a person to be judged if he has many lives?

At this time, the newspaper office was calling me often. But I was not responding to them because my spiritual situation was more important than any news that could be written. I didn't answer the phone. If I would happen to run into somebody from the office, I would smooth over my lack of communication with them.

Okay, now, in spite of all these verses, what did the Koran say about the prophet Jesus? Did Jesus really die? Was He crucified?

I was curious about what the Koran had to say about this I went home and once again became engrossed in my books.

These were the verses I came across from the Koran regarding Jesus' death on the cross.

*Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”*

Surah 3:55, The Imrans (Al-Imran)

*“So Peace on him the day he was born, the day that he dies, and the day that he will be raised up to life (again)!”*

Surah 19:15, Mary (Maryam)

*“That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah.:- but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not:- 158. Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise;- 159. And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them;”*

Surah 4:157-159, Women (Al-Nisa)

*“He said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah. He hath given me revelation and made me a prophet; 31. "And He hath made me blessed wheresoever I be, and hath enjoined on me Prayer and Charity as long as I live; 32. "(He) hath made me kind to my mother, and not overbearing or miserable; 33. "So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)"! 34. Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute. 35. It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is.”*

Surah 19:30-35, Mary (Maryam)

I began to think like this:

If the prophet Jesus, without dying, had been taken immediately up into heaven, who was he giving alms to? Even if there were poor Muslims there, was it Jesus who was giving alms to them? If not, if he still was on earth and living, where and to whom was he giving alms?

If I accept that he did not give alms, then I needed to believe that he was not on earth and the he had really died.

I was beginning to go crazy. The longer I searched, the more new things I found, and I was not able to draw any conclusions from the books that I had with me. I thought that the only thing remaining was to talk with my father. He could be very helpful to me in this. Furthermore, it was his area of expertise. He was as knowledgeable as the other religious Islamic scholars and would definitely be of help.

I immediately went to call him. As I began to dial, I saw that it was the middle of the night. Then at the other end of the line, I heard my father answer very sleepily. I told him that I needed to talk with him about something important, either that day or the following day. He asked me what could possibly be so important, and then begrudgingly agreed to meet with me.

I woke in the morning to the persistent ringing of the telephone. When I picked it up, it was my editor, and he was fuming at the other end. He wanted me to write my final article for tomorrow's news. After eating breakfast at home, I got ready and left the house with the purpose of seeing once again some churches and some people that I knew.

First, I stopped by to see the owners of some of the shops at the Grand Bazaar, and after chatting with them a bit, I went to church. The priest, as usual, had finished his morning prayers and was resting. When he saw me, he said, “You must be off work today. Come, let's have some tea together.”

We went to the church's kitchen. After talking about a variety of things, I brought up the subject of the Armenian militant groups that had made the news in recent days. I explained to him the general sentiment that these groups were being financed by the churches and that the support was coming from Turkey. I also told him I was thinking these same things myself. The priest said:

“Such a thing is not possible. You yourself see we have difficulty just covering the basic expenses of the church. Besides, it's not our business to support the work of terrorists. And as for there being a connection between the church and the terrorist group, that is completely wrong. In history, we see that in every religion, including Christianity, there were those people with hidden intents who tried to use religion for their own purposes. And maybe there are those who still do this. But a sincere Christian man or an established church would never get involved in such a thing as groups with destructive purposes. When Jesus died on the cross, He died saying not one mean thing to anyone. On the contrary, Jesus said, whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. How could it be possible that we who follow Him would knowingly support such actions which are harmful to humanity? All of this is just lies.”

While the priest was speaking, I wanted to believe what he said. However, the things that had been explained to me were very different. After talking with the priest a little more, I left. I had to prepare my last article for the newspaper and put an end to this subject.

I returned home wondering how I was going to do this. I prepared some food and sat down to eat. Throughout the meal, I tried to gather my thoughts together. After finishing I went to my desk and finally, I began to write down all the things I had seen and discussed up until that point. But as I was writing, my thoughts began to take on the form of those of a fundamentalist Muslim: these people ought to be punished because they have turned from the right way. While convincing myself of this thought, I continued to write, but in my heart, I began to think that I was doing an injustice.

Up until then I had not once seen anything throughout my investigation of these people that was wrong. On the contrary, I saw that even the book I believed in (the Koran) was not able to fully condemn these people. It said that their holy book had been changed and had not been changed. It said that they had gone astray and had not gone astray. My mind was completely worn out thinking of these things, so I went to bed to get some sleep.

When I awoke, it was almost afternoon. There was still a fear within me. I thought, "What did I do? What am I doing?" I began to think of the things I had done wrong those past few days. I told myself that if I ate something I would be able to think better. I continued to think while eating. Finally, I came to the conclusion that I was writing this article based on gossip and my own judgments. However, those judgments should not be made by me, but by those in the world of Islamics. So, I got myself together and went to my father's house that evening.

I thought of my father while traveling to his house. He had a good Islamic education, but after much investigation of this topic, he came to a crisis in his faith. My father, who before had often read the Koran and never missed his obligatory prayers, became an atheist after this search. He said that he could not get around some of the contradictions that he had found nor could he give logical answers to them.

I took all my notes with me to my father's house. When I arrived, my parents began to ask me why I had not called them for a long time, why did I want to talk on the phone in the middle of the night, and what was going on? After trying to answer their questions and chatting a bit, I said that I wanted to speak privately with my father.

After moving into another room, I explained to my father the subjects I was investigating and my difficulty in making sense of it all. He said, "Okay, now what do you want from me?"

I told him that it would be good if he would explain these things to me. After saying this, I asked his thoughts about whether or not Jesus really had died and I asked about the Trinity. My father replied:

"The good and true religion says, 'Don't argue, or you will fall into doubt in your faith.' As you search out these subject, you will no doubt debate with others. But I don't want you spending too much of your time on this, for in the end, you will end up just like me."

I pleaded with my father to help me. I said that he could explain these things to me in the best way. After much persuasion, he finally agreed to help me. My father said:

"Yes, the verses in the Koran which speak of the Old and New Testaments are true. When we look at some of these verses, we see that the Old and New Testaments have not been changed and that the Koran has not superseded their authority."

"But there are other verses in the Koran which support the concept of these books having been corrupted. It is said that some Jewish leaders have changed the writing of these books. But some Islamic scholars thing very differently on this subject."

"And on the topic of the Trinity, the Koran says that true believers do not make partners out of God, that is, do not commit idolatry by making other things equal to God."

Then he read:

*"And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury): but say, "We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our Allah and your Allah is one; and it is to Him we bow (in Islam)."*

Surah 29:46, The Spider (Al-Ankabut)

And:

*"Not all of them are alike: Of the People of the Book are a portion that stand (For the right): They rehearse the Signs of Allah all night long, and they prostrate themselves in adoration. 114. They believe in Allah and the Last Day; they enjoin what is right, and forbid what is wrong; and they hasten (in emulation) in (all) good works: They are in the ranks of the righteous."*

Surah 3:113-114, The Imrans (Al-Imran)

And my father continued:

"These verses show that Christians believe only in one God. Christians believe in one God, they read the book which is in

their hands and worship with respect. I cannot show you a verse in the Koran which would clearly explain the three personhoods of God as it is expressed in the Christian faith. But here is one of several verses on this topic that I can show you.”

Then he read:

*“O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His apostles. Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah. Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs.”* Surah 4:171, Women (Al-Nisa)

And my father said:

In this verse, we can see God’s essence, God’s word, and God’s spirit. Let me explain this. With regard to the prophet Jesus’ relationship to God’s word:

*“Those apostles We endowed with gifts, some above others: To one of them Allah spoke; others He raised to degrees (of honour); to Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear (Signs), and strengthened him with the holy spirit...”* Surah 2:253, The Cow (Bakara)

And he said, “The exact translation of this spirit is the Holy Spirit.”

Then my father said:

“Now you will want to ask me questions regarding Jesus’ death on the cross, but let me first say that you should not enter too deeply into this debate or else you’ll end up like me, an atheist. But after having been persuaded, I will now explain this to you.”

And he went on to say:

“Even if the Koran says that Jesus never died on the cross and was immediately taken up to heaven, you still have to deal with this verse:”

*“That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah.:- but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not:- 158. Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise;- 159. And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them;”* Surah 4:157-159, Women (Al-Nisa)

And my father continued:

“We can find verses with regard to the prophet Jesus truly having died, as follows. He said:”

*“Behold! Allah said: "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: Then shall ye all return unto me, and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.”* Surah 3:55, The Imrans (Al-Imran)

Then he explained:

“Actually, the Islamic scholars have varying opinions regarding Jesus being taken up into heaven. The word “tawaffaytani,” usually translated as “the one who kills,” was translated as “to raise” by the Islamic scholar Razi. He states that this same word can also mean “to awaken.” If Razi and the other scholars are correct, the prophet Jesus was never going to die in his departure from earth.”

Then my father read:

*“All that is on earth will perish: 27. But will abide (for ever) the Face of thy Lord,- full of Majesty, Bounty and Honour.”* Surah 55:26-27 The Merciful (Al-Rahman)

And:

*“Never said I to them aught except what Thou didst command me to say, to wit, 'worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord'; and I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them; when*

*Thou didst take me up Thou wast the Watcher over them, and Thou art a witness to all things.*

Surah 5, The Table (Al-Ma'ide) 117

And then my father said:

“The scholars fell into disagreement on this topic and ended up in two separate groups. The first group defends their belief that God would have Jesus pass through this event, that he would not allow them to kill him. That is, by raising Jesus to his side in heaven and drawing him unto his presence with the angels, he would protect Jesus by not letting them kill him.”

And he further explained:

“As for the other group, they say that the phrase, ‘I am the one who will have you pass away’ means ‘I am the one who will kill you.’ They say that according to what was put forth by Ibnu Abbas, Ibnu Ishak, and Ham b. Ishak, the Jews who were Jesus’ enemies, were not going to be able to kill the Messiah. God honored him by raising him up into heaven. The scholars in this group fell into disagreement and in the end, divided into three different opinions on this subject as follows.”

1. Muhammed b. Ishak: At the seventh hour the prophet Jesus died. Later God brought about his resurrection and raised him up into heaven.
2. Vehb: Jesus died at the third hour and later was raised up into heaven.
3. Rabi b. Enes: God killed him and then raised him up into heaven.

And then my father concluded:

“And there you have it, son. Some Islamic scholars have fallen into disagreement on this and other subjects. This is all I have to say to you now as your father.”

The things my father explained were enough for me, however, in no way could I satisfy myself. Then my mother came in, and after spending a bit of time with her, I left. Until I arrived home and even until this day, the things I learned were in the forefront of my thoughts. After arriving

home, I went straight into my work room. As soon as I sat down at the desk, I began to pray:

“My God, I believe in your existence and your oneness. Please explain to me the situation that I find myself in these last few weeks. When people explain things to me, they only explain things with their own ideas. You can explain the truth about everything to me and you can even explain your very self to me. I plead with you—show the truth to me.”

After finishing this prayer, I felt a need to look at other books. I had finished my investigation of these subjects with the Koran, but I wondered what the Old and New Testaments had to say. I wanted to look at them one last time. With regard to the trustworthiness of the Old and New Testaments, I read:

*“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.”* Psalm 89:34

*“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* Matthew 24:35

*“If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken.”* John 10:35

*“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* Revelation 22:18-19

And some verses in the Old and New Testaments that speak of the Godhead are:

*“But now, O Lord thou art our father, we are the clay, and thou our potter, and we all are the work of thy hand.”* Isaiah 64:8

*“All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”* Matthew 11:27

*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*  
John 1:14

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”*  
Matthew 28:19

*“For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many).”*  
I Corinthians 8:5

Jesus’ crucifixion on the cross was the main subject of both the Old and New Testaments. And the verse I found most striking:

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*  
John 3:16

I remember that the following day was Saturday, the day of the church meeting. I needed to get some sleep. I had not been able to sleep for a couple of days due to thinking about these things. However, I promised myself that whatever happened, I would solve the problem that night. I understood more or less the dispute between the Koran and the Old and New Testaments. However, one thing needed to happen; I needed to come to a definite conclusion on this matter. My investigation up to that point was not enough for me.

At this point, the most important thing for me was to clearly understand in which prophet salvation was found. I began to think about each of the two prophets: Mohammed and Jesus. Both of them were offering a way. But which way led to the real truth?

*“And certainly We know best those who are most worthy of being burned therein. 71. Not one of you but will pass over it: this is, with thy Lord, a Decree which must be accomplished.”*  
Surah 19:70-71 ,Maryam

And again, in another verse concerning Mohammed:

*“Patiently, then, persevere: for the Promise of Allah is true: and ask forgiveness for thy fault, and celebrate the Praises of thy Lord in the evening and in the morning.”*  
Surah 40:55, The Forgiving One (Ghafir)

This verse shocked me because I had thought that Mohammed was sinless. In this verse, I saw that I was not the only one who sinful, but that even Mohammed needed to repent of his sins. And that no matter what I did, I could not avoid going to hell.

And the New Testament says about Jesus:

*“Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?”*  
John 8:46

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*  
II Corinthians 5:21

*“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.”*  
I Peter 2:22

*“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”*  
I John 3:5

These verses showed that Jesus the prophet was sinless. And what did verses say about me?

*“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”*  
Romans 5:12

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*  
Romans 3:23

At the end of it all, the truth came out, namely, that I too was sinful. God created the first person and put him in the Garden of Eden. And the one main thing this person had to do was worship God. However, he disobeyed the Lord’s command, that is he ate of the fruit of the tree that was forbidden to him. And God broke the covenant that He had made with man because the rebellion of this man became the seed of rebellion of mankind.

At the time of testing, he fell into sin. And also, because Adam and Eve, the first people, fell into sin, God banished them from the Garden of Eden and sent them into the world. And on the face of the earth, the seed of man increased as did sin. However, God had also given promises regarding salvation from sin. The penalty for sin is death. I read:

*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Romans 6:23

Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation that God has provided to take away sins. The prophet Abraham, because of his great love for God and His Word, offered his son, Isaac. And God, in order to save people from the burden of sin, gave His one and only Son Jesus Christ over to death for our salvation, as it was made known beforehand:

*“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”* John 1:29

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* Romans 5:8

*“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, the of the twelve.”* I Corinthians 15:3-5

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”* John 14:6

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16

After looking at these verses, I saw that my salvation was found only in Jesus Christ and that I needed to believe on Him.

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* Ephesians 1:8-9

Thus, I needed to call on Him and believe, for Jesus said:

*“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into them, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* Revelation 3:20

I knelt on the floor and began to pray, “My God, forgive this sinful servant. I need you as my Lord and Savior.”

When I finished my prayer, I suddenly felt relieved. It was as if a large burden was lifted off of me. I had found the true God and my heart was full of joy. Later, I learned that actually it was God Who had found me.

From that moment on, I believed in Jesus. I knew that when some people learned of this, they would talk about my “going astray.” In that case, from which of the varying interpretations of the Koran would my going astray be a result? If there were wrong interpretations being spread, why didn’t someone go out and stop it?

I thought that I needed to get some sleep because the next day I was going to go to the meeting at church. I went into the bedroom and laid down, but I was not able to sleep because of the joy that I felt inside me. In place of the tiredness that I had experienced for months, came a feeling of peace and rest. While thinking of this, I fell asleep.

When I awoke, it was close to noon. I took a shower, and after eating something, I got ready to go to the place of the meeting. Today was my day of celebration. I put on a suit, and after giving myself a good once-over, I began to walk to church. The time for the meeting was approaching.

This was the first time I was going to church wearing a suit and tie. Those who saw me in this way were surprised. They said, “What’s up? Are you coming from someplace special?” I did not say anything to them, but they could see that there was a change in me.

The meeting started and the priest began to speak at the podium. Just as he finished speaking, I raised my hand and said that I would like to say a few things. The priest said okay and called me up to the podium.

This was not the first time I had come to the podium because many times, I had shared verses of the Bible from here. I looked at the crowd for a few seconds and saw that they were waiting for me to share. They had no idea what I was going to say.

I was ashamed to speak. I had misjudged these people. I knew I had to speak and explain everything to them for they had experienced much difficulty and trouble because of me. While looking at everyone on the podium and thinking these things, the priest encouraged me to continue since everyone was waiting for me to talk. I began to explain everything and said:

“As you have all supposed to be true, I am not a salesman, and I did not come from a Christian Armenian family. I am a reporter. I came among you to investigate the illegal Armenian terrorist group ASALA.”

“And throughout the time of my investigation, all of you experienced much distress because of the things that I have written. For months, I have been greatly affected by your attitudes and behavior towards me and others around you. And I realized that the things I felt about Christians from the community that I had grown up in since my childhood were completely wrong.”

“For a long time, I did a comparative study between the Koran and the Bible. I saw just how wrong and unjust my ideas were. During my investigation, I found my true Lord and Savior. Jesus has become my Savior and Lord and I am very happy. I want to ask your forgiveness for the way I treated you all. But without this happening I know that I would not have found my true Savior and salvation.”

Right after saying this, I knelt down behind the podium because I was expecting them to attack and beat me. When I saw from the side of the podium that people were coming toward me, I began to shake. They came, raised me up by my arms, and began to hug and kiss me! They said to me:

“You are our brother and we could never be angry with you. Praise God that the Lord explained Himself to you as the Word of God. You are welcome among us. You were lost and now you are found.”

After I spoke, everyone at the meeting came up to congratulate me...

After I believed in Jesus, my life was completely changed. An extraordinary change occurred in my heart. The foundation of my behavior, thoughts, and speech was changed. After believing in Jesus, my family and close friends saw changes in me in every way.

After I believed in Jesus Christ, I thought everything would go nice and easy for me. But I was still a person living in this world. In His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus defeated Satan. However, Satan continues to attack me to get me to fall into sin. When I began to explain to those around me my new-found faith in Jesus, I felt really alone. Those who

were around me did not approve of this. I tried to explain what happened to me, but in vain. Jesus speaks of this in the Gospels:

*“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.”*  
Matthew 10:38

*“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”*  
John 15:19

Everything Jesus said in the Gospels about what would happen to believers was slowly happening in my life. My friends did not go out with like before, and they began to separate themselves from me.

Jesus cleansed me of all my sins with His blood that was shed on the cross. I was being careful to not fall into sin in such a way that I separated myself from those around me. Jesus also said:

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*  
Matthew 7:13-14.

Truly the ones who find the right way are few, and I, too, had entered into this small group of people. I realize that “truth” is different for everybody. There are hundreds of different claims to truth in this world. However, within the realm of truth, there can be only one basis for truth.

According to this, Jesus Christ is the only way, the truth, and the life that reconciled man to God. The Word of God came to the earth with the purpose of saving His own people that He had created. He died on the cross, and with His resurrection from the dead, He gave new life to those He saved.

My prayer is that my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will bring all people to salvation in Him. May everybody find the truth as I have.