

Video Review: 'Dreams and Visions: Testimonies of People Who'

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Note: See www.dreamsandvisions.com for Arabic description and to download.

This series of testimonies of thirty minutes each recounts five conversions from Islam to Christ that display God's sovereignty in Islamic lands. All the stories at some point involve a dream or vision which God used to draw them to himself. I have watched three of them – the testimonies of an Egyptian, a Turk and an Iranian.

In the past six months, I have shown these three testimonies to approximately twenty different local people. All of them were either believers or seekers and their response was very favourable. The testimony of the Egyptian, Khalil, has been especially well received. It challenges the notion that a Muslim cannot become a Christian or that there are some people who are simply beyond reach.

Khalil's testimony tells the story of a fundamentalist who hates Christians. His Muslim spiritual leader gives him the assignment of reading the Bible for the purpose of writing a book to describe all the errors that are found within it. Initially he is reluctant to do so because of his hatred of Christianity. However, as he begins to read the Bible, he realizes that there are no serious contradictions and he becomes attracted to what he is reading. Khalil finds himself in a serious dilemma as he compares the two religions. Because of his growing doubts in Islam, he runs into trouble with his spiritual leader and is even more confused. One day his Bible gets stolen and he becomes desperate. It is at this point that he has a dream of Jesus speaking to him. In the dream Khalil explains that he loves the *Injil* and Jesus tells him to wake up and open his cabinet. At this point he obeys Jesus and he discovers his Bible where he was told to look. He immediately decides to follow Jesus and searches for some Christians to help him. The testimony ends with another Egyptian giving a simple presentation of the gospel and inviting people to pray with him.

My local friends enjoy this short thirty-minute film for several reasons. First of all, it is very professionally produced. Secondly, it is simply a powerful display of God at work in a very difficult man. It significantly encourages believers and forces seekers to make a decision. I would offer one word of caution though. Most likely I would not use this film with Muslims who are not seekers because they might find it highly offensive in that it portrays Islam quite negatively. However, in recent years I have met a number of individuals who want to hear the direct truth. For these people, this material would be excellent.

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