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## Arab Youth -- Looking for Answers

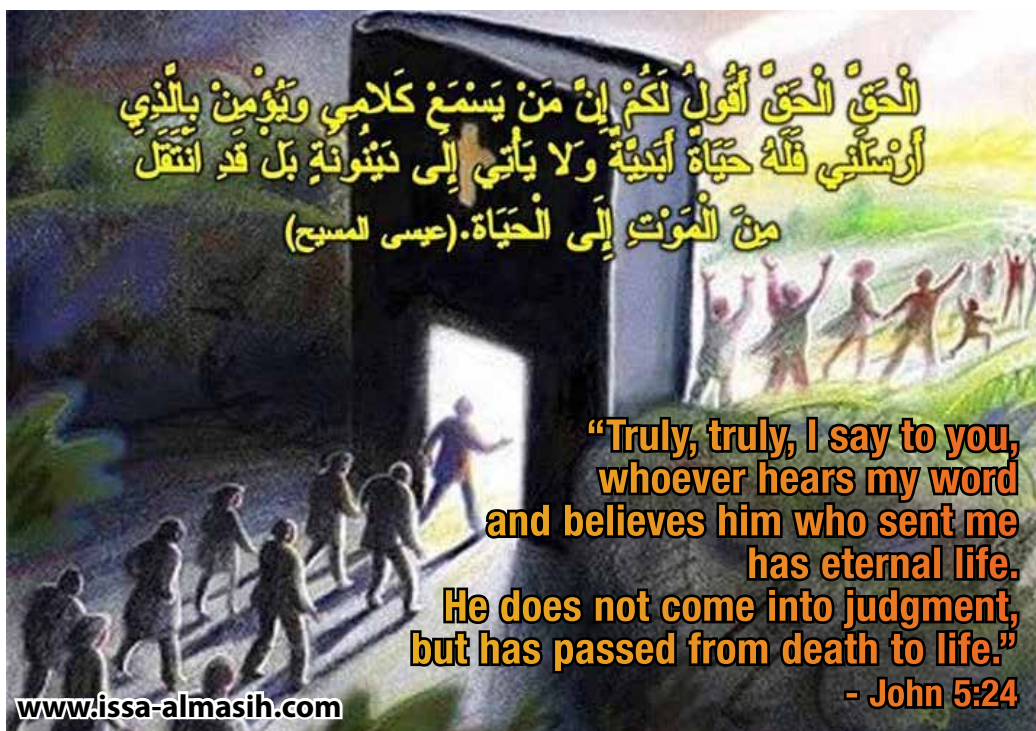
By Pastor Victor Atallah

MERF's Arabic Media Ministries focus on reaching Arab youth. The objective is clear - attract them to Christ. The strategy is to provoke serious thinking and so, carefully challenge the deeply held Islamic world and life view. However, a major complication faces the team. It is the fact that to the Muslim mind, generally, the West represents “Christianity.” Recent social, ethical and religious developments in Western nations, especially about gender, raise serious questions about what “Christianity” truly stands for.

Some influential Islamic writers happily point to modern Western culture to claim that “Christianity” corrupts the morals of individuals and even whole societies, contributing to the destruction of family life. They point to statements adopted by Western church bodies and religious leaders endorsing things such as gay marriage and sex-change surgeries.



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### Church Leaders Rebuked

In this vein, recently, an English bishop claimed that there is a serious problem with Jesus' teaching in the Lord's prayer, because Jesus calls God “Father.” Interestingly, prominent UK Muslim clergymen convincingly responded. In an online interview, one said that the bishop was not a true follower of Christ! He added: “It is my moral duty to tell the truth that Jesus the Christ's teaching is both heavenly and infallible.”

### Christ's Heavenly Teaching

So, there is an intersection with Islamic thinking which provides an excellent starting point to share

the gospel. This is exactly the emphasis of MERF's Arabic media team. All are deeply committed to God's Word and to reaching their neighbours with the gospel. So, every opportunity is used to make clear that today's Western cultures and norms have betrayed their Christian roots. They are ready to “... destroy

arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.” (2 Cor 10:5)

The Arabic team bears witness via three websites and related social media: *Dardasha7.com*, *Issa-almasih.com* and *MERF-Arabiclibrary.com*.

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Dardasha7 presents the gospel in a somewhat indirect fashion. In Arabic, “dardasha” means informal chatting, a conversation. The Dardasha7 website has audio radio programmes, articles and other materials on various topics. It interactively deals with different aspects of life that concern people as a means to introduce the gospel. Subjects

include: faith, doubt, marriage, divorce, family life, education, health, medical care, employment, crime, addiction and more. Visitors are encouraged to express their views, make suggestions or ask questions.

Issa-almasih is more direct. It openly focuses on the life, teaching and redemptive

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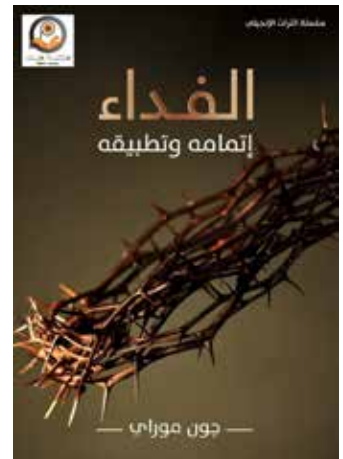
work of Christ. The website includes audio recordings of gospel messages prepared specifically for Muslims. It also has audio recordings of Scriptural passages which focus on sinful man’s desperate need for God’s saving initiative in Christ. It too invites website visitors to interact.

MERF-arabiclibrary provides sound Christian literature freely in digital form. It meets the needs of pastors, evangelists, Sunday school teachers and others who look for biblical, theological and other Christian resources.

**Responses:**

S.E.Z. is a professor of political science in a private university. He says that he became increasingly disenchanted “with all forms of religion.” He especially resents mixing religion with politics. He became attracted to study the life and teaching of Christ in the four gospels. He came to a very firm conclusion about Christ. He wrote: “Christ alone uniquely presents a life-changing alternative to all religion... In fact, Christ challenges and does away with all religions. I am at peace surrendering my life to his leading and I now know that he secures my way to heaven...”

A.A.R. practices law in a major Arab city. He says: “My wife and I were having marriage problems. She took our baby daughter and went to live with the family of her older sister. Some friends and relatives were encouraging me to divorce her or at least marry a second wife as allowed by my



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religion. By coincidence I came across an online radio programme. I was surprised by what it said about God’s plan for marriage in the Christian Scriptures. I had never heard this before. As I learned more from the ‘Injeel’ (New Testament) not just my views, but my whole attitude changed. I decided to meet with my wife to share this with her... Now she too says that she wants to follow Jesus...”

Iman (Arabic for “Faith”) is a university student, of nominal Christian background. She says: “I love the Bible teaching you present. It has taught me what being Christian is all about.”

A 9-minute video presentation on MERF’s Arabic Media Ministries is available online:

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