

*On It's Supernatural:
The blind are seeing...
Can you grab my nose?
Hallelujah!
And the lame are walking...
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*Do angels exist?
Are healing miracles real?
Is there life after death?
Can people get supernatural help from another dimension?
Has the future been written in advance?
Sid Roth has spent 25 years
researching the strange world of the supernatural.
Join Sid on this edition of It's Supernatural.*

Sid: Hello, Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. I wouldn't want it any other way. I love that rarified atmosphere.

My guest, Reza Safa, was a Shiite Muslim, raised in Iran. And I have to tell you, coming from an orthodox Jewish background, I'm so grateful for your book, "Inside Islam", but I want to find out a bit about what your life was like as a young man.

What did you think of God?
What was your prayer life like?
Tell me some of these things.

Reza: I grew up in a very religious and radical home. My father was a Muslim scholar, and ever since I remember my name, my dad used to take me early in the morning, before the sun rose, to get up and do my prayer. I had to learn to pray in Arabic by heart, because Iranians speak Farsi, which is a totally different language.

Sid: So did you understand Arabic?

Reza: I didn't understand, no.

Sid: Same thing with me. I had to learn everything in Hebrew and didn't understand a word of what I was saying.

I mean we are mishpochah, cousins, Arabs and Jews.

Reza: That's right. And so, I prayed these words that I learned by heart, standing towards Mecca, up and down, five times every day.

The toughest one was in the morning, early morning, before the sunrise.

During the month of Ramadan, I had to pray,

I had to fast thirty days

without drinking and eating as long as the sun was up.

Sid: How does a young kid do that?

Reza: It's very tough.

Sid: On Yom Kippur we had to fast, and it was tough for me too.

Reza: I remember in the summertime sometimes, because it's a lunar month that changes every year, and in the summertime 100-plus degree weather, no drinking for eighteen hours.

I would put ice on my head and put a hose,
just connect a hose to the ice and cool my body down.
Thank God I got saved when I went to Sweden
because in the north of Sweden, the sun never goes down.
That's why there are no Muslims there,
because for six months they have no sleep.
Sid: But I have to ask you something.
With me, it was such a heavy-handed thing.
I did it because my parents insisted,
not because I had a great love for God.
That's just me personally, not true of other Jewish people.
How about you?

Reza: My dad had a tremendous love for God,
and he implanted that in my heart ever since I was a little kid,
so there was a craving in my soul to please God.
I would do anything in my power.
I would go at night during the month of mourning,
beat myself with chains, and chant with other kids
in the street just to please God.
I would sometimes travel eighteen hours by train
to go to the shrine of a dead imam, pray for a whole week,
day and night, in order to please God.
And so, I had a tremendous respect and fear.
Of course, Islam is based upon fear,
and I feared God and I wanted to please Him.

Sid: What did you think, if you did at all,
what happened when you died?

Reza: You always hoped.

Islam is based upon good deeds versus bad deeds.

Sid: So is Judaism.

Reza: That's right. All religion, really, in reality,
is based upon your works, so you hope in the end
that God is going to outweigh those good deeds
versus the bad deeds.

And of course, there's never that assurance
or consciousness of eternity in the heart of a Muslim.

Sid: What about God speaking to you?

Reza: Never.

Sid: Was that part of your...

I mean, do Muslims talk about God speaking to them?

Reza: No, God is so far beyond your imagination,
He's so far beyond. The unity of God, the oneness of God,
it teaches that it's beyond man's approach to God.

Sid: Ok, you go to Sweden, you bump into a couple of Christians.
Initially, what did you think of them?

Reza: Well, I was a lonely person there,
and I thought these Christians are very naïve,
very weak looking group of people, so I thought,
you know what, they could help me out;
I could take advantage of them.

Why not? Let's try this out, not recognizing
that God was setting me up for something massive.

Sid: What would you say is the major thing
that impressed you about them?

Reza: The love that they had. I grew up with six sisters.
There are nine of us in the family.

My sisters adored me. I sat on the couch

and they served me foot and leg.
But these Christians had a love
that I had never experienced before.
It was pure, it was raw.
It wasn't for anything else other than love of God.

Sid: Now they gave you,
unlike the Koran which was in Arabic,
they gave you a Bible in your language, the Farsi language.
What did you think of this Bible?

Reza: When I started reading the scripture,
it really fascinated me, because the reading of the Koran
is not in histories, it's all "this verse and that verse",
a lot of confusion reading the Koran.
But the Bible was all stories,
Jesus healing this and healing that.
One thing that fascinated me about Jesus was the healing;
how He healed people.

Sid: I thought we Jews were the only ones
who were fascinated with miracles.
You mean you Arabs are interested too?

Reza: Muslims, there are no miracles.
Actually the Jews came to Mohammed and said
"If you're a prophet of God, Jehovah God,
then perform a miracle." And he couldn't of course.
So in Islam, there are no miracles, so there's a craving
in the heart of men on this planet for the reality of God.
They want to know if God is real.

Sid: So you said a prayer to God
after reading the Bible over and over again.
What was your prayer?

Reza: After six months, I tried to find fault in the scripture,
and I was very confused. Fear began in my heart,
about, if Mohammed was not from God, what will happen?
So one night I prayed. I said "Jesus, are You the Son of God?
Are You what this scripture says You are?
Did You rise from the dead? If so, I don't know.
I grew up in an Islamic society, they told me this is the way.
If You are, show Yourself to me.
If You're alive, You ought to hear this prayer.
And if You'll show yourself to me..."

Sid: That's an honest prayer.

Reza: That's an honest prayer. My heart is, I want God,
whoever that is. I don't know who it is.

I said "If You're real, show Yourself to me
and I'll give You my life."

The following morning about 3 o'clock,
I woke up to do my prayer.

And as I sat on my bed half asleep, I heard the voice of God.
It wasn't an audible voice, it was an internal voice.
And He said, He called my name, He said
"Reza, you don't need to pray like this anymore.
Your sins are forgiven you."

It wasn't so much what I heard,
I felt like somebody put their hand in my gut
and yanked out all that guilt and all that burden
and all that pleasing burden.

Sid: Ah! But what does a family do with a radical Muslim

that believes Jesus is the Messiah?
Don't go away, we'll be right back,
and miracles - I mean amazing miracles will go on.
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This book will help you understand that this is God's
appointed time for Muslims and Jews to know Jesus.

We now return to *It's Supernatural*.

Sid: Hello, Sid Roth here with Reza Safa.
Reza was a Shiite Muslim from Iran,
and he had an encounter with Jesus.
You were telling me that after your encounter,
it wasn't so much you saw Him,
it wasn't so much you heard His voice,
but you experienced His presence.
How did you sleep that next night?
Reza: It's funny what you say,
because every day I missed my prayer,
I had a guilty conscience and I'd do extra prayer.
That morning, for the first time,
I put my head back on that pillow and I slept like a baby.
And the peace that came to my heart,
there's just no way I can describe it.
Sid: Listen, I don't know what happened with you,
but coming from an orthodox Jewish background,
I had that same type of experience.
Right after I became a believer in the Messiah,
a reporter for a major newspaper in Washington D.C.
did a front page story about me,

and I had such trouble with my family.
My traditional orthodox Jewish father, oy vey!
I understand you had the same type.
But one of your sisters came to visit you in Sweden.
Tell me about her.
Reza: Well, my family thought I was mentally crazy.
My father called me, he said...
Sid: You too!
Reza: Actually they tried to put me in a mental hospital
through the embassy. My father called me, he said
"If you were here, I would've killed you with my own hands."
And he disowned me of course, as did the rest of the family.
After four years, my mother and sister
decided to come to see me. They came to Spain;
at that time I was in Spain starting a church among Iranians.
And every day, if my sister touched me,
she would go wash her hands.
Every time she kissed me, she washed her face.
Now I knew what she was doing, because I practiced it myself.
But I confronted her, I said "What are you doing?"
She said "You're unclean."
That same sister came to visit...
Actually she clogged my bathroom that two weeks she
was with me in Spain, because she used so much water.
She came to Turkey a few years ago
when I had a healing service.
She sat in the back of the service;
didn't want to do anything.
And her thumb was broken or she had some problem with it,
and the Lord healed her in the service
without me touching her and praying for her.
After the service, she came and grabbed my hands
and started kissing and rubbing on them.
Muslims, when they go to a shrine,
they always rub their hands on the shrine.
They think the blessing comes by touching,
which is very biblical.
So she started touching me and rubbing her hands on mine
and putting them on her face.
She said "Blessing's coming out of you."
Her son accepted the Lord the last March in Dubai.
Sid: The same thing happened with my family.
My mother was physically healed,
and then she became a believer in the Messiah.
We Jewish people and our cousins, the Arabs,
need signs and wonders.
Reza: Exactly.
Sid: You recently got back from India,
and there was a major eruption of miracles.
And these were what I call,
not just simple little miracles,
these were what are called messianic miracles -
when someone blind can see,
when someone lame can walk.
Let's go to a clip of a lame person being healed.
I love the power of God!
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Sid: Now if you thought that was something,
let's take a look at some blind people being healed.

Reza: If you look at her eyes,
you can see that this woman was blind.
Totally blind in both of her eyes.
How many fingers do I have? Five.
How many now? One. How many now? Two.
How many now? Three.
Can you grab my nose?
Hallelujah!

And he was blind in both of his eyes?
Both of his eyes? Touch my face again. Touch my face.
Touch my nose. Touch my nose again.
Hallelujah. How many years were you blind?
For a month. Everybody raise your hand and thank Jesus.

Sid: Sid Roth here with Reza Safa,
and what you're seeing is messianic miracles.
When you see a messianic miracle,
it's because the Messiah is here.

Now Reza, I am so amazed at what you're telling me
is going on in Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan.
Literally, are there many Muslims, many Shiite Muslims,
that are turning to Jesus?

Reza: According to Joel Rosenberg,
over a million Iranians have come to Christ
over the last three years through satellite TV.
We've been broadcasting for four years on satellite TV.
Last year we became full-time broadcast, 24/7,
and we get about 300 calls every week
that people come to Christ - Muslims.
These are all kinds of people: judges, lawyers,
all kind of radical Muslims.

Sid: Tell me about that one person
that his wife became a believer in the Messiah
and she fell into adultery with her teacher,
and he wanted to kill her teacher. Tell me about that.

Reza: The Lord is appearing to many,
and many signs and wonders are taking place.
This man, his wife accepted the Lord,
but she fell into adultery, and he was Muslim.
So one night he decides to kill this man
that committed adultery with his wife,
and now they're separated.

So he goes and buys a gun, and he prays.
He says "Jesus, are You real?
If You're real, You ought to stop me,
because tomorrow, I'm killing this man."
Three o'clock in the morning, somebody taps him
on his shoulder, he's asleep in his bed,
he says "Get up and go watch TV."
He thinks it's his brother. He tells him
"Go home, it's 3 o'clock in the morning."
The man again taps him on the shoulder.
He gets up and he walks into his living room,
all the lights are on, the TV is on.
He looks around, he thought it was his brother,

but it wasn't his brother. Nobody was there.
So he's sitting there watching TV
and he sees the Jesus movie,
and Jesus is talking about vengeance;
what vengeance does to people.
So he recognizes that this was God speaking to him.
Fear gets a hold of him, and he gets on his knees and repents.
The following day or so, he watches our program
and accepts Jesus. He just called me about a month ago
and said "Pastor, I want to become a servant of Jesus.
I've forgiven my wife..."
Sid: Only God can do something like that,
but this is just a tiny bit of so many former Muslims
who are turning to Jesus right now.
Why? Because this is God's time for Jews and Arabs
to become one in the Messiah,
to take the miracle power of God...
What's going to happen when we come back
and you pray for people?
When a Jew and a former Muslim pray for people,
what's going to happen in Jesus' name?
Reza: I believe God's going to touch them.
Sid: Don't you dare go away! We'll be right back.
We'll be right back to It's Supernatural.

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Reza comes from a Shiite Muslim background.
I come from an orthodox Jewish background,
but we're brothers in the Messiah.
Now when your television program,
and we happen to be on your network, It's Supernatural,
appears in the Middle East,
you talk about God's love for Israel.
When it goes into Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan,
what response do you get from the people watching there?
Because they've been taught their whole life
what the Koran says about the Jew.
Reza: Last year, Sid, the Lord told me
"Reza, teach about Israel."
I said "Lord, I've already got enough threat on my life,
You're adding to that fire."
So I started teaching about Abraham,
God's covenant with Abraham and the Jewish people,
and we receive thousands of calls from Iranians
who said "Pastor, we didn't know Jews are God's people,

and we're praying now for the peace of Jerusalem."
And of course, I received a call from the Iranian government.
They said "We'll give you any amount of money
if you stop teaching about Israel."

I knew I'm touching a nerve when that happened,
and God has been blessing us tremendously
as a result of that.

Sid: You told me that God showed you that there is
an idol in the White House that is causing a curse
under President Bush's administration.

Tell me about that.

Or it would be any President that goes into the White House.

Reza: Sid, for the past few years President Bush has
been breaking Ramadan fast with a Muslim in the White House.
Last year, he added a Koran to the library of the White House.

When he did that, the Lord spoke to me and said
"Because of what he has done, he has opened the gates
for the spirit of Islam to invade this land."

After that, we had a congressman who became
a Muslim congressman from Minnesota who became elected.

And many other Islamic movements are growing
faster than ever before in this land.

The church must realize that this enemy is rising up,
and there is no standard, politically, against it.

The church and our prayer is the only way.

As a matter of fact, the Islamic community of Tulsa
are bringing one of the top scholars of the Islamic
community in Canada to debate me,
because "this man puts the Bible on TV."

Jamal Bedawi, on the 25th of January,
we're having a debate about this matter.

Sid: Now why is it that there are so many universities
in the United States that are having schools of Islam?

That are building big buildings on their universities
to teach Islam?

Reza: Actually, the Bush administration,
they allowed the wahabi movement in Saudi Arabia,
to appease the Islamic community around the world,
our President has allowed the wahabi movement,
which is one of the most radical movements on this planet,
to establish their theological school
all over the United States Of America.

And you'll be shocked how much Islam is growing
in our campuses all around this land.

Sid: Now I must ask you one question.

Our President says that Islam is a peace-loving religion.

If someone says his prayers every day,
reads the Koran and understands what it says,
could this be a peace-loving religion?

Reza: It's far from the truth, Sid.

If you study the Koran, the history of Mohammed,
the history of Islam, you'll see that Islam has blood
on every page of it's history and it's teaching.

I am well versed in the teaching of Islam.

Islam carries the spirit of violence;

it's the very initiative that spread Islam.

Mohammed preached peace for twelve years in Mecca,

he had 300 converts. But when the sword came,
when the revelation of sword came in Medina,
that changed the entire history of that religion.
The entire of Saudi Arabia became Islamic,
the Arabian Peninsula, and there was not a single Jew or
Christian by the time Mohammed died, in the Arabian Peninsula.

Sid: So we might say a nominal Muslim would be
peace-loving, but a normal Muslim that follows the Koran,
could not. Is that fair?

Reza: Exactly.

Sid: Ok. I want you to see the contrast
between the Messiah and Islam.

I would like for you to look in the camera
and pray for people to be physically healed.
And I hear bones just cracking into place right now!

Reza: You know, Jesus Christ of Nazareth
is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
If you are a Christian, every time you ask someone else
to pray for your healing, you're repudiating your righteousness.
In other words, you're denying your right of getting it
yourself, because Jesus has already provided for you.
But those of you who are not a believer,
this prayer is for you.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
All you have to do is put a simple trust
in that which Jesus has provided for you.
Father, in Jesus' wonderful and holy and precious name,
Lord, I pray that, by the power of Your mighty name,
that same name that opened blind eyes in India
and made the lame walk again,
Lord, I speak Your healing strength
to everyone who watches this program,
in Jesus' wonderful and holy and precious name.
And Lord, we give You all the glory and all the praise
and all the honor, for all that You have done for us.
In Jesus' holy and precious name we pray, amen.

Sid: Reza, tell me the prayer that you prayed
to come to know the Messiah. What was it exactly?

Reza: I just said "Lord, if You're real,
show Yourself to me."

Sid: He said "Lord, if You're real, show me. Show me."
Is that fair? Is that honest? Is that sincere?
You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.
You know what I did?

I had a real encounter with the Devil,
and I prayed, Reza, I prayed a two word prayer:
"Jesus, help!" That was my prayer.
You see, the prophet Jeremiah says
"In the day that you seek God with all of your heart,
in that day He'll be found."
Now it's not an issue of
"what will the religion I've been taught my whole life,
what will people think?",
it's an issue of "what does God think?"
It's an issue of truth. It's an issue of forever.
And forever, as the song goes, is a long, long time.
If you know God in this life, you will have shalom,

you will have peace that flows like a river.
And some of you are experiencing,
the best way I can describe it is God's presence
coming upon you right now, flowing like a river.
Pray an honest prayer,
just kind of repeat it after me, and do it out loud,
and believe it to the best of your ability.
Say "Dear God, show me the truth,
and I promise to follow this truth, wherever it takes me."
If you'll just take that baby step, that's all God is saying.
He's done it all. He sent His Son who died for you,
and every bad thing you ever did was put upon Him.
Just like the Talmud says "Without the shedding of blood,
there's no forgiveness of sin",
just like the torah says "I've given the blood upon the alter
as atonement for sin",
it is the blood that makes the covering for your sin.
Believe that the blood of Jesus
washed away every sin you've committed,
and that you're open to the presence of God,
and become a tabernacle of the presence of the living God.
There is nothing, nothing this world has to offer to compare.
Jesus, help. That's the prayer.

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