life. I, a useless sinner, have believed in His beloved person and all His words and miracles recorded in the Gospel, and have committed my life into His hands. Life for me is an opportunity to serve Him, and death is a better opportunity to be with Christ. Therefore I am not only satisfied to be in prison for the honour of His Holy Name, but am ready to give Lord and enter His kingdom sooner, the place where the elect of God enter everlasting life, but the wicked eternal damnation.

"May the shadow of God's kindness and His hand of blessing and healing be upon you and remain ever. Amen.

"With respect, Your Christian prisoner, *Mehdi Dibaj* 

We hope you have enjoyed reading this message. If you would like to receive one of our other publications, perhaps you would like to contact us concerning your answers to the questions on the back cover. We would be happy to send you another one of our publications,:

- ♦ A Testimony to the Truth of the Holy Writings
- Destination Unknown
- Purpose and Aim
- ♦ The Finger of God
- ♦ The Strongest Challenge Islam?

# Some questions we would like to ask you:

- 1) What does it mean to you when you say "I am a Christian"? (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- 2) A Christian is a "fully surrendered follower" of Christ. Since you received Christ, have you surrendered yourself to him? (1 Peter 3:15a; Romans 12:1)
- 3) People choose their religion; a Christian is chosen by his Lord. Do you follow man's opinion rather than God's way? (Acts 4:19; Isaiah 53:1)
- 4) How do you react to God's testing in your life? (Hebrews 11:17; 12:4.11)
- 5) Have you really counted the cost of following Christ? (Philippians 1:21; John 12: 24-25)

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A Former Muslim Testifies

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in the Islamic Republic of Iran awaiting execution. Soon after his release we got news about his brutal murder in Tehran. These thoughts from his final testament given in a public hearing before the court,



are a challenge to all of us to take a courageous stand for our Lord who never fails those who serve him.

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Food for Thought

# A Martyr's Testimony

#### Here are Mehdi Dibaj's words:

## Escape corruption ...

"I am a Christian, a sinner who believes Jesus has died for my sins on the cross and, by His resurrection and victory over death, has made me righteous in the presence of the Holy God. The true God speaks about this fact in His Holy Word, the Gospel. Jesus means Saviour, 'because He will save His people from their sins'. Jesus paid the penalty of our sins by His own blood and gave us a new life so that we can live for the glory of God by the help of the Holy Spirit and be like a dam against corruption; be a channel of blessing and healing; and be protected by the love of God.

# Even if they kill my body ...

"In response to this kindness, He has asked me to deny myself and be His fully surrendered follower; and not fear people, even if they kill my body, but rather rely on the creator of life who has crowned me with the crown of mercy and compassion, and who is the great protector of His beloved ones and their great reward.

# J had no religion ...

"They say, 'You were a Muslim and you have become a Christian.' No, for many years I had no religion. After searching

and studying I accepted God's call and I believed in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to receive eternal life. People choose their religion. but a Christian is chosen by Christ. He says, 'You have not chosen me but I have chosen vou.' From when? Before the foundation of the world. People say, 'You were a Muslim from your birth.' God says, 'You were a Christian from the beginning.' He states that He chose us thousands of years ago, even before the creation of the universe, so that through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ we may be His! A Christian means one who belongs to Jesus Christ. They tell me 'Return!' but, from the arms of my God, to whom can I return? Is it right to accept what people are saving instead of obeying the Word of God? It is now 45 years that I am walking with the God of miracles, and His kindness upon me is like a shadow and I owe Him much for His Fatherly love and concern. The love of Jesus has filled all my being and I feel the warmth of His love in every part of my body.

# Nine years in prison ...

"God, who is my glory and honour and protector, has put His seal of approval upon me through His unsparing blessings and miracles.

This test of faith is a clear example. The good and kind God reproves and punishes all those whom He loves. He tests them in preparation for heaven.

The God of Daniel, who protected his friends in the fiery furnace, has protected me for nine years in prison and all the bad things have turned out for our good and gain, so much so that I am filled to overflowing with joy and thankfulness.

The God of Job has tested my faith and

commitment in order to strengthen my patience and faithfulness. During those nine years He has freed me from all my responsibilities so that under the protection of His blessed Name I would spend my time in prayer and study of His Word, with heart searching and brokenness, and grow in the knowledge of my Lord. I praise the Lord for this unique opportunity. 'You gave me space in my confinement, my difficult hardships brought healing and your kindnesses revived me.' Oh, what great blessings God has in store for those who fear Him!

# J cannot keep silent ...

"They object to my evangelizing. But 'If you find a blind person near a well and keep silent then you have sinned' (a Persian poem). It is our religious duty, as long as the door of God's mercy is open, to convince evil-doers to turn from their sinful ways and find refuge in Him in order to be saved from the wrath of a Righteous God and from the coming dreadful punishment.

## My life in His hands ...

"Jesus Christ says, 'I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved'; 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'.

'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.'

Among the prophets of God, only Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and He is our living intercessor for ever.

He is our Saviour and He is the Son of God. To know Him means to know eternal