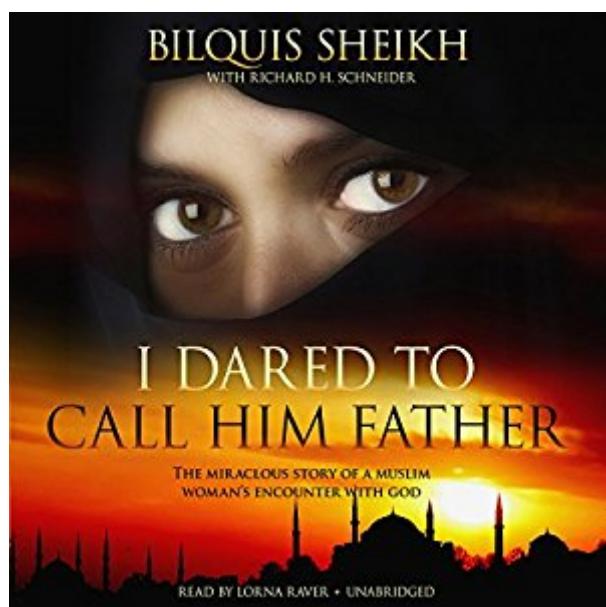


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# I Dared To Call Him Father: The Miraculous Story Of A Muslim Woman's Encounter With God



## **Synopsis**

How do I give myself to God completely? What happens when I do? This is a book for everyone who has ever asked these questions. *I Dared to Call Him Father* is the fascinating true story of Bilquis Sheikh, a prominent Muslim woman in Pakistan who faced these questions at the crossroads of her life and found the astonishing answers. Her unusual journey to a personal relationship with God turned her world upside down - and put her life in danger - as a series of strange dreams launched her on a quest that would forever consume her heart, mind, and soul. Originally published in 1978, the book has sold 300,000 copies and is a classic in Muslim evangelism. Bilquis Sheikh came from a family in Pakistan that held government power for seven hundred years. She was also the wife of a high ranking government official in Pakistan. She gave her life to Jesus Christ in 1966. In 1972, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, she resettled in the United States, where she spoke widely and shared her faith with many. Years later she returned to Pakistan, where she died in 1997. She was given a Christian funeral.

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## **Customer Reviews**

...after reading this Muslim lady's conversion story and her walk with Jesus, I can write a book myself about how jealous I am with her relationship with the LORD. In a way I can relate to her and her relationship with her family after she became Christian. I've been highlighting this book all over. I've been saying out loud to myself: "Wow, I want that". Besides being jealous of her I didn't want the book to end. When I was reading it however, I couldn't put it down -LOL- I mean she would

literally talk and walk with JESUS. Sometimes I'm glad I'm alone because He and I will have conversations going - LOL- so I can see that with her. The decisions she'd make they were because that's what He told her and she just so happened to find them in the Bible!!! Like her Christmas list for example!! Or He'd show her through a dream what would happen about an event later on, or warn her about her safety!!! And if it wasn't the Bible she got the message from, then it was through HIS Presence, and with my eyes as big as silver dollars, again I find me saying "aaaah, that's what I want not only sometimes but 24/7." I. Can't. WAIT to meet her and the rest of my Middle Eastern family. The book ends with notes and more details from the missionaries who took her under their wings. And there I read the difference between the East and the West. They'll be late to go to wedding in order to honor and visit with an unexpected person who just happened to be in the hood and wanted to stop by and say "hello". And while I'm highlighting I say to myself "I know it, and I miss that relationship with friends and neighbors in this country. We used to drop in to people's homes unexpectedly, or people would come to our home unexpectedly and in both cases we'd drink coffee, but that's non-existent anymore in the States :( like I said, I can write a book about this book and how much it inspired me. LOL

Bilquis' story of her search for God and the way He found her shows the depths of his love for lost sinners and the powerful way he draws men to him. As the story unfolds, you can see how God is working out everything in the background, through dreams, events, chance encounters and situations to orchestrate the salvation of her soul. This is especially revealed in the Afterword written by Synove Mitchell, the missionary that Bilquis' first consulted, the despair that was going on in her spiritual life at the time, and her fervent prayers to God to show her meaning in her ministry. After her conversion, Bilquis learns to walk with God, to feel for his Presence and to follow his leading. This part is very humbling for me because I have not yet learned to walk as Bilquis has, perhaps because I have too much material, Bible study notes, commentaries, preaching, programs, that I have not learned to lean solely on God, and what he wants me to do. I pray that I can develop the sensitivity that Bilquis has, about moving in his will, staying in his presence and his fellowship and then obey. Even though she was shunned by her family, threatened by the villagers, and almost had her house burned down, Bilquis learned to trust only in God and his timing. She was bold in her witness, she did what God told her to do, and was used by him to bring other villagers to Christ. Bilquis also recounts times when she grieved the Spirit, when she let her old self get in the way, and her immediate sense of being further away from God. Servants and neighbors observed the changes that God made in Bilquis' life after her salvation. Whereas before, she was imperious,

prideful, and hard to please. She became gentle, gracious, and giving. After years of observing her, her Muslim servant received Jesus as Saviour because she too wanted to know God, and asked Jesus to come into her heart. They both "have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:3) So it can be for you too, if you want to taste of the heavenly gift, then just ask God to show Himself to you. While visiting a hospital, she met a doctor who told her "there is only one way to find out why you feel this way. And that is to find out for yourself, strange as that may seem. Why don't you pray to the God you're searching for? Ask Him to show you His way. Talk to Him as if He is your friend.... Talk to Him as if He were your father."

Bilquis Sheikh is a brave woman who went against all the odds and because she trusted in GOD, she was able to overcome hundreds of years of entrenched islamic ignorance. Bilquis Sheikh was taught from birth the lie of islam and would have died and gone to hell had our Lord JESUS CHRIST not come knocking on her door with the truth of the Gospel. Bilquis Sheikh fought GOD at first not wanting to leave the clutches of Islam. It wasn't until GOD began to knock harder on Bilquis Sheikh 's heart that she began to listen. When Bilquis Sheikh did listen she was given a jewel of unmatchable price in exchange for the gutter rags of islam. I cannot recommend highly enough that you should rush to purchase this book and read it. JESUS CHRIST is the Divine Son of Almighty GOD and only through JESUS CHRIST can you be saved and enter the kingdom of GOD.

I can't begin to express how touched I was by Bilquis' story of her conversion from Islam to Christianity. I was amazed and in awe of the courage it took for her to stand against her family and neighbors and community--the constant threat to her life was a real and present one--but I was even more deeply touched by the relationship she developed with Jesus through it all. I live my life in faith of God's promises of protection, but Bilquis took that faith to an entirely new level, literally putting her life in the hands of her Lord. The visions He gave her throughout her life lifted my faith and reminded me that, purely and simply, HE LOVES US! And He will pursue us in ways we cannot even imagine. I was sad to learn at the end of the book that Bilquis is no longer with us, but so happy to know that she is with Jesus, her Lord, her love.

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