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Dear Praying Friends,

Mr. Ali (from Sudan) and I had our first "official" one-on-one Bible study this past Friday. It was very enjoyable for me as he asked very intelligent, thought-out, sincere (and difficult) questions about which we had a two-way conversation. At the end of 2 hours he expressed great dismay at the passage of time, great appreciation for the opportunity to meet like this, and asked if we can make it a regular commitment.

He asked me a question for which ONLY God truly knows the answer, but made me realize that it will surely take the Holy Spirit opening his eyes for him to truly "see".

He claims to sincerely want to know the one true God and the Truth that God would want to reveal to him. He claims that he has spend many of his 63 years studying, seeking, interviewing, contemplating, thinking, comparing, watching, and listening. (Some of that time was in prison where he had much time to consider such things). Yet, in all the time and energy and sincerity he has invested, and with all the strong articulate believers (of various religions, including Christianity) with whom he has interacted, he is only more confused than ever. He has asked God repeatedly to show him the true way (he claims that he asks Him this every day). He has read the Old Testament, the New Testament, and many books about Christianity

(including Josh McDowell books). He has looked at the distinctions and similarities of major world religions, seeing the good and the confusion in each of them. He claims to be placing no restrictions or boundaries on HOW God reveals Truth to him, but he remains "in the dark".

So his question is: "Why has God not shown me? Maybe He wants me to remain this way?"

Of course we talked about many things, including the various ways that may have been trying to show him, or the way that we sometimes think our heart is sincere but we don't want to accept what we hear, the evidence for the resurrection, etc., etc., etc.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to intercede on his behalf.

Grateful,

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