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At some point in your life, you should pick up a copy of the Quran and read it. Whether or not you have pre-conceived notions about Islam or what Muslims are about, you should realize that this book, unlike any other book, is a communique from your Creator to you. It is your duty to read it and ponder over the meanings as Dirk Mosig -a staunch Roman Catholic- did. He travelled from Germany to Spain to Argentina and came full circle when he found Islam in the form of a Spanish Quran.

How was I introduced to Islam?

I was born in a German Christian family during the most ferocious part of World War II, in Berlin, in 1943. My family moved first to Spain, during the same year, and later, in 1948, to Argentina. There I stayed for 15 years. I attended my grade and high school at the Roman Catholic "La Salle" school, in Cordoba, Argentina.

As was to be expected, very soon I became a fervent Catholic. I was lectured daily for over an hour on Catholic religion and I often attended religious services. At twelve, my dream was to become a Roman Catholic priest. I was completely committed to the Christian faith.

God observed my folly, and one memorable day, nearly seven years ago, He permitted that a copy of the Spanish translation of the Noble Qur'an should reach my hands. My father did not object my reading it, as he supposed that it would only contribute to give me a broader background, and nothing else. He was far from guessing the effect the Words of God were going to exert on my mind.

As I opened the Noble Book, I was a fanatic Roman Catholic; as I closed it, I was completely committed to Islam.

Obviously, my opinion of Islam was not a favorable one before I read the Noble Qur'an. I took the Noble Book with curiosity, and opened it with scorn, expecting to find in it horrible errors, blasphemies, superstitions and

contradictions, I was biased, but I was also very young and my heart had no time to harden completely yet. I went through the Surah (chapters) reluctantly at the beginning, eagerly then, and finally with a desperate thirst for Truth. Then, in the greatest moment of my life, God gave me His guidance and led me from superstition to Truth, from darkness to Light, from Christianity to Islam.

In the blessed pages of the Noble Qur'an, I found solutions to all my problems, satisfaction to all my needs, explication for all my doubts. God attracted me to His Light with irresistible strength, and I gladly yielded to Him. Everything seemed clear now, everything made sense to me, and I began to understand myself, the universe and God.

I was bitterly aware that I had been deceived by my dearest teachers, and that their words were only cruel lies, whether they were aware of it or not. My whole world was shattered in one instant; all concepts had to be revised. But the bitterness in my heart was amply superseded by the ineffable joy of having found my *Rabb* (Lord, Creator, Provider) at last, and I was filled with life and gratitude to Him. I still humbly praise and bless Him for His Mercy with me; without His help, I would have remained in darkness and stupidity forever.

Swelled with joy and enthusiasm, I hurried to communicate my findings to other people, to my parents, to my schoolmates, to my instructors. I wanted everybody to know the Truth, to be free of ignorance and prejudice, to feel the joy I felt. I met a fortress surrounding them, a thick wall separating them from the Truth. And I was not able to remove that rampart, because it was in their hearts, harder than stone. I was received with scorn and persecution, unable to understand the blindness of my persecutors. I learned that only God can give Light.

The more I learned, the more I felt compelled to express my gratitude to God for having led me to Islam, the Ideal Religion.

I have read sacred Scriptures of every religion; nowhere have I found what I encountered in Islam: perfection. The Noble Qur'an, compared to any other Scripture I have read, is like the light of the sun compared to that of a match. I firmly believe that anybody who reads the Word of God with a mind that is not completely closed to Truth, will become a Muslim, if God pleases. He will also travel from darkness to Light.

May God grant His Guidance to all the sincere seekers of Truth. The arms of Islam are open to receive them in the heart of a community called by God Himself: "the best people that were ever raised for the benefit of mankind."

Praise is to God, the Lord of the universe!