

Unshackled & Growing

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Muslims and Christians on the Journey to Freedom

Like Mahatma Gandhi, are you attracted to Christ but not to Christianity? Would you like to know more about Christ? Do you share the famous Muslim mystic Rabi'a Al Adawiya's genuine desire to be close to God? If so, the book *Unshackled & Growing: Muslims and Christians on the Journey to Freedom*, is written for you. Written by Dr. Nabeel Jabbour, the book contains three parts:

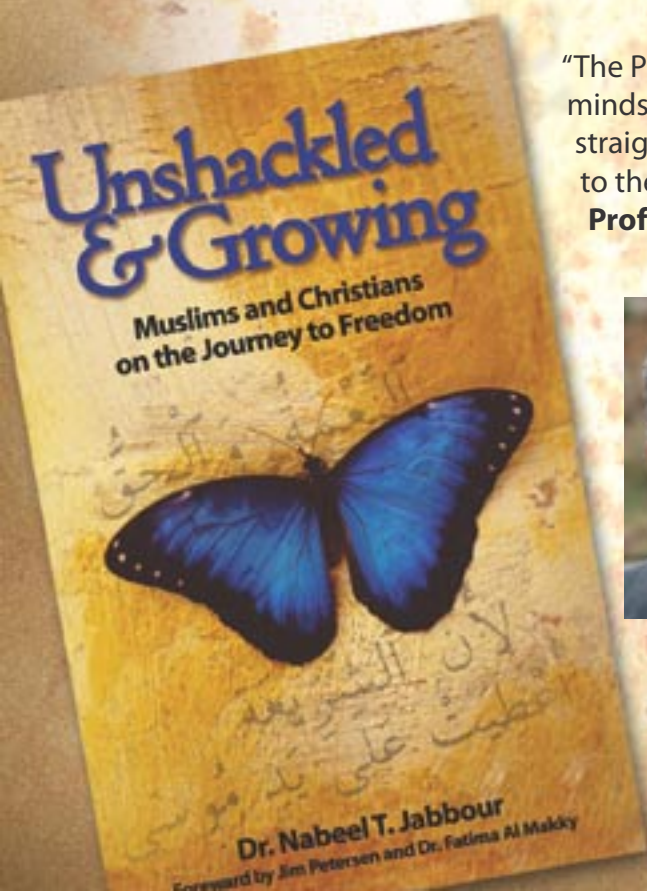
- ✦ Part I is for Muslims who are interested in knowing more about Jesus. It will answer many of your questions, while presenting truth and grace in a way that is sensitive to your Muslim background.
- ✦ Part II contains the absolute essentials for moving forward on the Straight Road with Jesus Christ. It can be used individually but is also designed for use by a small group.
- ✦ Part III is a manual for building godly habits, not as duty (*fard*) but out of love for God.

"The Picture of Jesus (*Isa*) in the Qur'an often raises many questions in the minds of Muslims. This unique and valuable book explains in simple and straightforward language how curiosity can lead to genuine attraction to the man Jesus and then to personal trust." —**Colin Chapman, Professor and Author**



Dr. Nabeel Jabbour was born in Syria and grew up in Lebanon. He lived with his family in Egypt for 15 years, where he learned to stand in the shoes of Muslims and see Islam from their point of view. He is the author of *The Rumbling Volcano*, *The Unseen Reality*, and three books in Arabic. Living in Colorado since 1991, Dr. Jabbour is a professor and a frequent lecturer at churches and seminaries, where he helps Western Christians come to an objective and compassionate understanding of Islam and Muslims.

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Testimonies from readers of *Unshackled & Growing: Muslims and Christians on the Journey to Freedom*

"Muslim readers seeking to further their knowledge about Jesus Christ (*Isa Al Masih*) have rarely felt at home in most of the Christian books written about the topic. For them those books failed to address one crucial issue: Identity! *Unshackled & Growing* is not just about the life and message of Jesus Christ, but one that insightfully addresses Muslim identity. It shows Muslims the truth about Jesus Christ without estranging them from their cultural context. I passionately recommend it to every Muslim seeking the true path of *Isa*."

—**Dr. Norddine Al Arabi, Professor and Author**

"I come from a Muslim background, and I have struggled on my journey as I studied philosophy until I earned my Ph.D. As I dared to address tough questions I ended up becoming an atheist. Then I started a *journey to freedom* that brought me back to God as I sought the path of Jesus. I had the impression that God was very distant and did not love me personally. I also had the impression that to follow the path of Jesus meant that I should become a photocopy of the Arab Christians. During that time Dr. Jabbour wrote to me and asked me to review the book *Unshackled & Growing* for him. God used that book in my life in a deep way. Here is an excerpt of what I wrote to Dr. Jabbour.

"Words cannot begin to describe the blessings I was covered with during the reading of your book. It came at this time in my life to assure me that we are worshiping a living God and He will never forsake us. I believe now that He, the almighty God Himself, is looking after me. I love the Arabic translation to this phrase '*aieny 'alaiki* ("I am watching over you"). He is not glancing at me. He is looking after me.

"I remember when I first started being discipled by a Christian woman, I told her: 'I can study the four gospels with you, but please not the Old Testament, nor the book of Acts, and most definitely not the Epistles. The Old Testament reminds me of the strict law. The book of Acts doesn't minister to me, and I don't care who went where and did what. As for the Epistles, I do not want to even go there. These are just letters that are limited to a historical time and place, and they do not apply to me anyway.' The Christian lady was very patient with me and continued to disciple me... Months went by and that lady traveled to another country. I found myself beside my bed one night asking God, 'Was it a dream? What is next? What am I supposed to do now? Why are you leaving me in the middle of the ocean when I don't know how to swim alone?' He answered me through your book saying: 'Fatima, you are unshackled now. Get up and walk, it's that easy. Follow ME.'

"I confess to you that I had to put the book down so many times while reading it to catch my breath. I sobbed so many times. I cried. I laughed. I felt the Lord hugging me and rocking me back and forth with my head on his chest saying, 'Yes, my child. I love you that much. Do not worry. You will never be alone again. I will always be here for you.'

"I sensed God was telling me 'Fatima, I love you for who you are. You are not a cheater when you say *Alhamdu Lilaah* instead of saying *Noshkor al Rab* when you want to thank me. You can still say *bismillaah rahman rahim* when you start your car in the morning. I AM still the same yesterday, today and forever. You do not have to change your language around Christians. I love you, Fatima Al Makky, for who you are. If I wanted another copy of the Christians, I would have created you in a Christian family. Relax my child.'

"Do you believe it Dr. Jabbour? I slept for a whole two days afterward."

—**Dr. Fatima Al Makky**