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that it is impossible to reason with natural forces such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornadoes. On the other hand, human beings can reason with other personal beings. We can beg personal deities for benevolence and favor, including protection from the forces we cannot control. Thus, Freud asserted, humanity made natural events personal in order to avoid them. We invented a god of thunder, a god of tornadoes, and so on in order to reduce our fear of being destroyed by them. By worshiping these gods, we came to expect favor from these deities, and thus our fears of nature were assuaged. In time, said Freud, this polytheism evolved into monotheism, which allows us to focus on placating one supreme being instead of several different gods.

Indeed, we fear the awesome power of nature, but men and women fear something - Someone - far more. Consider Mark 4:35-41. At one point during His earthly ministry, Jesus and the disciples were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee when they ran

into a horrible storm. All of the men feared the storm except Jesus, and His followers could find no reason for His willingness to sleep instead of worrying about the weather (Mark 4:35-38). After the disciples woke our Lord, He silenced the storm. Yet a strange thing happened. We would expect that the disciples would have been afraid no longer, but their fear intensified. They trembled before the One who had saved their lives (vv. 39-41).

There is nothing humanity fears more than the holiness of God. We all know that His purity calls for our destruction, but we who know Jesus understand His great mercy. By the Father's grace, all those who trust in Christ alone can endure the holiness of God. Moreover, we can rejoice in it as we seek His face (Rom. 5:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:9-10).

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and a fraud. Saleem came heavily vetted by war veterans and well-established Christian ministries.

Saleem gave separate and distinct messages in each of the locations where he spoke.

In Grand Rapids, he spoke of the political landscape that has opened the way for the Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR, and radical Islamists to be infiltrating America. In Fremont, he spoke of his heritage and history in Lebanon and of God's hand in bringing him out of Lebanon as a terrorist trying to convert American citizens to Islam.

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He helped us see how so

many Americans have taken freedom for granted. He vividly painted verbal pictures to help us see what life under Shariah looks like and of the treacherous life it is for all - especially women, Christians, and those who don't comply with Shariah dictates.

Having seen beheadings, death, oppression, and having been indoctrinated and controlled by the tyranny of Shariah, Kamal was resistant to Christianity.

However, God broke through Kamal's resistance as He does by His grace.

Kamal experienced a life-threatening car accident while on an expressway in America. Committed Christians took in Kamal and ministered to him in body, soul, and spirit through the tangible evidences of giving their lives away in Christian love.

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