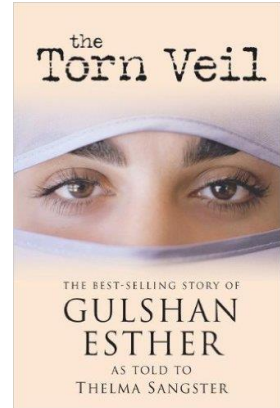


About two years ago a book entitled *The Torn Veil* intrigued me because on the cover it stated: Christ's healing power breaks through to a Muslim girl. While reading the story of Gulshan Esther, who was crippled during her infancy and confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life, it was possible to see how her faith never wavered. Because she was born into a prominent orthodox Muslim family she traveled with her father from Jhang, in the Punjab area of Pakistan to Mecca, Medina and even to England in search of a healing miracle. But none occurred.



Her father died when she was nineteen and in anguish she told God she didn't want to live anymore when out of a deep silence a low gentle voice told her, "I won't let you die. I will keep you alive." When she complained that every minute of her life is like 100 years the voice spoke again. "Who gave eyes to the blind, and who made the sick whole, and who healed the lepers and who raised the dead? I am Jesus, son of Mary. Read about me in the Quran, in the Sura Maryam." She sent a maid to the bookshop to purchase the best Urdu translation of the Quran. That night while the rest of the house slept she opened the Quran and read, "The angles said to Mary; 'Allah bids you rejoice in a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary. He shall be noble in this world and the next, and shall be favored by Allah. He shall preach to men in his cradle and in the prime of manhood, and shall lead a righteous life...'"

After the burial and the end of the mourning period her oldest brother, now head of the family, returned to Lahore leaving her to a dreary existence. As the silence enveloped her she opened her Urdu Quran and read from the Sura 'The Imrans' about Jesus, 'By Allah's leave I shall give sight to the blind man, heal the leper, and raise the dead to life.' She daily prayed, 'Jesus, son of Maryam, heal me.' And growing bolder insisted, 'heal me—otherwise tell me.' Then her room filled with light brighter than the day and she observed twelve figures in a row at the foot of her bed with a taller figure in the middle who identified Himself and ordered her, 'get up and come to me.' She felt new strength flow into her, stood up, walked toward Him and stretched her hand out to Jesus the Healer and was made whole. Recorded in the book is a conversation she had with Jesus, who told her, 'I want you to be my witness.' Thus started her journey in faith; including expulsion from her home, banishment from her family, and meeting and linking up with other Christians. She has witnessed and healed globally.

Read more:

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Torn-Veil-Best-Selling-Gulshan/dp/0310256887>