**Stories of Muslim Converts: Musa ibn Islam al Filibini**

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Let's delve into the journey of a new Muslim convert and see how he stumbled upon the path of Islam.

*Lifestyle*

Musa ibn Islam al Filibini (formerly Jay) is a new Muslim revert. He contacted IslamicFinder recently and shared his story with us. If you also wish to write for us and share your story with us, kindly contact us and get a chance to get your story published on our site and help us inspire Muslims all over the world!

**A little about Myself**

I am a former Overseas Filipino Worker who worked in Jeddah, KSA and here is my story.

It was during my time working in Jeddah that I learned the true Islamic Aqidah. It was not via social media or via broadcasted news filled with Islamophobia. Far from the news that reached my home country, I discovered the true beauty of Islam during my time working in Saudi Arabia.

I worked in a company in Jeddah for around 2 years, from 2007 to 2009. It was during this time that I got to experience the actual "khuluqul hassan" of Muslims. The way my colleagues treated me and everyone around them is what first attracted me to Islam. I was probably one of those many who were blessed to have such good Muslim colleagues.

**What inspired me to embrace Islam?**

It's actually a combination of Tawfiq & Irshad (I hope I interpreted it right). Divinely inspired and via da'wa from Muslims in our company in the sense that in order to have an advantage during our friendly debates I used the internet to search for the English translation of the Holy Qur'an. True enough, I found the one translated by Sheikh Abdullah Yusuf Ali. While reading the English translation, it took me only up to Surah Maryam to convince me that Islam is the most superior religion.

If my memory will serve me right, I was using the IslamicFinder website to search for the English Qur'an during the early phases of my conversion. It was in its old format back then. I discovered the site via the same boss whom I first revealed my intention to embrace Islam to. We were using the IslamicFinder date converter in order to get the expiry dates of our peoples' passports from Hijri to Gregorian calendar.

**Some signs….**

Before converting, there were sleepless nights because far from being convinced, I didn't want to convert to Islam with the wrong reasons. Subsequently, I started seeing various signs; for instance, once I saw a pure white dove while preparing my morning meal, another time I woke up to the sound of the Athan and saw the crescent moon shining against a dark Jeddah night. In addition, the khuluqul hassan of my Arab, Indonesian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Somali, and Bangladeshi colleagues was such that it pushed me further to learn about Islam.

I still can't help but feel goose bumps whenever I reminisce the look in my boss’s teary eyes and the trembling voice when I revealed my intention to embrace the one and true religion, Islam.

And so after more than six months of soul searching and consulting my family; which is Christian, I converted to Islam and have been a Muslim ever since.

**A little about my family**

My family has deep roots in Christianity, with a paternal uncle being a priest and his sister being a nun working in the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines. So naturally they were not entirely thrilled when they came to know about my decision to convert to Islam. Fortunately I did not face a lot of resistance from my family. My family in the Philippines, was not very enthusiastic about my conversion, given their Christian background, however they were not discouraging either.

While we have this so-called Mamasapano & Marawi fitnah, Alhumdulillah, the light of Islam still shines in my country and I still firmly believe what ALLAH (SWT) has said in the Holy Qur'an in Surah Ash-Sharh;

[*"For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease. Indeed, with hardship [will be] ease." (Quran 94:5-6)*](https://www.islamicfinder.org/quran/surah-ash-sharh/5/)

JAZAK ALLAHU KHAIR.

Musa ibn Islam al Filibini (formerly known as Jose Jay Jennifer A. Daquilanea)

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I am a new revert to Islam. I find these totally inspirational. I relate in my own ways. I grew up with anti Islamic media teaching me fear. My sweet best friend introduced me to Islam. I asked for a Quran lesson one night, I had a hard day, I needes comfort and knew how much Islam meant to him. Nothing else was working so I thought maybe the Quran?? It was the first of my signs Islam is right for me. I felt such peace, comfort, and joy that night. I took my time. I watched my best friend and other Muslims. I left the media hate I was taught, mind open. The good examples I had from all of them, mostly my best friend, gave me many signs along the way that this is my right path. Newly reverted now, I never felt such joy. I love your inspirational stories. Thank you for sharing them! ~ Elizabeth

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Yes my love so true but you didn't tell that you are From USA Utah state. I will marry you soon

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I am ready and so happy. I love you and am blessed to marry you.

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Ooo yes I want to tell it now. My best friend and whole world. He is right. Began as my sweet friend and example, turned into best friends and a deep love. Now Salar is the man I will marry. I spoke on signs. First was the Quran, knowing it is truth whispered to my hurting heart as I listened to it recited. My last sign was a very strong one. It was this powerful feeling I need to convert to Islam, and also marry Salar, and maybe something about leaving my anger habits. haha. He just showed me this is one of the 8 doors of Jannah, leaving anger. He is right. He always was right. I must add it is extra sweet he is a man, and also a Muslim. My side media (America) has taught women to fear muslim men. Woman abusers like that. I know better now. I couldnt be marrying a kinder sweeter man and example than Salar. He is a Muslim and the best person I ever met. I am so proud of the man that he is. I am grateful he helped open my heart and eyes to the truth that is Islam. I am blessed to have both in my life now. There is such peace and joy reverting and following the correct path set out by Allah for me. <3 Elizabeth

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Assalam u alaikum Elizabeth, if you want to share your story with us kindly email us at arshia@islamicfinder.org :)

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InshaaAllah

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar... Brother Musa you have engaged in truth and may Allah Subhanahu wa taala grant you more of His fortunes and blessings !!!

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What a blessing to live in the Holy Land

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New brother in Islam...  
Assaalamu Alaykum ,   
Masha Allah, you are gift for all .   
I know that in most places in Saudi Arabia it is the closest thing to what Islam was during the time of the prophet, peace be upon him. The people are well-behaved and kind. Modesty is everywhere so all the strife for lack of modesty, like in the West, is not prevalent. The atmosphere, I would guess, is really special compared to the West - a consciousness of God wherever you go.   
When their foreign workers revert, they are always well-informed about Islam and full of spiritual well-being so early on . It's a refreshing reminder.   
May Allah guide us all and may mercy be our highest hope for Islam.

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assalam o alaikum very pleased to read your story. May ALLAH accept your good deeds and convert the past also in good. please pray for all muslims to be true Muslims practicing as the Prophet did

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Alykassalam wa rahma wa baraka, my new brother in Islam. This is the highest reward to mankind that Allah SWT, gave a guidance and you entered in the fold of Islam. on the day of Judgment Allah SWT, will call a King who was given a kingdom with every bounty but he lacks faith in Allah. He will say oh Allah take all my Kingdom and my wealth but skape me from Hell Fire. The reply to him will be Allah never asked to give him the wealth but to bring a faith that there is no God except Allah......then what the King will be thrown in to Hell fire. The faith in Allah is higher than every thing in this world

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Assalamu Alaikum , May Allah bless all Humans in this world , May all allow all to see the light , feel created by Allah and believe in Allah , as the creator of all

[**Andrea Esmeralda García Contre**](https://disqus.com/by/andreaesmeraldagarcacontre/) • [12 days ago](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/stories-of-muslim-converts-musa-ibn-islam-al-filibini/#comment-3724898525)

Assalamu Alaikum... What a beautiful history, made me cry of happiness.

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No sister I beg your pardon, The Surah's name is Ash-Sharh

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Thanks for sharing your story. Really nice! May Allah keep you and us steadfast on the true faith of Allah and also be Merciful to us as He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy. Finally never take the true guidance away from us.

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Jose wish you to increase your good deeds and warn colleague or family that are not yet Muslim faith. Your lucky and loved from Allah that show you mercy about Islam religion.

I really wish that Allah can have mercy to all human being I will never wish that punishment described in the Quran to nobody!

Do your best Allah will protect u inshallah