

ANTICHRIST

TRACT C1

There are only four verses in scripture that use the term “antichrist”:

(KJV) 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as **ye have heard that antichrist shall come**, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is **that [spirit] of antichrist**, whereof **ye have heard that it should come**; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

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If there is to be an end time leader as some interpret, none of the antichrist verses suggest a person titled “The” “Antichrist” since there were many even back when John was writing.

The verses DO state that antichrist is a SPIRIT, or THE spirit, that lives in the heart of anybody and everybody that denies that Jesus is the Christ or that denies the Father and the Son.

1John 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also].

So everyone that denies the Son has not the Father and is therefore antichrist, and also is *an* antichrist. Blindness of the Jews, however, is discussed separately as a “mystery”.

Romans 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes.

THE FRUIT

Consider the fruit of typical understanding. Some say “The” “Antichrist” was Nero, suggesting it’s over and done with. Others are looking for some future individual “The” “Antichrist” of the silver screen yet to come. Others you can find on the Internet, of which there is no shortage, proffer guesses from the leader of Spain, to the Pope, to Ronald Reagan. Meanwhile there are 1.5 billion antichrists in Islam alone. This doesn't even count the

atheist neighbor down your block where your kids go to hang out. The Church has been deceived by tradition. Has the Church's looking for some individual “Antichrist”, past or present, also made it look like so much buffoonery to those outside of the Church?

It is human nature to want to believe in concepts such as “The” “Antichrist”. What kid didn't take a flying leap into bed, so that what ever was under the bed wouldn't grab their ankles? Without the allure of a boogeyman Hollywood would go broke and the majority fiction novelists would be living in a van down by the river.

The enemy removed the term antichrist from the Christian vocabulary except when used to describe a specific individual. Who would casually refer to the atheist that lives down the road as an antichrist? How much more soul searching might that individual do if we did? Who have you heard refer to the 1.5 billion Muslims as antichrists? Muslims do become very convicted once they understand that they are antichrist. A term that should be a normal part of Christian vocabulary has been stolen by the enemy. Just ask the guy next to you in Church next Sunday “what is the antichrist?” to get an idea of how this term is understood in the Church.

Consider also that God likely had John write so much later than the others so that he could address the myriad of heresies that had already infiltrated the Church, even in John's day. Consider all of the “overcommeth”ing of Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. The antichrist verses in effect say “you've heard that antichrist is coming, but it's already here!”. Even if there had

been such a concept of a single antichrist in the Church, consider the wording: "ye have heard". Perhaps like "ye have heard that the moon is made of green cheese", but that doesn't mean that it's true.

Consider a similar verse:

Matthew 5:43 **Ye have heard** that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and **hate thine enemy.** 4 **But I say** unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

"The folly of interpreters has been to foretell times and things by this prophecy [Revelation], as if God designed to make them prophets. **By this rashness they have not only exposed themselves, but brought the prophecy also into contempt.** The design of God was much otherwise. **He gave this and the prophecies of the Old Testament, not to gratify men's curiosities by enabling them to foreknow things, but that after they were fulfilled they might be interpreted by the event, and his own providence, not the interpreters', be then manifested thereby to the world.** For the event of things predicted many ages before will then be a convincing argument that the world is governed by Providence." - Sir Isaac Newton

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

ANTICHRIST IN ISLAM

The most important fundamental in Islam is "shirk" (anti-polytheism) that is manifest specifically as God has no Son. This is the most important fundamental in Islam.

"O you People of the Book, overstep not bounds in your religion, and of God speak only the truth. The Messiah, **Jesus**, son of Mary, **is only an apostle of God**, and his Word which he conveyed unto Mary, and **a Spirit proceeding from him.** Believe therefore in God and his apostles, and say not Three. It will be better for you. God is only one God. **Far be it from his glory that he should have a son.**"

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While Muslims believe Jesus was a prophet, they deny that Jesus is the Son of God, thus all 1.5 billion of them are antichrists.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 **[Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,** 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness **in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** 11 **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they**

should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

John 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son [to be] the Saviour of the world.

OPPOSITE OF CHRISTIANITY

Bible: Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
Koran: (Sura 2:223) your wives are as tilth (farmland) unto you; so approach your tilth when or how ye will.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Sura 112:3 He begetteth not, nor is He begotten;

To our could-become brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus:

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship [is] with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.