

The Antichrist:- “Time for Reality”

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Just about everybody claims to know who the antichrist is! From individuals who try to fathom the humanly-invented depths of prophecy, to large ‘Christian’ organisations who professionally construct futurism for their own ends.

Recently, I read several articles saying that atheists are scoffing at those ‘prophets’ who confidently claim the European Union (EU) to be THE antichrist. They scoff because the EU is straining at its own stupidity, its desire for fascist control coming apart at the seams... and the number of countries now amongst its membership has greatly outgrown the prophesied number! Others see Obama as the antichrist, but I think we give him too much credit for being a mere pawn in the game set out by super-wealthy puppet-handlers (such as Soros)!

So, who is the antichrist? For myself I do not yet know. Unless he arises, or manifests as such, in my lifetime I will not know – nor will anyone else, in spite of many clues in scripture. This paper is not about Revelation or other prophetic material, but about the misinterpretation of scripture by many Christians, misled by supposed ‘leaders’.

It seems to me that THE antichrist has yet to come upon us. I say this because though the situation worldwide is becoming bad, it is certainly not yet at the juncture where all the world will see and know that this person has begun his heinous rule. I find it tiresome when so many try to be ‘definite’ about THE antichrist, when they develop their clueless, often wrong, and usually elaborate, theories.

THE Antichrist

Generally, THE antichrist is the final one to attempt to take the place of, or to deny the existence of, Christ on this earth, saying that the authentic Christ does not exist. Most Christians have heard of this person... but few seem familiar with the fact that there have been, are, and will be, many antichrists before that time.

In 1 John 2:18 we read:

“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.”

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We are already in the last times. THE antichrist is expected and will come. But, meanwhile, MANY antichrists were present at the time of the Apostles, and many more arose after their day. For example, each and every heretical teacher and Bible-based cultist was, and is, an antichrist, if they say Christ has not come.

Go to verse 22 of the same text and we have an antichrist defined:

“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”

We can instantly see that Muslim leaders insist Jesus is not the Christ, for if they admitted to that, they would have to admit He is the only way to God, and that the trinity exists. Their beliefs also deny the one way to God.

But, what of so many ‘Christians’ who allow this evil to continue? Surely they, too, are antichrists, by accepting heresies that deny the Messiahship of Jesus?? As no genuine Christian can say these things, we may legitimately assume that all who do so are not Christians at all, but are false.

In chapter 4, verse 3 of 1 John we see that this is “the (spirit) of antichrist”, the core of its error and deception: “and even now already is it in the world.” The second book of John, 1:7, confirms this charge, calling them “deceiver(s) and antichrist.” So, antichrists have been with us for two millennia and will continue, if not proliferate, until the time THE antichrist comes.

Both the singular and the plural are shown to be ‘antichrist’, or *antichristos*. In each case the meaning is the same – they are the adversaries of the Messiah. Automatically, this makes all Jewish teachers and rabbis etc., antichrists, for they loathe the Bible teachings that show Jesus to be sent by God as Messiah.

Antichrists appeared just before Christ was born, and continued to arise through His life and

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after it. John was particularly referring to these Jewish fakes of his time, though the title can go to any who teach the same things.

Interestingly, the Jews based their heresy and unbelief partly on Daniel 11:36* and partly on Ezekiel 38. John was well aware of this Jewish falsity and was aiming his charges mainly at them. The idea in Revelation does not use the term ‘antichrist’ but does contain the essence of what one is. (See my study on this chapter).

Whilst John spoke of many antichrists (and thus their movements), Paul taught that the antichrist will be one man. I see no reason to think they were at odds with each other. Rather, they simply spoke of two separate issues – the many that would plague the churches and the one who would personify the very core of antichrist to the whole world. For Paul this singular antichrist would pass himself off as God, because the devil is behind the claim, as in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10. Revelation sees this final antichrist as coming from Rome.

It is an error to think that antichrist only means ‘instead of Christ’, for it can also mean ‘against Christ’. Even the heretic, Westcott, said the antichrist was “one who, assuming the guise of Christ, opposes Christ.” Some identify this antichrist as the first beast in Revelation 13, and Paul speaks of him as the “Man of Sin” in 2 Thessalonians 2... and some believe he is the second beast in Revelation 13.

Pseudochristos

In Matthew and Mark we read of a ‘false Christ’, or *pseudochristos*. He is different from the antichrist because he does not deny the existence of Christ, but works on the minds of people so they think that HE is the Christ. By contrast, the antichrist denies the very existence of Christ as God/the Messiah.

Because the pseudochristos are different from the antichristos, we can say that Rome as it is now is NOT the antichrist! This will not be popular, but it has to be said. Rome teaches that Jesus IS the Messiah, but their error is in adding and taking away from the word. Thus, they are not antichristos but possibly pseudochristos. However, one from Rome could, as Revelation appears to say, become an antichrist at the very end of time. All cults and heretic churches are suspect.

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Note that the antichrist/s deny the existence of the true God. This is a very clear indication, and we should apply the term to ALL individuals, groups and governments that do this. Thus, for example, Marx, Lenin, Stalin, etc., were all antichrists, as was/ is the communist/socialist system. Obama appears to be of the same ilk, so he, too is one of the antichrists, along with all who are socialist. The Labour government of the UK was also an antichrist, along with its leaders. Indeed, the list is vast. Another clue is in the meaning of the word ‘anti’, which is to act against, or opposite to something or someone (as socialist governments are against Christians). It can also mean to take the place of.

The “false Christs” in both Matthew 24:24 and in Mark 13:22, are very akin to the charismatics of our day; Matthew says:

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if (it were) possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

The wording in Mark is identical. We can easily see the remarkable similarity with charismatics, whose audacity DOES deceive many, including Christians. However, those who are saved will come away from the great deception when they realise their error. So, what does that tell you about the rest, who moved out from sound churches to join the wonder-struck congregations duped by charismatic heresy?

The answer is obvious: they were never saved in the first place. We know this because the text tells us that continuous deception of the saved is not possible. We can all be duped, but only the saved will come away from it after a short season.

I say to you – stay sane! Keep of sound mind, for any man or woman who runs headlong into the arms of fake prophets will indeed be duped. Stay aloof and weigh the evidences, and do not believe the flights of fantasy offered by so many. The plethora of antichrists is obvious, and so will be any final antichrist. Then, speculation will cease! Just about all material supposedly pointing to ‘THE’ antichrist is false and tends to be speculative. Do not waste your time on speculation when there is so much of definite meaning in scripture.

Pseudochristos = a pretence to be Christ.

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Antichristos = a denial that Christ has come at all.

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