## **CHURCH TRADITION**

Tract C14

For Christians to understand the world today it is important to note that the single most important fundamental of Mohammed's religion - for the last 1400 years and held by 1/4 of mankind today requires absolute denial that Jesus is the Son of God.

Sura 19:88 They say: "(Allah) Most Gracious has begotten a son!" 89 **Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous!** 

While one of the most blessed and widely quoted verses in Christianity reads:

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.

Indeed the most egregious, and only unpardonable, sin in Mohammed's religion (shirk) is committed when a Muslim confesses that Jesus is the Son of God. Yet Christians understand:

1John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of

God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

The two eschatological, or end-time traditions, most popular in the 20th century church, are those of futurism and partial-preterism.

Partial-preterism holds that virtually all of Revelation after chapter 3 was fulfilled by and in the events of 70AD, suggesting that "The" "Antichrist" was a first century figure such as Nero, with various ideas regarding "the false prophet". "Partial" preterists hold that virtually all that remains to be fulfilled is the return of Christ, while full preterists consider Revelation to have been entirely fulfilled in the first century.

Futurist doctrine holds that virtually none of Revelation after chapter 3 will be fulfilled, until some 7 year period yet in the future, in which "The" "Antichrist" will defile a rebuilt temple and a specific false prophet of the future will be revealed.

Amazingly, each of these views must consider the other to be virtually 100% in error regarding their interpretation of the figurative language of John's vision in Revelation, because there is a 1900 year gap that divides the two traditions. Yet would those of either group be willing to consider, even for a moment, that the particular tradition that they have been taught could be in significant error, even to the extent of being almost entirely wrong? Yet it is apparent that one, or both, must necessarily be in serious error.

Stunningly, both traditions **necessarily preclude** that Mohammed could be "the false prophet" of the book of Revelation, because he was a figure of the 7th century, which makes him a first century, or future, impossibility. This even as scripture indicates there are 1.5 billion antichrists, in the world today, in Islam alone!

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**. 23 **Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father**...

Yet it would seem the church is so busy looking toward some future period, or leaving prophecy in the distant past, that it can't see the enemy gathered all around us, even as we watch Europe fall to antichrists. Does scripture even suggest a single "The" "Antichrist" or does that come through church tradition as well? There are only four verses in scripture that contain the term, and they all indicate that there are many antichrists. Please see tract C1 to explore this subject.

The very basis of Mohammed's religion also requires absolute denial that Jesus was crucified:

Surah 4.157 That **they said** (in boast), "**We killed Christ Jesus** the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah";- **but they killed him not**, **nor crucified him**, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, **for of a surety they killed him not:-**

Thus Muslims are required to reject the very blood that would save them. Indeed Mohammed filled Muslims with complete resolve as to what to **DIS**believe, while leaving an absolute vacuum, as to **who was** crucified. Asking Muslims **who did** die on the cross will produce as many answers as folks that you ask. So we find that Islam is to Christianity, as the negative is to a photograph. The only anti-another-religion, religion, by design. Islam is antichrist.

Christians and Jews have traditionally viewed Old Testament prophecy in a continuous historic context, understanding that bible prophecy was fulfilled steadily, as the era about which it was written gradually came to pass. We understand, for example, that the kingdom "beasts" that Daniel prophesied, were a series of successive kingdoms that spanned hundreds of years in the prophet's future.

When we apply this traditional context consistently, to New Testament prophecy and the book of Revelation, while employing sound hermeneutic principles, we not only find Mohammed front and center as the false prophet, but his antichrist Islamic kingdom as the final oppressor of God's people, in the role of the leopard-bear-lion kingdom "beast" of Revelation 13. Please see tract C3 for more.

## Mohammed said:

Surah 9.29 **Fight those** who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they **are) of the People of the Book**, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued. 30 The **Jews** call 'Uzair a son of Allah, and the **Christians** call Christ the son of Allah. That is a saying from their mouth; (in this) they but imitate what the unbelievers of old used to say. **Allah's curse be on them**: how they are deluded away from the Truth!

So Mohammed's god "Allah" even curses Jews and Christians as he incites Muslims to fight us!

There is no shortage of ignorance in the Christian community regarding Islam, as a search online reveals pictures of the Pope kissing the very book whose god states that declaring Jesus is the only begotten Son of God is "a thing most monstrous" and whose god even curses Christians and Jews for being "deluded away from the truth", while "infallible" Vatican Council doctrine states:

"3. The Church regards with esteem also the Moslems. They adore the one God....they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to even His inscrutable decrees....."

This in spite of the 1400 year antichrist reign of terror of Islamic Jihad against non-islamic civilization, with over 14,000 deadly Islamic terror attacks around the world just since 9-11, as logged by the folks at TheReligionOfPeace.com

Jesus condemned the Pharisees for the same:

Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Make no mistake, all unsound doctrine is the work of the enemy. Is it a coincidence that we find a 21st century church so blinded by unsound end-time doctrines that much of it is willing to invite that spirit of antichrist right into their institutions through an ecumenical movement with Islamic Imams speaking in churches and Muslims even teaching Sunday school classes? It's no coincidence because apostasy was prophesied:

2Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first....

There is nothing wrong with tradition that can be proven.

1Thessalonians 5:21 **Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.

Why would God sanction a rebuilt temple, when Jesus' sacrifice is a completed work, His already having rebuilt the temple in three days?

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

How were the "times of the Gentiles" in Jerusalem fulfilled by 70AD when Roman Gentiles came back to kill another half million Jews less than 70 years later? The Roman Empire later falling to the Gentile Islamic Empire.

Is it time to take an honest and truly Berean spirited look at the tradition you have been taught?

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