

# The Spirit of the Antichrist

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St. John the Beloved, the Apostle who best knew the heart and mind of Christ, looked down the long corridor of time, prophetically saw our day, and told us how to identify the spirit of the antichrist.

*By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 1 John 4:2-3 ESV*

*Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:22-23 ESV*

*For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. 2 John 1:7 ESV*

## The Koran Teaches

One of the foundational beliefs of the religion of Islam is a direct denial of Jesus as God's Son. This denial is found several times throughout the Quran:

*In blasphemy indeed are those that say that God is Christ the son of Mary. - Surah 5:17 (Yusuf Ali)*

*They say: "God hath begotten a son!" - Glory be to Him! He is self-sufficient! His are all things in the heavens and on earth! No warrant have ye for this! Say ye about Allah what ye know not? - Surah 10:68*

*They said, "The Most Gracious has begotten a son"! You have uttered a gross blasphemy. The heavens are about to shatter, the earth is about to tear asunder, and the mountains are about to crumble. Because they claim that the Most Gracious has begotten a son. It is not befitting the Most Gracious that He should beget a son. - Surah 19:88-92 (Rashad Khalifa)*

Concerning those who say Jesus is the Son of God, "Allah's curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the Truth! - Surah 9:30 (Yusuf Ali)

*Say: He is Allah\* the One and Only; Allah the Eternal Absolute; He begetteth not nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him. - Surah 112; Verses 1-4*

The Quran denies and pronounces a curse on those who believe that Jesus is God's Son. It is not hard to do the math. According to St. John, it is clearly an antichrist religious system. "Far be it from God that he should have a son!" These words encircle the inside of the Dome of the Rock Mosque in Jerusalem.

## Be Not Deceived

The rise of Islam did not take God by surprise. Islam, a religion developed in direct opposition to Christianity, claims to accept Jesus as a great prophet, and then describes and denies as offensive the core of who He is and what He taught - *Jesus is the Son of God*. Be not deceived. Christians and Muslims do not serve the same God. Islam is not a great Abrahamic faith. Yes, *many Muslims are good, upright people, but I see nothing good about Islam*. The Bible calls it Anti-Christ. Islam accuses Christians of blasphemy, the most serious charge, and attacks the very foundation of our faith. Our proper response? Return blessing for cursing. Be kind and compassionate toward our Muslim neighbours. Share the gospel. Pray that our loving Heavenly Father will have mercy and reveal to them the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Only in Him will they find salvation, true freedom, and an abundant life.