

# **It Is The Last Hour – A Significant Sign – Apostasy**

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## Scripture References

- 1 John 2: 18-23
- 2 John 7-11
- 1 Timothy 4: 1-5
- Matthew 13: 31-33

## Other Material

- The Moslem Call To Adopt Mecca Time
  - BBC News Report 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008
  - The Antichrist will seek, in his imitation of God, seek to change times and seasons
- A Common Word Between Us And You
  - An open letter and call from Muslim religious leaders
  - Issued on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007
  - Addressed to leaders of the Christian church world wide
  - See website <http://www.acommonword.com/>
  - See response to the Muslim letter by Barnabas Fund on their website <https://barnabasfund.org/UK/News/Archives/Response-to-open-letter-and-call-from-Muslim-religious-leaders-to-Christian-leaders-13-October-2007.html>
- Loving God And Neighbour Together
  - A Christian Response to ‘A Common Word Between Us And You’
  - Issued on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 by Yale Centre for Faith & Culture
  - Ultimately signed by many Christian leaders in an updated issue on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008
  - See Yale website <http://www.yale.edu/faith/acw/acw.htm>
  - See response to the Christian letter by Barnabas Fund on their website <https://barnabasfund.org/UK/News/Archives/Barnabas-Fund-Response-to-the-Yale-Center-for-Faith-and-Culture-Statement.html>
- New Axis of Evangelicals and Islamists
  - Melanie Phillips article in The Spectator 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009
  - A response to meeting of ‘Anglican evangelicals’ and others at All Nations Bible College to “develop the ‘grace’ approach to Islam”
- Christian Minorities Under Muslim Rule
  - An address by Rev. Stephen Sizer to the Third Evangelical Christian and Muslim Dialogue conference at Fuller Theological Seminary in April 2009
  - In it he criticises the views of ‘Christian Zionists’ towards Islam – including specifically Patrick Sookhdeo, Dave Hunt, Joel Richardson, Walid Shoebat, and Melanie Phillips

## The Last Hour

- Defined by John ‘many antichrists have come – by which we know that it is the last hour’
- The spirit of antichrist is revealed
  - By denying the Father & the Son – Trinity & the deity of Jesus – 1 John 2: 22-23
  - By denying Jesus as the incarnate God – 2 John 7

- There are many Christians and churches who deny the fundamental truths of the scripture – such doctrines are deception, and an antichrist (2 John 7) and doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4: 1) - to deceive us and the unbeliever. It is an antichrist (a Christ substitute).
- The great sign that these are the last days is the apostasy amongst which we live

#### Parables of Apostasy in Matthew 13

- The Mustard Seed – a mutation of the genuine seed in which the birds (the agents of the evil one) come to nest. This is the spread of Christendom as opposed to the true Body of Christ
- The Leaven – It is that which puffs up with pride. Jesus tells us to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees & Sadducees – the Pharisees add to God’s word and the Sadducees (the liberals of their day) subtract from it. Leaven spreads exponentially – it corrupts entirely
- ‘Until the whole lump is leavened’ – apostasy everywhere. This tells us it is the last hour – we can see how coming union of faiths is a fulfilment of this

#### Islam is Apostate and Antichrist

- Islam and apostate Christianity are beginning to find common ground
- See ‘A Christian’s Pocket Guide to Islam’ by Patrick Sookhdeo for an understanding of the roots, history and beliefs of Islam
- Islam has roots in a corruption of biblical truth
- Jesus is only another prophet – in both Islam and apostate Christianity
- Islam denies the Father and the Son and is part of the last hour apostasy
- The last few decades have seen a rapid growth of Islam in the west and worldwide
- Islam is part of an Antichrist system as seen in the image of Daniel 2 – the two legs of the Roman Empire – east and west. West – is apostate Christianity and the east is dominated by apostate Islam.

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- Islam and apostate Christianity are beginning to find common word and common ground with a view to future union
- Islam is founded by Mohammad (born AD570 or AD571) in Mecca
  - His first vision in 610 and begins preaching until 622 when he moved to Medina – his teaching become increasing military after AD624
  - He married an older wealthy woman, a merchant of catholic background and was also influenced by an Ayrian (Nestorian) monk
  - Much of the Koran is misplaced and erroneous plagiarisms from the Old Testament
  - Jesus, Mary, Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Aaron and Joseph appear in a very confused way
  - It acknowledges the Lord Jesus only as a prophet – as one whose work was superseded by Mohammad. It diminishes and dilutes Jesus
  - Islam is an apostasy, a doctrine of demons – the deity of Jesus and His son-ship is denied and his death and resurrection also

## Islam in End Times Prophecy

- The image in Daniel 4 has two legs of iron and clay – one of which is eastern...Islam which dominates the east
- It is not the militant bombers we need to fear, but the moderates...the Hashemites of Jordan and the Saudis – these are the ones with which alliance can be made
- Apostate and sickly Christianity is preparing alliance with moderate and increasingly dominant Islam
- This can be seen via the ‘Common Word’ and also through ‘A Message From Amman’ – see website <http://www.ammanmessage.com/> - they are the voice of moderate Islam

## A Message From Amman

- A Message from Amman is the Hashemite dynasty (the royal family of Jordan) saying we are the voice of moderate Islam – the powerhouse behind it is not the King of Jordan but the grandmaster of the freemason lodge of Jordan (the senior lodge in the middle east) Prince El Hassan Bin Talal, the uncle of present king - see his website <http://www.elhassan.org>
- His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal was born in Amman, on 20th March 1947, to a branch of the Hashemite family directly descended from the Prophet Muhammad, in the forty-second generation of descendants. His Royal Highness is the youngest son of Their late Majesties King Talal and Queen Zein El Sharaf, and is the brother of His late Majesty King Hussein. His Royal Highness was officially invested as Crown Prince to the Hashemite Throne of Jordan, in April 1965.
- He is the writer of the Oslo Accords; the writer of a book on Jerusalem which has become the standard political text for the policy of the UN, and many other nations, on Jerusalem (A Study on Jerusalem - Longman, the Publishing Committee, Amman 1979). Also writer of an influential book on the West Bank and Gaza (Palestinian Self-Determination: A Study of the West Bank and Gaza Strip (English 1981; Arabic 1981; French 1982) Quartet Books, New York, 1981
- He was elected as a ‘champion of the world’ for his green credentials, a winner of many peace prizes and awards - and also chairman of The Club of Rome (a one-world government preparatory organisation)
- He is closely associated with President Obama, Prince Charles, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, the Bilderbergers and many of the world’s ‘movers and shapers’ of globalism
- In 1999 he, and the then Cardinal Ratzinger and a committee of others, met and formed an organisation for bringing the three monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) together in unity – The Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue, based in Geneva. It works closely with Tony Blair’s Faith Foundation
- There are some in the Middle East who believe one answer to the problems in Iraq is to reintroduce the Hashemite dynasty – the last king being the uncle of Prince El Hassan Bin Talal



## Catholic Overtures to Unity of Faiths

- In 1992, the then Cardinal Ratzinger visited Jerusalem and met with Yossi Beilin and Shimon Peres and Teddy Kollek (then Mayor of Jerusalem) to

discuss the future of the Vatican and the 'Old City' – secret document (later leaked) was signed between them

- A recent visit to the middle east (May 2009) by Pope Benedict XVI (Ratzinger) was welcomed by Prince El Hassan Bin Talal – see report in catholic news <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0901849.htm>

#### Excerpts from the Koran

- Written around the frieze of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem is Sura 5 v172 (?) "O you Christian people of the bible do not exceed the limits of your faith; say nothing but the truth. The Messiah, the son of 'many', was only a messenger of Allah; therefore do not declare that God is three."
- It is Sura 4 v171 (a) which says "O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about God except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was a messenger of God, and His word that He had sent to Mary, and a revelation from Him. Therefore, you shall believe in God and His messengers. You shall not say, "Trinity.""
- This is a direct denial of 1 John 2: 22-23 and 1 John 4: 2-3 and 2 John 7 – it is apostate, a deception and an antichrist
- Sura 19 v 34-36 says " This is the truth of Jesus, son of Joseph, son of Mary; it does not befit Allah that he should take a son"
- The Koran also says "If you will cease from declaring so it will be better for you, for Allah is only one, glory to him, he is far from needing a son for all that is in the earth and sky belongs to him." Sura 4 v171 (b)

#### The End Of The Age – It Is The Last Hour

- The two great forces of apostate religion (apostate Christianity and Islam) are beginning to work together
- They have goddess religion in common – see the book 'Queen of All – Queen of Rome : Queen of Islam' by Jim Tetlow, Roger Oakland & Brad Myers
- There is a growing unity of the 'trinity' of monotheistic religions – a federated global religion uniting people of the world
- There is the common ground of humanist issues (environment etc)
- There is the common ground of denigrating Jesus Christ – when, like Herod and Pilate, you denigrate Jesus Christ, you become friends
- There is the common ground 'Our Lady of Fatima'
- The common ground of not accepting the authority scripture
- The common ground of 'Peace, peace...where there is no peace'
- The common ground of desiring to build and control Jerusalem and to take it away from God's people Israel
- The common ground of the love of mammon and riches
- This apostasy is a great sign of the nearness of the end of the age