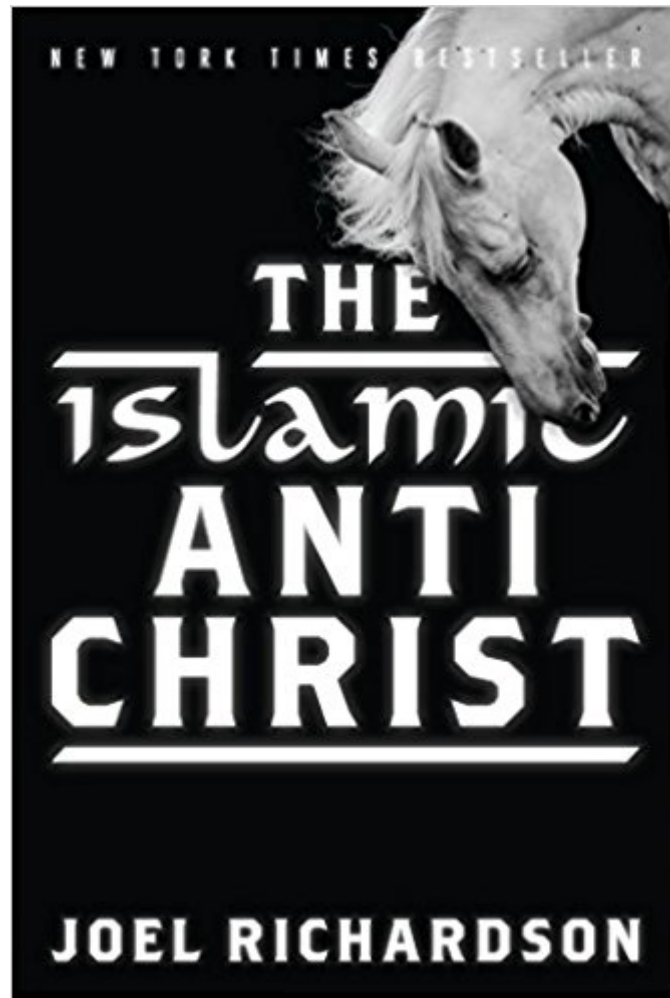




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The Islamic Antichrist



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The Bible predicts in the last days a charismatic leader will establish a global following in the name of peace. Islamic prophecy also predicts that a man will rise up to lead the nations, pledging to usher in an era of peace. Islam's savior is called the Mahdi. However, the man in the Bible is the Antichrist. Joel Richardson's stunning research and analysis suggest the Mahdi and the Antichrist may actually be one and the same. In *The Islamic Antichrist*, Richardson exposes Western readers to the traditions of Islam and predicts the end times may not be here.

Richardson's revelations will stun readers who are unaware of the similarities between the Antichrist and the Islamic expectations about a returning Jesus. His explanation of the relationship between Christian end-time prophecy and Islamic expectations of world domination has shocked readers and revolutionized eschatological expectations for a generation. *The Islamic Antichrist* is the book to read for insights on the world's fastest-growing religion and the future of the world.

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Thanks to my various Christian relatives, friends, books and TV shows, I have been exposed to quite a number of theories about the anti-Christ and the end times. Some were more credible than others. However, after reading Richardson's The Islamic Anti-Christ, I'm stunned at how narrowly culture-bound my viewpoint was. As he points out, the Bible isn't a western European/American story; it's a Middle Eastern story. There I was, seeing the anti-Christ striding around the United Nations in a beautifully tailored suit, with European parentage...and totally ignorant of the fact that over a billion Muslims have their own idea of who the anti-Christ is, and that they are ready to follow him as soon as he appears. Or than Islam has an extensive description of him, and of what he will do, that reads just like the book of Revelation - in reverse. Yes, Muslims believe in Jesus. And that he will return. And that when he does, he will slaughter all the Jews and Christians who fail to convert to Islam! In the Muslim view, Jesus is not the prime player, he is the sidekick of the Mahdi, the new Caliph (or total ruler of the world, uniting the political and religious spheres in a single authority). Richardson isn't speculating here. He quotes from Muslim sources that have been written and accepted as authoritative for many centuries. The Sunni and Shia versions differ only in details; the basic story is the same. Does that mean that the anti-Christ will be Islamic? No. But given the billion or so Muslims in the world; their current movements into all the countries in the world; the astonishing penetration of their influence (Florida just barely managed to pass a law that said the courts could not use Sharia law in making decisions); and that of all the world religions, Islam is the only one in which the powers of the state and of religion are supposed to be united in a single person (the Caliph), and their millennia and a half lethal hatred of Christians, an Islamic anti-Christ certainly makes the most credible candidate. Now, looking only at western-oriented theories just looks ignorant. Having been among the totally ignorant myself (the role of the Islamic Jesus NEVER gets discussed in western media), I felt both silly and enlightened after reading this book. I don't think it's possible to have an intelligent discussion on the subject without it.

Most people don't know what the Qur'an says about Jesus. Most people don't know that Muslims base their beliefs not only on the Qur'an, but also on the Sunna. Richardson writes, "The Sunna interprets the Qur'an. Without the Sunna, the Qur'an cannot be properly understood. In fact, many aspects and practices of the Islamic religion are not even mentioned in the Qur'an but are found only in the Sunna." Hadith literature, the sayings of Muhammad, is part of the Sunna. Richardson says that most of Islamic beliefs about the end times are based on hadith literature. Richardson says, "The rising of the Mahdi is to the majority of Muslims what the return of Jesus is to Christians...tradition states that the Mahdi will descend from the family of Muhammad and will bear Muhammad's name." They believe that Jerusalem will serve as the location of the Mahdi's rule over the earth. "Islamic tradition pictures the Mahdi as joining the army of Muslim warriors carrying black flags. The Mahdi will lead this army to Jerusalem and re-conquer it for Islam. The Muslims will slaughter Jews until very few remain." The Mahdi is a man, not a supernatural being. He is predicted to rule for seven years, then die. There are huge differences between the Bible Jesus and the Qur'an Jesus. Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of humanity. They believe that Allah miraculously delivered Jesus from death and took Him alive to heaven. Muslims believe that when Jesus returns, He will return as a radical Muslim. They believe He will return by descending from heaven somewhere near Damascus after the Mahdi is already on the scene. Jesus will be inferior in rank to the Mahdi. Jesus will make a pilgrimage to Mecca. He will convert many people to Islam and abolish Christianity. Another of Jesus's tasks will be to kill the Muslim Antichrist known as Dajjal and all of Dajjal's followers, of whom most will be Jews. In Islam, after Jesus helps the Mahdi convert the whole world to Islam, He is prophesied to marry, have children, and die nineteen years after marrying. "The texts and scholars of Islam teach that all Muslims must strive for global domination at all times, not just wait idly by for the Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus to accomplish it for them." "When Jesus says [in John 16:2] that the day is coming 'when those who murder you will think that they are offering God a service,' it necessitates not only a belief in God but also some sort of religious system whereby the mentality is that killing in the name of God is actually reasonable." Islam is now the fastest growing religion in the world. This is partly due to conversions, but mainly because Muslims have far more children than Christians. It would behoove everyone to learn about Islam from original sources. Richardson's book is a good start.

I read this book on the plane traveling back home overseas from America. This book was very

informative and capable of being accurate, especially when you look at world events unfolding. If you have a basic understanding of Biblical eschatology then this book is quite easy to read even if you do not have a good understanding of the Quran. I have followed Joel and listened to all of his episodes of "The Underground" for quite sometime. He has a genuine love for God and also the muslim people. This is not an islamophobia nor a hate book! It is very factual and does not use a lot of sensationalism, which we get from many books/media these days. One of the interesting things that I got from this book (which surprised me), is a sense of hope and urgency. I did not expect to feel hopeful, but expected to feel a dismal future ahead. Although, there are many dismal world events taking place, Joel does a great job of redirecting believers hearts to the hope that we have in Jesus and especially highlights prayer and purity as an important and effective way to tap into the power that we have in Christ. He even has a chapter on Martyrdom, but again, he writes in a very real way so that you feel a sense of motivation for preparedness and to be watchful and mindful. I am definitely a different person from having read this book and I would recommend all believers read it! As soon as I finished reading this book, I started reading "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus". Also, another great book for believers to read!

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