On ‘Chrism’ and ‘Anti-Christs’ in 1 John 2:18-27: A Hypothesis

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Abstract
This inquiry studies 1 John because it has the most explicit testimony in the New Testament to initiation by anointing and the unique word χρίσα, “chrism.” Chrism was — and in some churches still is — an ointment whose name is rooted in the verb χρίειν, “to anoint.” Critical studies have amply demonstrated that the title “Christ” had theological carriage in the first century, but rarely, if ever, has it been suggested that the theological title also had liturgical bearing. It seems almost too blithe a suggestion to posit that those who became members of the body of Christ, the “Anointed,” in some of those earliest communities might themselves have been anointed with chrism, marked with oil as the anointed Messiah himself had been; if anything, in academic literature the denial of anointing as initiation (without baptism) is long-standing and, by some, vociferous; against this academic tradition, this essay hypothesizes that the community of 1 John and the passage about anointing with chrism in 2:18-27 might indeed reflect a rite of initiation, proposing an indication as to why the rite did not survive in the tradition.

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So, is Islam the anti-Christ system according to 1 John 2:22? No it isn't. Here are some Quran and Bible facts regarding "FATHER" and "SON" in more details ASSALAM ALYKAM.

1 John 2:18-27 English Standard Version (ESV) Warning Concerning Antichrists. 18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. 1 John 2:22 - Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Daniel 7:26-27. ‘But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 1 John 2:18-19. Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.