

# Beware of Christian Occultism

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1Samuel 15:23 “Rebellion [ignoring the Scripture] is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you ...”

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They see nothing wrong with partaking of **non-Christian thinking**. They think it's okay to waste time in Entertainment, Sports, partake of Politics, Christmas and **Psychotherapy's believe in yourself**, love yourself, develop your self-esteem, discover the human potential “for Christ's glory”, self-actualization, use of imagination “for God's glory”, use of various mental techniques and the tongue to create miraculous-healings and affluence for Christ's glory; **the list of Christian merger/alliance with non-Christian ways are endless**. In many cultures all around the world, occult thinking is being promoted as Christianity by prominent Christian leaders in uncountable ways. The list of churches promoting earthly thinking is endless. Instead of paying serious attention to Scripture (especially the New Testament), Christian leaders are promoting non-Christian thinking (Paganism). The true-Christ warns the churches against **worldliness**: Revelation 2:14-16, 2:20-24, 3:17-20

One example among countless Christian leaders all over the world spreading non-Christian thinking is Rick Warren of Saddleback Community Church (and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) whose thinking and teaching are steeped in Psychotherapy (and various Catholic ways). **Rick Warren uses Paraphrase Bibles (especially Eugene Peterson's *The Message*)**. Uncountable are those who now follow that example of his, following Paraphrase Bibles, Psychotherapy, etc. My article “No Images” also contains a critique of the imaginations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

**Most importantly, how will you get a good understanding of Scripture by which to know when you come across a true servant of God? a rarity, compared to the many who are of the fake-Christ.** It's impossible if you are Not willing to seek and submit to your Creator's will at all costs against your desires, against social pressure and against popular spiritual-talk. **See John 7:16-17**

Contrary to New Testament and Christian teaching, prominent Benson Idahosa of Nigeria was known for threatening to kill witches and wizards who decided in their meeting in Chicago to hold their conference in Benin-City (where Idahosa lived). It seems his threat made them change the location for their conference. Concerning Archbishop Benson Idahosa of Nigeria, Stella Wood of SpyGhana.com wrote:

May I remind Owusu Bempah that the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria did their worst, when the late Bishop Idahosa attacked TB Joshua during one of his

crusade in Tafa-Balewa Square in Lagos Nigeria; It all started when Archbishop Idahosa ... came out strongly against Prophet T.B. Joshua to the extent of questioning his calling and pronouncing a death sentence on him by saying next year by this time he T.B. Joshua would be no more. Idahosa is known very much for his verbal vituperation's and curses but this time the curse rather fell on him. He met his untimely death the year he exactly gave for T.B. Joshua to pass on. ... (<http://www.spyghana.com/bishop-isaac-owusu-bempah-the-newest-tb-joshua-judge/>)

E.A. Adeboye and T.B. Joshua along with many other preachers are all serving the fake-Christ.

Contrary to prominent Babalola of Christ Apostolic Church, Nigeria, and contrary to the spirit that commissioned him (by telling him that he will kill Babalola if he doesn't obey his call to begin preaching and heal the sick by giving them holy-water, and ring a hand-bell to cast-out demons), those who pay attention to the New Testament and fear none but the God who died for their sins will show you from the New Testament that the way in which demons are cast-out from their victims isn't by ringing a bell. Those who pay attention to the New Testament and fear none but the God who died for their sins will show you from the New Testament that the way in which the sick are healed of the Lord isn't by giving them holy-water. The New Testament is against what J.A. Babalola received from a spirit and began practicing and promoting.

1John 4:1 "Beloved, **do not believe every spirit but test the spirits whether they are of God ...**" 2Corinthians 11:14-15 "And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works." 11:3 "But i fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

Faith Tabernacle, Nigeria, which became C.A.C (Christ Apostolic Church) existed since 1918 before J.A. Babalola joined Faith Tabernacle in 1930. Consider the following from a *Christ Apostolic Church* website. [I include my comments in square-brackets]:

Babalola's Call to Ministry.

Just like the Old Testament prophets, Babalola was called by God [**"just like the Old Testament prophets"?? DECEIT AND CONFUSION**]

... Babalola's strange experience started on the night of September 25th, 1928 when he suddenly became restless and could not sleep. This went on for a week and he had no inkling of the causes of such a strange experience. [**He had a spiritual background before these strange experiences, and Christian-Occultism was already in his community**] The climax came one day when he was, as usual, working on the Ilesa-Igbara-Oke road. Suddenly the steam roller's engine stopped to his utter amazement. There was no visible mechanical problem, and Joseph became confused and perplexed. He was in this state of

confusion when a great voice "like the sound of many waters" called him three times. The voice was loud and clear and it told him that he would die if he refused to heed the divine call to go into the world and preach. ...

The same voice came to Joseph [Babalola] a second time asking him to fast for seven days. He obeyed and at the end of the period he saw a great figure of a man who, according to Pastor Alokan, **resembled Jesus [a resemblance isn't the same as the real, and which image/picture was commonly known as Jesus at that time? IDOLATRY EVEN TILL TODAY]**. The man in a dazzling robe spoke at length about the mission he was to embark upon. The man also told him of the persecutions he would face and at the same time assured him of God's protection and victory. **A hand prayer bell was given to Babalola as a symbol. He was told that the sound of the bell would always drive away evil spirits. He was also given a bottle of "life-giving water" to heal all manners of sickness. Consequently, wherever and whenever he prayed into water for therapeutic purposes, effective healing was procured for those who drank the water. Thus, Babalola became a prophet and a man with extraordinary powers. [CHRISTIAN OCCULTISM]**. Enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit he could spend several weeks in prayer. Elder Abraham Owoyemi of Odo-Owa, said that the prophet regularly saw angels who delivered divine messages to him. An angel appeared in one of his prayers and forbade him to wear caps.

... He was directed to go first to Odo-Owa and start preaching. He was to arrive in the town on a market day, **cover his body with palm fronds and disfigure himself with charcoal paints.**

**In October 1928, he entered the town in the manner described and was taken for a mad man. Babalola immediately started preaching and prophesying.** He told the inhabitants of Odo-Owa about an impending danger if they did not repent. He was arrested and taken to the district officer at Ilorin for allegedly disturbing the peace. The district officer later released him when the allegations could not be proven. However, it was said that a few days later, there was an outbreak of smallpox in the town. The man whose prophecies and messages were once rejected was quickly sought for. He went around praying for the victims and they were all healed.

Pa David Rotimi, Babalola's father, had been instrumental in the establishment of a C.M.S. Church [Anglican] in Odo-Owa. Babalola organized regular prayer meetings in this church which many people attended because of the miracles God performed through him. Among the regulars was Isaiah Oluyemi who later saw the wrath of Bishop Smith of Ilorin diocese. Information had reached the bishop that almost all members of the C.M.S. Church [Anglican] in Ilofa were seeing visions, speaking in tongues and praying vigorously. Babalola and the visionaries were allegedly ordered by Bishop Smith to leave the church. ...

The fact that Babalola did not use the opportunity to establish a separate Christian organization despite his marvelous **evangelical success**, must be puzzling to historians, **[What Evangel was Babalola preaching? Ringing a hand-bell to cast-out demons and healing the sick with holy-water. Listening to Spirits that contradicted the New Testament]** but his intention was not to start a new church. He declared to his followers that he had registered his membership with the Faith Tabernacle, the society which had him baptized in Lagos. He thus persuaded them to become members of the Faith Tabernacle. To facilitate this, he went to Lagos to confer with the leaders, especially as he was not yet well acquainted with the doctrines, tenets ... of the church.

... Before the delegation left Lagos for Ilesa, Babalola had been invited to meet the leaders at Pastor I.B. Akinyele's residence at Ibadan. From there I.B. Akinyele and Babalola joined the delegation to Ilesa. At Ilesa, he was introduced to the whole conference **and was lodged in a separate room because of his prophetic mission. The representatives began their meeting [Without one of the leaders, Babalola, who preached often to large crowds]** and on the agenda were twenty-four items. The first was the validity of baptism administered to a man with many wives. The second was the issue of divine healing because some of the members believed in the use of drugs like quinine to cure malaria fever. **They were only able to discuss the first item when there was a sudden interruption which Pastor Adegboyega described thus: "The conciliatory talks at Ilesa were going on, when suddenly a mighty sweeping revival broke out at Faith Tabernacle Congregation Church at Oke-Oye, Ilesa".** The revival began with the raising by Babalola of a dead child. The mother of the dead child who was restored to life went about spreading the news around the town of Ilesa proclaiming that a miracle working prophet had come to the town of Oke-Oye. This attracted a large number of people to Oke-Oye to see the prophet. According to Pastor Medayese, many of those afflicted with various diseases who came to Oke-Oye were healed. Many mighty works were performed **through the use of the prayer bell and the drinking of consecrated water from a stream called Omi Ayo ...**

... The C.A.C. [in Nigeria] believes that the spiritual power bestowed on Babalola placed him on an equal level with Biblical apostles like Peter, Paul and others who were sent out with the authority and in the name of Jesus. **[Same Lie believed by the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian groups guilty of Spiritual Treason, believing that their leaders' decrees are infallible and sometimes more authoritative than the New Testament].** (<http://www.cacfrance.org/babalola-joseph-ayodele-1904-to-1959.html>)

Church-goers need to understand the following crucial statement: All spiritual leaders, no matter how influential, whether Benny Hinn, the Pope, E.A. Adeboye, etc., must all be held accountable to (and judged by) the words of the Original Apostles of the Jewish God. The only way this can be accomplished is if church-goers have a good understanding of the Scriptures (**especially the New Testament**). It is

**blasphemous to believe or think that the words/deed of any spiritual leader is on the same level (authority) as the Original Apostles of the Jewish God.**

The original apostles of the Lord Jesus suffered greatly and could never teach **the seductive things** being promoted by today's influential Christian leaders. In 1Corinthians 4:9-11, **apostle Paul said:** "... God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death ... **To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.**" In opposition, prominent Yonggi Cho of South Korea, explained in his book *The Fourth Dimension*, in the chapter titled "The Creative Power of the Spoken Word":

... Light attracts light. And since you act as if you were a poor person, you attract poverty. This attraction, if it remains permanent, will allow you to dwell permanently in poverty. Exactly as the Bible said 2000 years ago, it is so today. Medical science has just recently discovered this principle. This one neurosurgeon said that people should keep saying to themselves, "I am young, I am able, I can do the work of a young person, no matter what my age is." The nerves of that person will become alive and receive power and strength from the nerve center. ... **[Why then is Yonggi Cho getting old, frail and dying? Why can't he stay young?]** What you speak, you are going to get. ... This is the reason you should never speak in a negative way. ...

We [Koreans] have the habit of making frequent use of words that have to do with dying. Common expressions are, "it's so warm I could die. Oh, I've eaten so much I could suffocate to death. Oh, I'm so happy I could die. Oh, I'm scared to death. Koreans repeatedly use these negative words. That is the reason that throughout Korea 5000 year history we have been constantly dying constantly at war. My generation has never seen peace in this country. I was born during World War II, and I grew up during the Korean War. And now we still live in a country on the brink of war.

Before you can be changed, you must change your language. If you do not change your language, you cannot change yourself. ... Where can we learn this new language? From the best book of all. The Bible. From Genesis to Revelation. The Bible's language, the Bible's rules for the tongue.

Feed your nervous system with these words. Constructive, progressive, productive, victorious words. Keep repeating them so that you can have control of your whole body. Then you will become victorious. For you will become completely conditioned to meet your environment and circumstances and achieve complete success. **[Why then is Yonggi Cho getting old, frail and dying? Why can't he stay young?]** ... (<http://straightonthebooks.wordpress.com/2011/03/26/the-fourth-dimension-by-david-yonggi-cho-book-excerpt/>)

**Lamentations 3:37-38 “Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it? Is it not from the Most High that sorrow and well-being proceed?”** Yonggi Cho of South Korea teaches that Christians should concentrate on being highly imaginative and open (non-judgmental), suggestible, focusing on the sub-conscious (dreams, inner-voices/inclinations, visions) and use imagination and visualization to accomplish the impossible, creating whatever they want. In his book *The Fourth Dimension*, he explained his secrets and said that, occult groups such as Soka Gakkai (with large followers due to wonderful healings and miracles) are successful because of their concentration on the sub-conscious (the fourth dimension) and that Christians need to learn those mental techniques as well and make use of the good side of the fourth dimension in contrast to the bad spirits that occult groups connect into.

It is better to concentrate on clear Scriptures rather than chase after mental techniques and the sub-conscious or become highly imaginative and suggestible (Hypnosis). Please see Deuteronomy 29:29. **It is evil to imagine that you are hearing God say something to you when He is not. Turn away from deceit. Surely, God has spoken by saying: Turn away from deceit.**

In West Africa, there are churches that use candles, water, special garments, incense, pictures/images and other materials and worldliness in their Christianity. Examples: *Cherubim and Seraphim Church*, *Celestial Church of Christ*, etc. The Celestials always begin their prayer with “Jehovah, Jesus Christ, **Holy Michael**”, a **created spirit**. Clearly their Trinity isn’t that of the New Testament; where then do their miracles come from? Answer: From Satan. That’s the case with all the various groups i have exposed in this article and other articles. Since their foundation is contrary to the New Testament, their miracles are for the advancement of the fake-Christ’s kingdom which will culminate during the earthly reign of the fake-Christ yet to come.

All around the world, some Pentecostals, similar to *Church of Christ*, *Scientist* believe that medicine should never be used or even thought of, rather one’s thinking needs to be changed to a **Positive Thinking** that sees a healthy body and financial prosperity. These Charismatics often speak of great experiences in which a spirit appeared to them and gave them those truths which the Original Apostles of Christ didn’t teach, otherwise they wouldn’t have given medicinal advice to one of their assistants as we see in 1Timothy 5:23 **“No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities.”** I don’t understand how so-called Christian Leaders today resist their Foundations (the words of the Original Apostles of Christ, the New Testament). They resist by the power of the fake-Christ (the human spirit).

One of the original Apostles wrote: 2Corinthians 12:7-10 **“And lest i should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest i be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing i pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in**

weakness.’ Therefore most gladly i will rather boast in my physical weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore i take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when i am weak, then i am strong.”

Contrary to false-teachers who misuse 3John 1:2, it is simply a compassionate desire being expressed by Apostle John in the **opening greeting of his letter to Gaius**. It isn’t a teaching that: for Christians, disease doesn’t exist, suffering and poverty doesn’t exist or that all those unwanted circumstances will be vanquished immediately in Jesus name. 3John 1:1-2 “The Elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom i love in truth: Beloved, i wish that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

Some who claim to be Christian think they will know by a **wonderful experience** when they encounter God, but without Truth as your life and foundation, signs and wonders will lead you to a deceiving spirit. The Devil and his deceitful spirits rarely appear as a horrible beast. They usually come to us through pleasant thoughts and ideas that justify our human desires. Surely they are subtle (snakes). Matthew 16:21-23 “From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord, this shall not happen to You!’ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get away from Me Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men [human desires].”

In Deuteronomy 13:1-3, God instructed His people (the Jews): “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, **and the sign or the wonder comes to pass**, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other Gods’--which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall **not** listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

In Matthew 24:23-26, Jesus said: “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Anointed One!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false-Christ[s] [false anointed ones] and false prophets will rise **and show great signs and wonders** to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out, or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.”

2Thessalonians 2:9-12 “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, **with all power, signs, and lying wonders**, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the Truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the Truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” 1John 4:1 “Beloved, **do not believe** every

spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because **many** false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Revelation 13:8-18 “All who dwell on the earth will worship the fake-Christ, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world ... Anti-Christ’s prophet performs **great signs**, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of people. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth **by those signs** which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make **an image** to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship **the image** of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”

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