

Newsweek-Adeboye: Pentecostals

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This month (March 09) i came across a *Newsweek* article online titled “Newsweek: The Global Elite”. A Nigerian Pentecostal preacher (E.A. Adeboye) was on that list.

In the comments section, someone said:

Pastor E.A. Adeboye is a true prophet and a man of God filled with the Holy spirit. During the ministers/workers conference meeting in Floyd, daddy preached about Elisha and Elijah. **He later told us to look at him, and to ask God for the gift of the spirit each of us desired in him.** I asked God for two specific things that I desire in daddy and God has granted them unto me (<http://www.newsweek.com/id/176333/output/comments>).

That's Idolatry; but in Isaiah 45:22, the only true Saviour, the God of the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament) says: “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” Colossians 1:17-19 “And Christ is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell”. In Christ, **not** in Adeboye or any other spiritual leader.

Another person said:

... Africa today, had been forgiven the years of idolatry of the past through the works of the ADEBOYES of this generation. ... Adeboye and Obama are the signals to the west that power is changing hand now: as divinely directed by God. The human redemption will surely come through Africa. ...

Rubbish! Even the coming ruler of the world (the fake-Christ) is coming from Rome, not Africa (Daniel 9:26). In John 4:22, Jesus (Yah'Shua) said: “You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, **for salvation is of the Jews.**”

True Salvation is from the line of David-Yitzaak, **not** Africa, not Europe, or any other people. Also, no African or anyone else will be forgiven for idolatry through “the works of the Adeboyes of this generation”. Those who truly desire to be forgiven will only be forgiven through the finished sacrifice of the Jewish Messiah, the Lord Jesus.

Another person said:

... I don't believe the world has seen a greater gathering of people in one place as seen in Nigeria during the Holy Ghost Services with estimates of over 1 to 1.5 million people. All these people cannot be stupid at the same time! ...

All these people cannot be stupid? In Matthew 7:13-23, Jesus said: “Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are **Many** who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are Few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who

come to you in sheep's clothing ... Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. **Many** will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Many of his followers call him "daddy". The following is an example:

AM HAPPY TO HAVE A FATHER LIKE YOU DADDY, WHEN I WAS A KID I HAVE ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO HAVE A MENTOR LIKE JESUS CHRIST HERE ON EARTH, UNTIL I JOIN THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD IN 1998 DEC. THEN I FOUND YOU WORTHY TO TAKE THAT POSITION IN MY LIFE, TODAY YOU HAVE REALLY PROOVE YOURSELF TO BE A FATHER THAT IS WORTH EMULATING, I AM PROUD OF YOU DADDY E.A. ADEBOYE.

Another person wrote:

God Bless Pastor E. A. Adeboye. I LOVE YOU DADDY
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But in Matthew 23:8-9, Jesus instructed His followers: "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi', for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and **you are all brethren**. Do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in Heaven."

Pentecostal Pastors teach that they are protected from lacking earthly wealth. They teach that they are protected from physical danger and sickness. This makes them more important and more powerful than the original apostles of the Lord Jesus who suffered greatly and could never teach **such a seductive thing**. 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 2Corinthians 12:7-9, Paul wrote: "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 weaknesses**, 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."

In 1Timothy 5:23, Paul wrote to one of his assistants (Timothy): "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and **your frequent infirmities.**" God used His servants to heal many people but the miracles are at God's discretion and **timing, not the apostles' timing** (i.e., **the original apostles did not set up a Holy Spirit time** when the Holy Spirit **must come** and do miracles. Blasphemy!! God is God, not preachers who use various mental tricks to prepare their followers and set up miracle hours).

I follow the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament). I know God does miracles but unlike these lying preachers, God's miracles are **not** according to our own will or greed or **timing**. Lying preachers set-up miracle hours, they use hype and mental tricks to set people up for miracle-hour-delusions, it's contrary to the Scriptures.

These days, there are too many preachers that stand over the crowd and just tell **Lies** all day long. It's very sad that millions of people all over the world love to follow lying preachers such as Benny Hinn, Oral Roberts, the Copelands, Fredrick Price, etc., rather than listen to the true Words of the true Jesus who said "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Anointed One!' or 'There!' **Do not believe it**. For false Christs [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" (Matthew 24:23-25).

It's very sad. **Some of these lying preachers have really deceived themselves**. They think they are doing God a favor by telling faith-building **Lies**. A faith or soul that has lies as its foundation will sooner or later begin to perish.

I now know why Nigeria is full of fraud. The Elders/Pastors tell **Lies** all day long. That's why Nigeria is full of fraud. Weep for Nigeria. How we need to be courageous and speak-out against our father's house like Gideon who stood up against his father's house and the elders and their lies. Judges 6:25-28 "Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to Gideon, 'Take your father's young bull ... and tear down the [**false altar**] that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it, and build an altar to YAH your God on top of this rock **in the proper arrangement** ... So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the [**false altar**], torn down, and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was [on fire] being offered on the altar which had been built."

I'm not saying that anyone should physically destroy any false altar, but those who belong to Jesus should **speak-out against false teaching**. Lying Pentecostal preachers are not God. They are Liars. They use **fear** to put the masses under their grip. **No one should fear them**. If you are afraid, put your trust in the Scriptures, not in these Liars who use **fear tactics** and often say "touch not the Lord's anointed". But the prophets of the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament) are the Lord's anointed who we must listen to, not these deceived Pentecostal preachers who give Shavuot (50th day) a bad name. Rather than allowing people to know the Scripture and fear the Scripture alone, they make people fear them.

In Luke 18:8, Jesus said: "... Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Surely that prediction is being fulfilled in these last days. Lying Pentecostal preachers are everywhere. Millions of church-goers have a false faith (i.e., a faith that is contrary to the teachings of the New Testament).

Typical of most preachers, E.A. Adeboye has turned himself into a god over his poor followers who themselves are guilty of allowing a human being to be the god they fear and adore. The following statement was made by E.A. Adeboye during RCCG's November 2008 Holy Ghost Service:

There was a little challenge not too long ago, and I told the fellow who was challenging me, if it is me you want to fight, you have won before you start. I have nothing to fight with, I have no strength, **I know nobody [in authority], I have no money** (<http://hgs.rccgnet.org/2008-november.hgs>).

Why did E.A. Adeboye say he has no money and no friends in positions of power? **He is Lying.** Contrary to the fact that in Dec 08 - Jan 09, E.A. Adeboye was selected by Newsweek as one of the Global Elite, in John 15:19, Jesus said to His followers: "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

Church-goers need to understand the following crucial statement: All spiritual leaders, no matter how influential, whether Benny Hinn, the Pope, 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 or decree of any spiritual leader is on the same level (authority) as the Original Apostles of the Jewish God.**

In Revelation 2, Jesus praised the Ephesian church twice by saying: "I know your works ... and that **you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars ... this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**" Nicolaiti is a Greek phrase which means: Dominion over the common people. Similar to the Catholic priests, Pentecostal preachers' claim of special connection to God is usually fraudulent. That's the base/foundation of their dominion over their poor followers. Catholic leaders claim to be the only ones who possess the power to turn the bread and wine of communion into the real flesh and blood of "Christ" for all Catholics to ingest into their stomachs (**Cannibalism**) during the Mass. The true God who has become humanity's only true High-Priest hates that practice. Hebrews 10:19-22, Hebrews 4:16

In Revelation 2:15 "the teaching of the Nicolaitans" can also be understood as: the allowing of worldliness **via preaching of False-Christian freedoms, the perversion of Grace** (see my article "Non-Judgmental World").

Most Pentecostal preachers' source for greedy income are **gullible people who depend on their Lies. The same is true about Psychotherapists, they keep people dependent on them by Myths (pseudo-science).** The masses are at fault as well, not just the deceitful preachers. Jeremiah 5:30-31 "An astonishing and horrible thing has

been committed in the land: the spiritual leaders prophesy **falsely**, and the priests rule by their own power, **and My people love to have it so**. But what will you do in the end [when the coming judgment finally arrives]?” Church-goers fail to know the Scriptures for themselves; they fail to regularly commune with the Gracious God who has already paid for their sins; they fail to have Him as the only one they worship and adore, therefore they are unable to rebuke their spiritual leaders when their spiritual leaders are continually saying things that are contrary to Scripture. I used to be very dependent on spiritual leaders as well, but praise God for His marvelous Grace.

Most preachers today who want people to think of them as being similar to what we see in Scripture are not servants of God but of the fake-Christ, different from the servants of Christ we see in Scripture such as the following: 1Timothy 5:17-18 “Let the Elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and teaching. ... The laborer is worthy of his wages.” Acts 5:15-16 “... they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing-by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”

The following statement was made by E.A. Adeboye during RCCG’s November 2008 Holy Ghost Service:

Halleluiah, the Lord said **there is someone here today**, right now you don’t amount to much but the Lord asked me to tell you, your prosperity will lift your family out of the depth of poverty. How many of you believe that? Do you believe you are the one God is talking to? You better say amen loud and clear. I will tell you the story because it deals with faith. Some of you have heard it before. December 31 of a watch night service my God said to me, he said **there was someone in the congregation** who was having problem paying his house rent, he said in the New Year he will become a landlord. only one messenger said amen, others were thinking that was impossible, but he grabbed it by faith. ... So let me repeat what Daddy said, he said **there is someone here tonight** that you don’t amount to much now, he said but your prosperity will lift your family out of poverty. If you believe that say it is me Lord (<http://hgs.rccgnet.org/2008-november.hgs>).

The following statement was made by E.A. Adeboye during RCCG’s December 2008 Holy Ghost Service:

There is somebody here today, from the east help will come unto you, from the west help will come unto you, from the north help will come unto you, from the south help will come unto you, from heaven above help will come unto you. **If you are the one** let me hear you say amen loud and clear (<http://hgs.rccgnet.org/2008-december.hgs>).

Usually, the whole crowd shouts: Amen!!

However, the true-God is not confused. If the true-God said **“there is someone here today”**, He means that person, **not someone else**. And surely that doesn't change and become LIES in which more than a hundred persons from different families then become that one person whom God is speaking of. I really want to know exactly what Pentecostal preachers such as Adeboye actually heard. Did God actually say **“there's someone here today”** who He will bless exactly the way Adeboye **relayed the message**? Or did God say He will bless all who through faith grab that particular message Adeboye was **relaying**? What exactly did Adeboye hear God say? If what Adeboye heard from God is that: God will be the help of anyone who would believe, then that's **not** a special revelation given to Adeboye alone. Everyone should know from the Jewish Scripture (Old and New Testament) that God will be the help of anyone who trusts in Him. **But What Exactly Did Adeboye Hear “God” Say? What Spirit Spoke To Adeboye? A DECEITFUL SPIRIT.**

This is the truth: Romans 16:18 **“For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple”**. Exodus 20:7 **“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”**

Another fraudulent statement made by E.A. Adeboye at RCCG's December 2008 Holy Ghost Service:

The one ... **When I pray for salvation here it will reach you at the various altars where you may be**, so if you want to give your life to Jesus Christ, get up and go to the nearest altar close to you (<http://hgs.rccgnet.org/2008-december.hgs>).

THAT'S FRAUDULENT. The Holy Spirit and Salvation already reached those who want Him **during the preaching** of the Gospel. Salvation reaches a person as the person trusts in the fact that God in His pity towards us took the Eternal Judgment for us, not through Adeboye's prayer or physical altar. Such Pastors are robbing God of the glory that belongs to Him alone.

Another fraudulent statement made by E.A. Adeboye:

Those of you ... **I will be praying for you, very soon you will be receiving miracles that you didn't pray for and you will know that there is someone praying for you. So I am going to need your name your address and your prayer request.** Those of you watching through the television or listening from the internet, I will appreciate it if you will write to me, telling me your name, your address and your prayer request and I assure you I will be praying for you (<http://hgs.rccgnet.org/2008-december.hgs>).

What will all these people do when Adeboye dies? Will they begin sending their prayers through dead Adeboye? **Catholics do**. Probably some of Adeboye's followers will continue their abomination by sending their prayers through dead Benny Hinn, or other dead preachers they are trusting in. Hebrews 7:24-26 **“But Christ, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is able to save to**

the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens” Romans 8:34-37 “... It is Christ who died [for us], and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also makes intercession for us.** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For God’s sake we are killed all day long, we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

James (Yakob) 5:16 “Confess your trespasses **to one another**, and pray for **one another**, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” All true-believers have been declared righteous through Christ and they have communion with the Holy Spirit. We intercede for one another (i.e., it’s not a special work designated for some special “man of god” or priest who is trying to take the place of God over a needy crowd).

Along with singing, giving is another way of showing your appreciation to God for His goodness towards you. No one should give to any Lying ministry using God’s name in vain (e.g., Deceitful Pentecostal preachers claiming to be relaying a message from God when in-fact the message is a vague general message). Give to the poor, strangers, widows, orphans and those who are truly in need. Also, give with a pure heart, a thankful heart. No one should give with the following thought: “What will God give me in return”. Such a thought is wrong because, **it shows that the person doesn’t know how good God has been towards him/her. God has been very kind to us the unthankful and to us, the evil.** No one can pay God for anything. Do you want to pay God for existence and the air you are breathing?

Matthew 5:44-45, Jesus said “... love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in Heaven, **for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**”

Romans 11:35-36 “who has first given to God that it should be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.” Proverbs 19:17 “Whoever has pity on the poor, lends to the LORD, and God will repay ...”

The New Covenant doesn’t have a symbolic giving like the Old Testament’s one-tenth, tithes. True-Christianity teaches the following: 2Corinthians 8:12-15 “**For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.** For it does not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack--that there may be equality. As it is written, ‘He who gathered much had nothing left-over, and he who gathered little had no lack.’” 9:7 “Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Many middle-class people (and the wealthy) certainly give more than the Old Testament's one-tenth (tithes). **But if you are unable to give a penny, don't worry about it. God wants your love, not your money.** Don't allow any preacher to condemn you with unscriptural teachings and lies. The truth is this: **Bad things happen to everyone. God is very gracious even to those who don't respect Him.** No one is holy enough for God. Those who are accepted by God are only accepted because of Christ (who offers Himself to everyone). If you are financially poor, be encouraged by James (Yakob) 2:5-8 "Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you do well'"

Seek to understand true-Christianity through the Scriptures. **Depend on Christ's finished work.** Share true-Christianity with people, and God will be happy with you. When you give to the poor, remember this: God doesn't need your money. He isn't impressed because you gave, He can easily use another person to help the poor. Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water, He turns it wherever He wishes."

God provides for people's physical needs. He also sustains all living things (plants, birds, animals, etc.) However, God has **not guaranteed** earthly blessings to anyone. The spiritual blessings of the New Covenant are definitely guaranteed to anyone who will abide in Jesus. Serving the true-Jesus doesn't mean you will be wealthy or that everything will go well with you in this world that hates righteousness. Philippians 1:29 "For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake". A true Christian's soul will always be fine, but God hasn't promised that he/she will always be physically fine. All your spiritual leaders (including E.A. Adeboye) are getting old; they all fall sick and die. Don't let anyone deceive you.

In 2Corinthians 4:16, **apostle Paul said** "... Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward person is being renewed day by day." **Elisha died of a sickness:** 2Kings 13:14 "Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, 'O my father, my father ...'"

Elders such as E.A. Adeboye and many others are being **DECEITFUL** and are **BAD EXAMPLES TO NIGERIANS** as they misuse Old Testament Scriptures such as Deuteronomy 28:12-13 when the New Testament supersedes them, and teaches Christian Servants to be submissive to their masters: 1Peter 2:18, Ephesians 6:5.

Titus 2:9-10 "Exhort servants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in all things." Pastors such as Adeboye

deceitfully entice people by saying: God has promised to make Christians the head and not the tail. That's a perversion of Deuteronomy 28:12-13 "The Lord will open to you [who] His good treasure, the heavens, to give rain to YOUR LAND [YisraEl] in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you **the head and not the tail**; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments ...". The New Testament supersedes because it gives clear explanations for the Old which is largely symbolic; here's a New Testament instruction: 1Corinthians 7:21-22 "Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave."

Most Pentecostal preachers teach that God will bless every true believer with earthly wealth, but 1Timothy 6:5-11 says: "useless arguments of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, **who think that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.** Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, **flee these things and pursue righteousness ...**"

1Corinthians 12 makes it clear that there isn't one particular gift/ministry that God gives to every Christian but that gifts/ministries are given diversely (division of labour). Therefore those who preach that God will financially send a windfall to every true-Christian who sows bountifully, are perverting the Scriptures, neither does Scripture teach that God give Tongues to every Christian. **There Are Various Ways God Blesses, It Doesn't Have To Be Financial.** 1Corinthians 14:1 "Pursue Love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." I hope you noticed that the emphasis isn't on desiring physical-wealth from God. 12:31 "Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way." Love and Prophecy are the gifts that Christians are instructed to covet/desire from God, not physical-wealth. Philippians 4:11-13 "... I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content ...".

Benny Hinn made the following predictions in 1989:

The Spirit tells me, Fidel Castro will die in the 90's. Oh my. Some will try to kill him and they will not succeed. But there will come a change in his physical health, and he will not stay in power. And Cuba will be visited of God. ... The Lord also tells me to tell you, in mid 90s, about '94 or '95, no later than that, God will destroy the homosexual community of America. ... He will destroy it with fire. And many will turn and be saved, and many will rebel and be destroyed (*Orlando Christian Center, December 31, 1989*).

This is March 2009; Fidel Castro is still alive, he retired in February 2008 and transferred his power to his brother (Raul Castro) on the 24th of Feb 2008. This is March 09, is the homosexual community in America a thing of history? **The true God never spoke to these Pentecostal preachers. They are being deceived by Deceitful Spirits**, yet millions continue to follow them.

2Peter 2 “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies ... And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. **By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words**, for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. ... [they] speak evil of things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption ... They have a heart trained in covetous practices ... They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness ... For when **they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure** [they entice] through the desires of the flesh ... While they promise them liberty [deliverance], they themselves are slaves of corruption ...”

Pentecostal preachers often make predictions of **things of high probability and general knowledge** while claiming it's a special revelation from God. On RCCG's Europe website, the following FRAUDULENT prediction was among Adeboye's “predictions” for 2008:

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1. There will be scientific breakthrough this year (http://rccgeuropemainland.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=69&Itemid=109).

How do Pentecostals explain the fact that when Jesus was physically here, His relative (John the Baptist) was unjustly imprisoned and later beheaded and Jesus did nothing and no miracle. On this issue, Jesus said “Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me” (Luke 7:23). God is God, not us. He does His miracles according to His own discretion, and blessed is the person who isn't offended because of God's decision and will in allowing physical tragedy and no deliverance (physically) for His own child. John the Baptist was taken to his Heavenly reward but many Pentecostals with all their miracles and deliverance will be taken to Hell.

Like witchcraft (*Harry Potter*, *Star Wars Force*, etc.) Pentecostal beliefs are very appealing because they promise people immediate power and a million dollars. Also, those who are not yet born of the true-Jesus and those who are not growing strong in true-Christianity want a god they can see (e.g., their spiritual leader) rather than the invisible God. In addition, they stubbornly want self-pleasure and self-glory (pride), therefore they want a god that caters to their will or desires rather than a God who says: “Shame on you for your selfishness. Repent of your selfishness.”

The only God who can save your soul from the eternal judgment is the God who continually says “Be saved from this perverse generation” (Acts 2:40).

Last year, while i was staying with a relative of mine in Lagos, Nigeria, he asked me if i realize that Jesus is actually our servant (i.e., Jesus serves us). I told him yes, Jesus serves us. The reason i said yes is because of Mark 10:42-45 “Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. **For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**”

However, the whole truth is this: Jesus (i.e., God) serves people according to His own will and timing, not according to our own desire and timing. On the other hand, witchcraft doesn’t have holy requirements that limit people, like the requirements of true-Christianity. Pentecostal beliefs, like witchcraft are very appealing because they promise you immediate power **at your command: just imagine it and speak it.** But the spirits who grant these powers are deceitful. They want people to continue on that road (e.g., visualization, imagination); they want people to be on their side; those deceitful spirits are sometimes able to grant some wish but sometimes they are **not** able.

The true-God doesn’t serve us according to our own desires but according to His own will. He isn’t a foolish father who spoils His children or rarely disciplines them. He disciplines those who are His. Through His love He teaches them to be content, and He helps them because they are weak: Hebrews 12:5-8

If you don’t want to be misled or deceived by your desires or signs and wonders, the way to identify a true servant of God versus **the many** that are deceitful, is by comparing the person’s teachings and sayings to the instructions of Scripture. **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.** 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. Jesus (Yah’Shua) said: “If anyone wills to do God’s will, he shall know concerning the teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority” (John 7:17).

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