

UNMASKING A FALSE TEACHER: PROPHET OWUOR

1. A profile of Dr. Owuor

- Edward David Owuor, born in 1966 – Goma Village, Usenge, Bondo
- Enrolled in Makerere University (did not complete) and later transferred to University of Nairobi (to complete his Bachelor's); enrolled to Ben Gurion University, Israel (for his Master's); enrolled to University of Haifa, Israel (for his Ph.D)
- Became a lecturer and medical science researcher in Germany and the USA
- Call to ministry through dream/vision in November 2003 – sent by God to Kenya
- Began his ministry in 2004 (15 years ago) by one-on-one (door-to-door) evangelism
- Partnered with King's Outreach Church to have his altars
- Is not married
- Broadcasting: Jesus Is Lord Radio
- Website: www.repentandpreparetheway.org

2. The centrality of Dr. Owuor to the Repentance and Holiness movement

- Owuor is the one sent to prepare the way for the messiah – a very special role
- Owuor holds healing crusades – he cures terminal diseases, can resurrect the dead, etc.
- Only Owuor has direct contact with God – only he can mediate for mankind
- Owuor is prophesied in the Scriptures (Malachi 4:5–6; Deuteronomy 18:15–22)
- Secretive past life and shrouded current lifestyle – mysterious, awe-some, tremendous, dreadful
- Followers always speak more of Owuor than of Jesus Christ
- Publicity: Both on Jesus Is Lord radio and mainstream media (e.g., Jeff Koinange Live)

3. The claims of Dr. Owuor and the Repentance and Holiness movement

- He is the mightiest *prophets* of Jehovah – visited and approved by Moses, Elijah and Daniel
- He is the two witnesses of Revelation 11 – he is Moses and Elijah cum John the Baptist
- He was sent to prepare the church for the soon-coming rapture
- God has shown him the rapture and its related events
- He has predicted many events – e.g., tremors and earthquakes, 2007/08 PEV
- He has been transfigured multiple times
- The Holy Spirit has descended on him like a dove
- God the Father visits Owuor and calls him “my Lord”
- He has the power to let people enter heaven

4. Distinctive beliefs and practices of the Repentance and Holiness movement

- Owuor brings a message of righteousness, repentance and holiness to a greedy, worldly, corrupt and immoral church
- National repentance is necessary
- Dressing – full covering for women, suits and no jeans for men (divinely revealed instruction)
- True salvation is found only within R&H
- Praying in sackcloth
- R&H members bowing their heads and calling Dr. Owuor “my Lord”, mightiest prophets and other exalted titles
- Crowds cleaning the roads when Dr. Owuor is visiting or holding a rally
- Large numbers attending the rallies – monotonous style of singing
- Members are set apart from the rest of the world – even family members

5. The spread and influence of the Repentance and Holiness movement

- Has been quickly growing in universities, where members form parallel fellowships
- Many police officers have been seen publicly supporting Dr. Owuor
- Recently a wealthy lawyer (Jane Muthoni Njagi) was involved in a controversy with Owuor, who appeals even to the very educated
- Popular among women, who are most vulnerable at home as men work
- Alleged miracles, healings, highly publicized mega rallies and crusades
- Rubbing shoulders with high-profile government officials – President Uhuru, DP Ruto, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga (baptism) – led to his quick rise to limelight
- Publicity from the alleged resurrection of Mama Rosa (who passed away in early 2019)
- Strongholds include Nakuru, Western and Nyanza, parts of Rift Valley, Nairobi
- Owuor’s travels have caused his popularity to grow in other countries and continents

6. Biblical responses to the movement

- Point members to the fulfillment of Malachi 4:5 by John the Baptist (see Luke 1:13–17; Matthew 17:12, 11:13–14)
- Show how only Christ can be the prophet promised in Deuteronomy 18:15 (see Acts 3:22–26)
- According to Hebrews 1:1–2, God has specially/uniquely spoken to us by His Son
- According to John 1:18, 1 Timothy 6:16 – no one but the Son has seen God and made Him known
- God’s gift of love to the world is Jesus Christ alone – John 3:16
- John 3:30–31 – our light should fade in the light of Christ

- Consistently talk about the Lord Jesus Christ – in your conversations with R&H members, try to redirect the conversation away from Owuor and toward Jesus
- Take them back to the Scriptures – show them that your ideas and opinions are based on the Bible and are not your own imagination
- Pray for them fervently – many Kenyans are directly affected by R&H
- Show love to them – they are human beings who can see that you love them

7. The church's response and ministry

- Show that biblical repentance is individual and results in a truthful turnaround
- Show how righteousness and holiness are not to be pursued as a means to earn salvation, but because salvation has been freely given
- Preach sound doctrine to your members – seek to know if they understand what salvation is