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1. Should we be doing this?

Why not just leave it to God?

- A. God commands us, especially pastors, to watch out against false teachers (Tit. 1:9-11; 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 1 John 4:1)
- B. God commands his people to test prophets and prophecies (Deut. 18:22; 1 John 4:1; 1 Mat. 24:4, Cor. 14:1)
- C. The enemy's main tool against human souls is spiritual deception – discernment is not an option (Gen. 3:1-6; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9, 15; 1 Thess. 3:5)
- D. Love for the sheep: If Owuor is a false teacher then we should have care and compassion for his many followers (Mat. 9:36; Jude 1:22-23).
- E. The gospel of Jesus is too precious for us to keep quiet when it is being distorted (1 Pet. 3:15)

2. On what basis do we say that someone is a false teacher?

What if they perform miracles? The Bible is clear that false teachers can work real miracles. (See Matt. 24:24; Mark 13:22; Deut. 13:1-5). Jesus predicted that miracles would actually be a sign of false teachers (Matt. 24:24).

How then can we identify a false teacher?

- 1. His teachings contradict the word of God (Isaiah 8:20; Acts 17:11)
- 2. He doesn't exalt Jesus Christ but instead exalts himself (John 16:14-15)
- 3. His prophecies fail to come true (Deut. 18:21-22)
- 4. Their fruit – their character does not reflect the fruit of the Spirit e.g. humility, kindness, (Matt. 7:15-16)

3. What does Owuor teach, and how does it compare to the Bible?

- 1. He claims to be John the Baptist & Elijah. (Jesus taught that John the Baptist fulfilled the coming of Elijah and none other was to be expected. Matt. 11:4, 17:11-13)
- 2. He claims to be the Mightiest prophet of God (Jesus is the Son who is finally sent after all the prophets that God specially sent. Heb. 1:1-2; Mat. 21:33-42)
- 3. He claims to be the one Moses spoke about in Deut. 18:18 (The apostle Peter preaching in Acts 3:22 says that Moses was referring to Jesus.)

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4. He claims that one cannot enter heaven without following him. (Jesus said that he is the only way to the Father. John 14:6)
5. He teaches 'holiness and repentance' marked by specific styles of dressing and living and following his ministry. (Biblical repentance directs people to God and to bear fruit. Matt. 3:7-8; Joel 2:3)
6. He claims to have been transfigured; that the Spirit fell on him like a dove; that God calls him 'my Lord'; that Jesus sat at his feet, and other self-exalting, blasphemous claims. (See video evidence in brochure). The Bible teaches that the Spirit of God exalts Jesus Christ (John 16:14-15), He doesn't place a man side-by-side with Jesus or even above Jesus, as Owuor boldly does)
7. He claims to be the two witnesses of Revelation 11, which he claims to be himself split into two. (A more faithful interpretation relates these two witnesses to the two people-groups of believers, Jew and Gentile, who face persecution for bearing witness to God.)

4. How should we respond?

1. Do not despair – God has told us that such people will come
2. Pray for those caught up in the ministry of repentance & holiness (MRH)
3. Exalt Christ in your ministry, and as you reach out to those caught up in the MRH
4. Be a model of biblical repentance

1 John 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"