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CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL BODIES IN GHANA

Press Statement

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BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS AND MESSIAHS

The leadership of the ecumenical bodies has observed with keen interest, reactions of the public to a viral video in which the pastor of the Philadelphia movement, Prophet Adom Kyei Duah makes serious claims about his identity in the Christian fraternity. In the said video, the prophet asserts that he is the one Christians have been waiting for. Additionally, he states that in the next five hundred years, his picture will replace the face of the 'Jesus picture' which is widely known in the world.

As Christian leaders in Ghana, we deem it fit to address these statements in the light of Scriptures and to warn Ghanaian Christians of the dangers of misleading theologies.

Firstly, we wish to state unreservedly that Prophet Adom Kyei Duah is not and cannot be the Jesus Christians seek in Ghana or the world at large. The Jesus of Christians is the only 'begotten Son of God who was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem, suffered under Pontus Pilate, crucified, dead and buried, and on the third day, rose again from the dead (cf. Matt. I :21 ; Mk. 15:15, 37-39; Lk. 2:10-11 ; Jn 3: 16; ICor. 15:3-4). This Jesus will return in glory the same way He was taken up to heaven to reward those who do the will of God but not to establish a church or movement (Acts 1; Matt. 7:21; Rev. 22:12).

Therefore, as Christian leaders, we strongly condemn the anti-Christ statements made by the prophet and urge all Christians in Ghana to disregard it and save their souls from destruction. Additionally, we state emphatically that sensational and spectacular events or miracles do not necessarily authenticate a person as chosen from God and therefore we must be careful (Matt. 7:21). The church is hereby being cautioned against misleading doctrines that have the tendency to destroy the faith of vulnerable and well-meaning Christians. We should be mindful of false prophets and false teachers who will claim to be the Messiah:

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time.

"So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness, 'do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms, 'do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24: 11, 24-27).

The other statement of the prophet is about his face replacing the popular 'Jesus picture' for the next five hundred years. We wish to use this opportunity to explicate that the face of Jesus the Son of God, is not on any frame in the world. The popular 'Jesus picture' in the world is a portrait that serves as some physical representation used in homes, churches and even offices. On some of the portraits, there are Bible quotations that remind the believer of the presence of God in our lives. However, such portraits are not to be worshipped, as the picture is not Jesus. Worshipping any 'Jesus picture' correlates with idol worship and should never be practiced by anyone.

The leadership of the ecumenical bodies wishes to encourage all Ghanaians to make the Bible their standard for life and study it to know the ways of God (cf. Joshua I :8). We also admonish the prophet to repent and desist from making such statements and work out his own salvation with fear and trembling (Phi. 2:12).

May the word of God grow mightily and prevail in our nation (Acts 1 9:20) and may God bless our home land Ghana and make her great and strong.



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