



tears, even going on to describe the emotion as 'never had anything have such a profound effect on me'.

The film brought about questions on the faith he was born into and an understanding of Christ's death for all mankind. He described that night as terrifying, both for the encounter and the fear of disappointing his family by rejecting Islam. Nonetheless he carried on with the routine of praying 5 times a day to prevent any suspicion. It then dawned on him why he had to bow to Mecca? Indeed why? He thought to himself. Since Christ died for us ALL and he's present everywhere, why this symbolic act in Islam? At that point, he realized he was not the same person anymore. Why can't I pray to God spontaneously, why does it have to be at specific times of the day? Is God not Omnipresent and always there to listen to us?

The questions kept coming. Several of these questions were being answered through the knowledge of Christ's encounter with him. He realized it was not the balance of good and bad deeds that determined if one goes to heaven but rather by HIS grace and mercy. Things were beginning to make sense about previous conversations with his Christian friends, for example the personal relationship with Jesus, the love for everyone regardless of religion. He was overwhelmed with the feeling and eventually told one of his teachers who shared the gospel with him and prayed for him. He accepted Jesus that day and became born again.

Word got out and his parents eventually perceived what was

going on. It caused a rift in the family. How could the son of a prominent Muslim family in the community turn to Christ? It was practically unheard of in the Pakistani community. After some years his dad found letters of prayers and support from his friends and as you could imagine that was the last straw. His father raged with anger and began to verbally assault him, even saying he would prefer if his son was dead than partake in the so called Christian 'cult'.

He described it as such a harrowing experience that has left scars till today. Although he gets on with the family in an amicable way, he is scared the family will disown him if he fails to agree to the Islamic tradition of arranged marriage. Despite this, he still says 'I still do not regret changing my religion, because for me it was impossible to ignore the calling of Jesus'.



GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS WILL LAST 7 YEARS - ADEBOYE

THE global economic downturn will last for seven years, the General Overseer of Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Pastor Enoch Adejare, has predicted. Pastor Adeboye, at a three-day prayer meeting of the Apostolic Conference of Pentecostal Church leaders in Nigeria held at the RCCG, Redemption Camp, near Lagos, Nigeria, said just like the famine which took place in Egypt in the days of Joseph, the global financial crisis would persist. Pastor Adeboye, sharing the revelation during the meeting, which he hosted, stated that it was revealed

to him that the global economic meltdown would continue for seven years.

"Despite the gloomy economic state worldwide, those who are righteous, faithful in giving their tithes and offering will prosper," he said.

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HOP TO HOST RICHARD ROBERTS

The RCCG House of Praise confirms the visit later this year of popular evangelist scholar and son of veteran Evangelist and healing Minister; the legendary Oral Roberts. "We are proud to have Richard Roberts with us this summer", says Pastor Andrew Adeleke, the Senior Pastor of the RCCG House of Praise. "We are looking forward to his visit with great enthusiasm and believe his visit will be a great blessing to our church and the city of London" He concluded.

Richard Roberts was the second President of the prestigious Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has been voted President emeritus by the board of regents of the school. With a powerful healing anointing on his life, he is a highly sought after speaker and very popular in the United States and beyond. The meeting has been fixed for May, 2009.

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