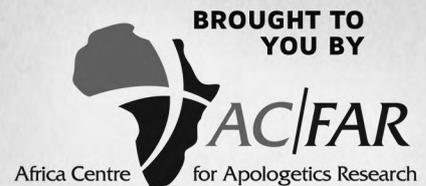


Tambua

RESEARCH & RESOURCE UPDATE



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Test all things—Hold fast to what is good—Abstain from every form of evil (1 Ts. 5:21–22)

MINISTRY RESOURCES

Hyper-Grace Tract—You may have heard of the controversial “hyper-grace” movement that is sweeping through Christian Unions and various churches. This teaching is based on false arguments and misunderstandings of Scripture, especially concerning the believer and God’s call to holiness. (Some promoters even twist the Scriptures to claim that God isn’t concerned about the Christian’s moral obedience after he or she is saved.) **ACFAR now has a tract that answers the hyper-grace error**; a PDF copy is attached that you may reproduce freely.

ACFAR on Facebook—We encourage you to “Like” [ACFAR’s page on Facebook](#), where you will find news and helpful ministry resources in English, French, Swahili, and Kirundi. Tell a friend!

Joel Osteen—Is he a trustworthy Bible teacher, or should you exercise caution? Download a free, four-page profile [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW...?

William Marrion Branham—across East Africa, so-called “End-Time Message Churches” (also called “Bride Tabernacles”) are preaching that William Branham was God’s special prophet for the last days. But Branham, an American who died in 1965, denied the Trinity and taught other doctrines opposed to Scripture. The Uganda headquarters of this movement is the “Little Flock” church in Luzira, led by Bolahs Onyango. You can learn to recognize and witness to members of this cult! ACFAR offers you free tracts [here](#) and [here](#), and online resources for further study [here](#).

Andrew Wommack—The popular author and Charis Bible College founder is scheduled to visit Kampala from October 24–26. We are concerned that many will adopt Wommack’s destructive and unbiblical view that poverty, sickness and death are *entirely the believer’s own fault*, and that God lacks both the will and the authority to prevent them. For a biblical response to Wommack’s teachings, see articles [here](#) and [here](#).

FEATURED VIDEO

How to Identify False Teachers—What does God’s Word say about recognizing cultic groups and their leaders? **You will enjoy this new teaching video on ACFAR’s YouTube channel (watch [here](#))**. Rodgers Atwebembeire clearly explains what the Bible says about discernment and deception. You will find other messages to help you defend your faith and answer cults and false doctrine with wisdom and love.

NEWS

T.B. Joshua—tragedy struck the church of this self-proclaimed Nigerian prophet on September 12, when a guest house at his Synagogue, Church of All Nations (SCOAN) compound in Lagos state collapsed, killing and maiming over 150 pilgrims from as far away as South Africa. Many are now asking: Why didn’t the man who says he can foresee world events know that his own place would become a death-trap for his disciples? And why did he not heal any of the people who were injured in the disaster? Controversy is growing because of accusations by government rescue workers that SCOAN personnel [denied them access to victims](#). Instead of accepting responsibility, Joshua has blamed the calamity on a [suspicious aircraft](#) and on [Boko Haram terrorists](#), yet

investigators have found [no sign of explosives](#). He strangely calls the collapse victims “[martyrs of the kingdom of God](#)”, and he is now reportedly [threatening his critics with death](#). We recall Jesus’ warning about false prophets: “You will know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:15–23).

Satanic census?—Uganda’s national census has aroused the suspicions of local cultists who believe that efforts by the government to count its citizens and register them for identification cards are “satanic.” For example, a [spokesman](#) for a nameless [Mityana cult](#) that shuns telephones justified its members’ resistance by accusing the “new world order” of attempting “high-tech wizardry” that would lead to slavery. Pascazia Nakafeero, leader of a different cult near Masaka, “stopped her followers from participating in the recent national census until enumerators invaded the place with armed policemen and forced them to take part,” according to a report in the [Observer](#).

Mormonism in Uganda—For three days in August, Latter-day Saint leaders [hosted](#) the speaker of Uganda’s parliament, Madam Rebecca Kadaga, at their headquarters and other offices in Salt Lake City, Utah (USA), as part of their ongoing efforts to gain credibility and influence in East Africa. The sect also employs various humanitarian projects to win the confidence of Ugandans in hopes of interesting them in its missionary message, which is difficult for many to accept at first because of its unusual beliefs and [claims that God has rejected all other churches](#). Be prepared! Learn more about the teachings of Mormonism in [English](#) or [Luganda](#).

RADIO

ACFAR continues to broadcast its message of biblical discernment across Uganda and parts of Kenya and South Sudan. You can listen in two languages:

English—“Defending the Faith” on Spirit FM 96.6 Kampala, Wednesdays from 7:30–8:00 p.m. and Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m.

Luganda—“Okulabura—Kungigiriza Enkyamu” on Namirembe FM 93.9 Kampala, Fridays from 9:30–10:00 p.m.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

ACFAR offers speakers to warn and train pastors and lay Christians in biblical discernment, the defense of the faith, and cult evangelism. If you are interested in having a speaker present at your church, school, women’s conference, or campus fellowship, contact ACFAR via [this link](#).

QUOTATIONS

“The unattended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a theological wilderness.”

—A.W. Tozer

“If practice flows from theory, if life is based upon teaching, it follows that the wrong doctrine will issue in the wrong attitude toward God and Christ, and consequently in warped and twisted Christian life.”

—J.K. Van Baalen

“The religion of the Bible does not teach a God who is so far away from us that unless some powerful humans come in and give us a breakthrough he cannot bless us. No! The Bible teaches a God who is near us. The only barrier between God and us is our sin, and Jesus has dealt with that by His death on the cross.”

—Conrad Mbewe

“In an age in which infidelity abounds, do we observe parents carefully instructing their children in the principles of faith which they profess? Or do they furnish their children with arguments for the defense of that faith?...it is not surprising to see them abandon a position which they are unable to defend.”

—William Wilberforce

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