

# Tambua

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

## NEWS

**Mormonism and Racism**—For nearly 160 years, the Mormon Church taught that the African people are “inferior” and are “cursed” by God. The cult honors the leaders who preached these things in the name of Christianity as “prophets, seers and revelators,” and their plain words about these cruel, unscriptural teachings remain for the world to judge. Now the cult is trying to avoid blame by releasing a [new statement](#) about its past teachings, but they don’t actually address what their previous leaders taught. What did the Mormon prophets and apostles really say? Read a collection of their racist quotations [here](#), and learn more about the many other errors of Mormonism [here](#). Our partner organisation, the Institute for Religious Research, has prepared an excellent statement responding to the Mormon Church [here](#). **Mormon missionaries are spreading across Uganda!** Equip yourself and others with the ministry resources offered below.

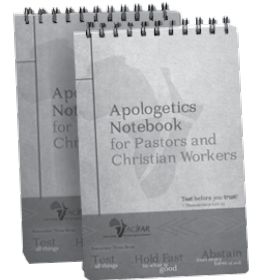
**False Prophecy in Zimbabwe?**—Jesus warns His followers: “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:15–16a). According to [this article](#), Zimbabweans “have taken Harare preacher prophet Emmanuel Makandiwa to task over his prediction at the beginning of the year that Zimbabwe is going to have solid gold bulging out of the ground everywhere in the country.” God’s Word is clear: “You may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’ When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him” (Deuteronomy 18:21–22).

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The **United Apostolic Church of Uganda** is the local version of an international cult known as the [United Pentecostal Church International \(UPCI\)](#). This divisive movement denies the biblical doctrine of the Trinity, substituting instead the heretical view known as [modalism](#). Its local missionary leaders are Phil Tolstad and Steve Phelps. For an excellent study of the biblical basis for the doctrine of the Trinity, see [here](#). For a detailed study on the errors of Oneness Pentecostalism (the so-called “Jesus Only” movement), see [here](#). (**Important:** There is a “United Pentecostal Church” denomination in Uganda which is Trinitarian and *not* a cult.)

## MINISTRY RESOURCES

**Apologetics Notebook**—The ACFAR apologetics notebook is designed to help pastors and ministry leaders grow in their ability to discern truth from error and respond biblically to cults and false teachings. Topics covered include:



- Essential doctrines of the Christian Faith
- The biblical doctrine of the Trinity
- Six categories of false teaching
- Scriptural warnings on the occult
- Evangelizing members of cultic groups
- How and why cultic groups lure people
- The dangers of cultic involvement
- Differences between health churches and cultic groups
- Faith preachers and the Bible
- What the Bible says about money

If you are [currently](#) a pastor or ministry leader in Uganda, contact ACFAR via [this link](#) to request your free copy.

### ***African Traditional Religion in Biblical***

***Perspective***—See a preview of this helpful book [here](#). Available from [East African Educational Publishers Ltd.](#)

**Teaching DVD on Mormonism**—Do you understand the claims of Mormonism? Do you know how to warn people about Mormon deception and share the *true* Gospel with Mormons? ACFAR has produced a special teaching DVD on Mormonism for use in churches and schools. If you are currently a pastor or campus ministry leader in Uganda, contact ACFAR via [this link](#) to request your free copy.

**Errors of the Prosperity Gospel**—Read an excellent summary [here](#). The author writes: “Simply put, if the prosperity gospel is true, grace is obsolete, God is irrelevant, and man is the measure of all things.”

### **What to Make of Seventh-day Adventism?**

Many ask us how it compares with evangelical Christianity. You can read ACFAR’s position [here](#) and download a tract version to print and distribute. Find more answers to your questions about Ellen G. White and her teachings on the web site of our partner organisation, [Life Assurance Ministries](#).

**Cultic Groups in East Africa**—See a list of cultic groups in East Africa [here](#), or search by country [here](#).

## **RADIO**

You can hear the teaching ministry of ACFAR on Words of Hope Radio every Thursday night on 96.6 Spirit FM in Kampala. Tell a friend!

## **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**

*Motivational speaking is not biblical preaching. It is a blight on the landscape of true evangelicalism. It is filling the churches with dead people who are being told to live as if they are alive. We need to return to the good old gospel that truly gives life to the dead and sets men and women free. Like Paul of old, every truly evangelical pulpit must sound out the clear message of “repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).*

—[Conrad Mbewe](#)

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