



Discernment



1 John 4:1-6 (NKJV)

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Introduction

Today, social media platforms had opened the door for widespread scams and fake news. When people easily believe anything they see and hear, they easily fall into their traps. They are promised with fulfillment, happiness, money, etc.

Many who were scammed testify that they cannot believe themselves falling for their trick. They knew that it was easy money, but their greed deceived them. Those who were sick also fell for the witch doctors. They cling to their promised healing. Even those whose loved ones died hope that prayers can save the souls of their loved ones.

An advertisement reads, "Have you ever wanted more out of life? We can

help! Discover powerful and easy secrets that have been proven and are guaranteed to give you the results you want. Whether you desire love, health, money or simply more fulfillment and satisfaction in your life, now is the time to take advantage of this new and exclusive series being introduced for the first time—absolutely free. Learn how you, too, can start seeing an immediate difference! No matter who you are, you, too, can profit from knowing these safe, trusted, and easy-to-understand principles for personal growth and achievement. Stop missing out on the life you could be living. You have nothing to lose ... everything to gain!"

In view of these many deceptive tactics by the enemy, discernment is vital.

A. Reason for discernment

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.

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

¹³For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no

wonder!

For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

True faith is not a blind leap into the dark. It examines its object carefully before putting trust into it.

We need spiritual discernment because Satan and his forces are alive and well, promoting error at every opportunity.

B. Basis for discernment

1 John 4:2-3

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A false teacher may be gentle and loving. He may speak prophecies that come true. He may even perform miracles. But the question is, does he lead people to follow the God of the Bible or a false god?

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor



(TDP) UCACOA Administration, with (L-R) Editha Paragas from CHED, Rowena Ann Malabanan, Rev. Dr. James Sy, Dr. Apollo Portez, and Dr. Jasper Vincent Alontaga.

UCACOA MILESTONE

UCACOA undergoes Government Recognition



The RQAT are warmly welcomed by the administration and its staff.

For the institution's learning continuity, UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) opened its doors for Commission on Higher Education (CHED) inspection on its last leg of application for its four-year course BTVTED last March 20, Wednesday.

The facilities including the additional equipment up to the necessary documents required was prepared ahead of time for a smooth inspection. UCACOA President Rev. Dr. James Sy together with UCACOA Dean Dr. Mary Joy Obingayan and the UCACOA faculty and staff warmly welcomed Dr. Apollo Portez, Dr. Jasper Vincent Alontaga as part of Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT), with CHED Representatives Rowena Ann Malabanan, and Editha Paragas as evaluation experts.

With the leading of the Lord, the inspection and evaluation concluded positively. This educational ministry of UCF will continue and is soon to produce teacher-workers who will be used for God's glory.

PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS

The inspection begins as the faculty presents the certificates, documentary requirements, and licenses of the school to the CHED inspectors for its validation.



INSPECTION OF FACILITIES

The inspectors visited the school facilities and checked their equipment together with UCACOA Dean Dr. Mary Joy Obingayan, Professor Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay and its staff.



1 Corinthians 2:10
(NKJV)

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

UCA UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL TRIP

UCA embarks on a learning journey

Mark your calendars! On April 12, the whole family of United Christian Academy (UCA) is set for one-of-a-kind experience as they explore interesting and interactive museums, production plant, and re-creation center for this year's educational trip.

New discoveries await them as they travel to The Catsup Museum by NutriAsia and the Senses of the Seas Museum by Mega Sardines Prime Foods Corporation where they will learn the diverse histories and manufacturing processes of banana catsup and canned sardines. And lastly, in the lush greenery of Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center, student's will learn about cactus plant propagation through a cactus grafting seminar.

For payment and other details, you may contact the UCA Office until April 3, 2024. What are you waiting for? Register now!



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INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

UCACOA opens job opportunities

ibex.



Ibex Philippines' Talent Acquisition Associate Mr. Raymond Deraya together with (L-R) TVET Focal Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay, UCACOA President and School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy, and Chief Finance Officer Mrs. Nerissa Estrellado.

Another milestone is unlocked as UCACOA partnered with Ibex Philippines, an elite Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) company. UCA College of Asia President and School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy, together with Chief Finance Officer Mrs. Nerissa Estrellado and TVET Focal Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay had a fruitful meeting with Ibex Philippines' Talent Acquisition Associate Mr. Raymond Deraya at Ibex Shaw I.T. Center last March 18, Monday.

UCACOA has been a partner of TESDA in offering the Contact Center Service (CCS) NC II course as part of the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP). With approximately 1,900 graduates as of date, the school opened an opportunity for the scholars to be trained for the actual work in the BPO industry. With its direct partnership to various companies, more jobs and opportunities for professional growth are provided. This will bring the scholars a stable job with benefits good for their growth.

Praise the Lord for this opportunity that He opened. The ministry's expansion will surely bring souls at His feet.

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

**1 Corinthians 2:11
(NKJV)**

FAMILY CAMP FEATURE

PAGTATANIM NG Salita ng Panginoon

Isang linggo na lamang at gaganapin na ang kapana-panabik na gawain ng panambahan ng UCF, ang *Family Camp 2024*. Ito ang gawaing magbibigay kagalakan at kapahingahan sa presensiya ng Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng mga programang magtatanghal sa kadakilaan ng Diyos.



2022



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MGA PALARO



TORCH AT BANNER PARADE | 2023



Tulad ng isang pamilyang nagbubuklod-buklod upang mabigyan ng oras ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay, ang *family camp* ay isang programang may layunin ding bigyan ng oras ang Diyos at maranasan ang Kaniyang pagmamahal. Masasayang mga palaro ang inihanda ng UCF para sa mga pamilyang dadalo.

Ang mga magsisipagdalo ay igu-grupo upang makilala rin nila ang bawat isa kasabay ng kanilang pagsasaya sa mga hinandang gawain. Masasarap na putahe rin ang ihahanda sa mga magsisipagdalo kasabay ng kanilang magiging *fellowship*. At ang pinaka-importanteng bahagi ng programa ay ang kanilang pakikinig ng Salita ng Diyos.



2022

FELLOWSHIP



2022



PANALANGIN AT PAGPUPURI | 2023



2021



Ang programa ay isa lamang pamamaraan upang ang mga hindi pa nakakakilala sa Panginoon ay makarinig ng Kaniyang Salita at nang magkaroon ng pananampalataya sa Kaniya. Kaya sikapin nating dalhin ang ating mga mahal sa buhay sa ganitong gawain upang sila ay mataniman ng Salita ng Diyos.

1 Corinthians 2:12
(NKJV)

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.



MT. TABOR UPDATE

Pagkakaisa sa PAGHAHANDA

Sa nalalapit na *Family Camp* at iba pang gawain sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center, naging puno ang nagdaang linggo ng paghahanda sa lugar. Kabi-kabilang pagpapaganda at paggawa ng mga kaaaliwang disenyo ang nadagdag sa mga pasilidad na makikita sa paligid ng Mt. Tabor.

Sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaisa ng kapatiran, mayroong mga gawaing natatapos at naisasagawa kasama ng pag-iingat at kalakasan mula sa Diyos. Mayroon ding mga bagong halaman at bulaklak na makikita sa Mt. Tabor Farm na magbibigay buhay sa lugar dahil sa angking kulay at ganda nito. Handa na rin ang mga makukulay na disenyong gagamitin sa magiging *picture area* para sa mga bibisita.

Hindi batid ang pagod dahil sa kagalakan at pagtutulungan na nangunguna sa puso ng mga anak ng Diyos!

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2:13
(NKJV)

HBC UPDATE

SAMA-SAMANG PAGPUPURI SA

Diyos

Sinasabi sa Mga Awit 105 na ang Diyos ay narapat purihin sa Kaniyang mga ginawa at Kaniyang kadakilaan. Sa pamamagitan ng mga tugtugin na nagdedeklara ng kapangyarihan ng Diyos, Siya ay ating sasambahin.

Patuloy ang pagsasama-sama ng ating kapatiran mula sa mga karatig na lugar ng Cabuyao, Laguna sa bawat *Home Bible Church (HBC)*. Bilang isang pamilya, sila ay sama-samang lumalapit at bumababad sa presensiya ng Diyos, handog ang papuri at pasasalamat sa lahat ng Kaniyang ginawa.

Tunay na sa ating Diyos ang wagas na papuri. At ang lahat ng nagtitiwala sa Kaniya ay hindi mabibigo dahil Siya ay tapat at ang pag-ibig Niya'y walang kapantay.

Purok 17, Brgy. Dapdap East, Tagaytay City / Sitio Balagbag Araw, Calamba, Laguna
MARTES | 4:00 PM

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Ricardo Jacob

HBC HOSTS:
Sis. Mely Atienza & Sis. Elsie Talisik

Brgy. Calabuso, Tagaytay City
MARTES | 2:00 PM

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Ricardo Jacob

HBC HOST:
Sis. Mia Mendoza Natividad

Purok 3, Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao, Laguna
MARTES | 6:00 PM

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Morrell Estrellado

HBC HOSTS:
Bro. Chris Medina & Bro. Olan De Sagun

Purok 15, Brgy. Dapdap East, Tagaytay City
BIYERNES | 6:30 PM

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Ricardo Jacob

HBC HOSTS:
Sis. Teyang Hernandez & Sis. Elizabeth Mendoza

Purok 6, Brgy. Mabato, Calamba, Laguna
BIYERNES | 5:00 PM

Pangako ng Panginoon na kung sinoman ang lalapit sa Kaniya at tunay na magsasaliksik sa Kaniya ay kakasumpungan Niya.

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Ricardo Jacob

HBC HOSTS:
Sis. Nenita Fresnido & Bro. Justine Olimpiada

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

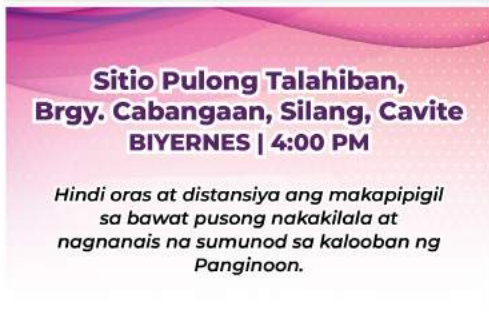


HBC LEADER:
Rev. Fidel Dillo

HBC HOST:
Sis. Mary Ann Manimtim

**Purok 20,
Brgy. Dapdap West,
Tagaytay City
BIYERNES | 2:00 PM**

Higit na pinagpapala ang bawat tahananang nagbubukas ng kanilang pinto upang maging lugar ng pagsasama-sama para sa Diyos.



**Sitio Pulong Talahiban,
Brgy. Cabangaan, Silang, Cavite
BIYERNES | 4:00 PM**

Hindi oras at distansiya ang makapigil sa bawat pusong nakakilala at nagnanais na sumunod sa kalooban ng Panginoon.



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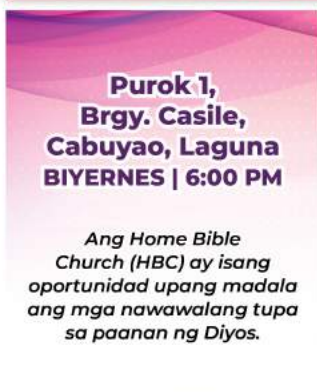
HBC HOST:
Bro. Ronald Alarca



**Purok 6, Brgy. Casile,
Cabuyao, Laguna
BIYERNES | 5:00 PM**

HBC LEADER:
Rev. Morrell Estrellado

HBC HOST:
Bro. Efren Bayona



**Purok 1,
Brgy. Casile,
Cabuyao, Laguna
BIYERNES | 6:00 PM**

Ang Home Bible Church (HBC) ay isang oportunidad upang madala ang mga nawawalang tupa sa paanan ng Diyos.



HBC LEADER:
Rev. Fidel Dillo

HBC HOST:
Sis. Niña Murillo



HBC LEADER:
Rev. Morrell Estrellado

HBC HOST:
Bro. Macky Ortila

**Purok 5,
Brgy. Casile,
Cabuyao, Laguna
BIYERNES | 6:00 PM**

Tunay na wala ng hihigit pa sa pagtuklas na si Hesus ang tanging daan, katotohanan at buhay.

¹⁵But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. ¹⁶For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 2:15-16
(NKJV)**

Discernment

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To confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh means to agree with that statement, but it also means something more. Even demons agree that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who has come in the flesh.

Mark 1:24

Saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

Mark 3:11

And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

Mark 5:7

And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

To confess this truth about Jesus implies submitting your life to Him as Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Furthermore, Jesus is truly God

and truly human. Jesus stated His own pre-existence when He told the Jews, "Before Abraham was born, I am" (John 8:58). John 1:1 also says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

If Jesus is not God, He cannot be our Savior.

If Jesus is not man, He cannot assume our sins on the cross.

When a person denies Jesus as God and man, he also denies Him as Lord and Savior.

Matthew 10:32-33

³²"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

C. Evidence of discernment

1 John 4:4-6 (NKJV)

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- Those who overcome false teachings by the Holy Spirit are from God.

"You are of God" means that you have been born of God. Without the new birth, a person is incapable of understanding or

obeying God's truth.

John 8:47

"He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

- Those who teach error and those who follow their teaching are from the world.

The world system is built around the principle of taking glory from God and transferring it to the proud, self-willed man. That was Satan's original temptation to Eve in the garden. He challenged God's word and suggested to Eve that if she ate the forbidden fruit, she would become like God, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:1-5). Any teaching that detracts from God's glory and sovereignty and exalts man by feeding his pride is demonic.

Those of the world listens to the world. They will tell you what you wanted to hear and will gather many. That is why many churches now teach about blessings than the gospel, that God exists to help fulfill their desires. That message is unbiblical.

- Those who know God listens to us.

John 10:14-16

¹⁴I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Conclusion

1 Corinthians 2:10-14

¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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