

The world, the devil and our flesh is “tricky” – owner of half truths!

The half we like!

We need **spiritual discernment** to lead us, teach us, direct our path.

MOVIE - The World, the Flesh and the Devil is a 1914 British silent drama film. Now considered a lost film, ALSO...The World, the Flesh and the Devil is a 1959 American science fiction doomsday film starring Harry Belafonte, who was then at the peak of his film career. The film is set in a post-apocalyptic world with very few human survivors

The title comes from the Litany in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer: "From all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, spare us, good Lord."

“The word, The will and the wisdom” a 3 part sermon I heard at 19 yrs old.

Discernment – the timely ability to judge well, to perceive even without prior knowledge of an issue. To spiritually know what to do at that time.

Ability to sense unseen, unspoken, hard to understand activity.

the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure.

Judge between good and evil, or good and best.

(Differentiate between acceptable/ permissible or perfectly selected as best)

Wisdom – is application of information. James 1:5

Intelligence – is the accumulation of information. Dan 12:4

Stupid / ignorance – not having or not wanting info. Prov 29:9

Gal 5:25 (live it & walk it out) - - to lead us, teach us, direct our path

1 Cor 13:12 - see clearly with spiritual vision

What	1. Discern truth from error / lies	1 John 4:1
When	2. Discern the times in which we live ("seasons" personally and for your family, church)	1 Chron 12:32
Who	3. Discern the spirit of the people closest to you.	Rom 16:17
How	4. Discern the will of God for your life	Rom 12:2

Process to application -

A. The obvious fact is that people disagree. (sinners & saints... yesterday and tomorrows ideas) **Predetermine to learn**

B. Teachings ranging from doctrinal error to apostate heresy; from the harmless mistake to the doctrine of devils. **Differentiate Mountains or molehills?**

C. Yet, every Christian wants (or should want!) to be able to separate fact from fiction. **Rightly divide**

Seek it, study it, wait for it... God reveals it... (apply it when it stings)

Acts 17:11 they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

B. Be teachable. Listen... Prov 9:9 - Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

C. expect Revelation - Peter, thou art the Christ!

Knowing about or Knowing first hand?

Acts 16 –

16 One day as we were going to the place to pray, we met a servant-girl who could tell what was going to happen in the future by a demon she had. Her owner made much money from her power. 17 She followed Paul and us crying out, “These are servants of the Highest God. They are telling you how to be saved from the punishment of sin.” 18 She did this many days. Paul was troubled. Then he turned and said to the demon in her, “In the name of Jesus Christ, I speak to you. Come out of her!” At once it left her.

Acts 19 -

Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, ‘We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.’ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and...they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known...and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified”