

Crucial Dimensions In World Evangelization

In the acclaimed book *Muslim Evangelism*, Phil Parshall devotes one chapter to "bridges" which can assist in facilitating understanding between Islam and Christianity. In *Bridges to Islam* he expands that key chapter into a book. The most promising bridges can be found not in orthodox Islam, contends the author, but in "folk Islam", which is less well known in the West but which influences about 70 percent of the world's Muslims. "Popular Islam consists largely of people who desire to know God and to be accepted by him", writes the author. "They have a high view of one God who is . . . all-powerful and merciful." The mystical Sufis press for a more satisfying personal relationship with Allah. These teachings and aspirations, argues the author, have immense potential as bridges, which he has personally witnessed spending many years ministering among Muslims. This thorough and in depth study of ways to bridge folk Islam will be invaluable to missionaries, students, and those interested in reaching Muslims for Christ. A great deal of uncertainty exists in the church as to what mission really is. The shifts in political power, away from the traditionally Christian West; the call for a moratorium and the other critical voices from the Third World churches; and the increasing self-assurance and missionary consciousness among adherents of non-Christian religions--all these have given rise to the question whether Christian mission work still makes sense, and if it does, what form it should take. Is mission identical to evangelism in the sense of proclaiming eternal salvation? Does it include social and political involvement, and if so, how? Where does salvation take place: only in the Church, or in the individual, or in society, or in the 'world', or in the non-Christian religions? The picture is one of change and complexity, tension and urgency. The

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answers we give to these questions must be consonant with the will of God and relevant to the situation in which we find ourselves.

One of the most powerful forces in the twenty-first century is the increasing phenomenon of globalization. In nearly every realm of human activity, traditional boundaries are disappearing and people worldwide are more interconnected than ever. Christianity has also become more aware of global realities and the important role of the church in non-Western countries. Church leaders must grapple with the implications for theology and ministry in an ever-shrinking world. *Globalizing Theology* is a groundbreaking book that addresses these issues of vital importance to the church. It contains articles from leading scholars, including Tite Tiénou, Kevin Vanhoozer, Charles Van Engen, M. Daniel Carroll R., Andrew Walls, Vinoth Ramachandra, and Paul Hiebert. Topics covered include the challenges that globalization brings to theology, how we can incorporate global perspectives into our thinking, and the effect a more global theology has on a variety of important issues.

Responding to the relative failure of Christians to evangelize Muslims, Phil Parshall poses difficult questions about what is and is not essential to the Christian witness in Islamic contexts. What does it mean to believe in the church? What is the relationship between the church we believe in and the church we experience? Is there an invisible church that is different from the visible? This book is an argument for an ecclesiology of the visible. The only church, the real church, is a concrete reality made up of people, just like any other fellowship. What distinguishes it as church is the presence of the triune God among those who gather in the name of Jesus, making it a sign and anticipation of the fellowship of the kingdom of God. From this premise Dr. Hegstad analyzes such issues as the relationship between church and world,

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mission and diakonia, church as fellowship and organization, ministries in the church, worship, and the unity of the church, as well as discussing the relationship between a sociological and a theological understanding of the church.

Cross-cultural ministry is extremely challenging and must be entered into with eyes wide open. The aim of this book is to help better prepare cross-cultural workers to accomplish the task to which God has called them, to help churches become more proactive in recruiting potential candidates and providing ministry opportunities for assessment and development of their gifts, and to help mission agencies more thoroughly evaluate candidates in light of needed competencies.

"An unprecedented mix of pentecostal theology and mission practice, virtually a manifesto for pentecostal missions. . . . The fullest and finest missiological treatise originating within classical Pentecostalism available."--Russell P. Spittler

A historical review of an 1891 missionary conference which became the model for succeeding conferences.

One million American Christians live and work abroad. They are not missionaries. These people are students, administrators, engineers, teachers, and doctors in other countries. They could be called "tentmakers". Just as the Apostle Paul used his vocation, tentmaking, to finance his witness to the churches, so today's tentmakers support themselves with their own hands and minds, shining the light of Christ around them. "We err," suggests author J.Christy Wilson, Jr., "when we assign personal evangelism at home to the lay Christian but missions work abroad only to the

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specialist." Tentmaking is available to everyone. Today's Tentmakers is a handbook which is of value not only to the prospective tentmaker, but also to the Christian planning to travel overseas. You'll discover here information about foreign travel and employment, support organizations, language training, moving, cultural adjustment, and politics. Whether you are a student or teacher, housewife or doctor, Today's Tentmakers is an opportunity of adventure and service in God's work.

Leading evangelical mission experts offer a comprehensive theology of mission text, providing biblical, historical, and contemporary perspectives.

Durante los pasados cincuenta años, el énfasis sobre la práctica y estrategia de la obra misionera ha menoscabado el valor de la importancia de la teología de la misión. Sin embargo, en las últimas décadas teólogos y misiólogos de todas las tradiciones cristianas han comenzado a reexaminar y repensar las suposiciones teológicas que fundamentan la obra misionera. En Misión en el Camino Charles Van Engen articula con claridad muchos de los conceptos fundamentales de la teología de la misión.

Charles Van Engen, en este volumen, aborda numerosos temas misiológicos centrales. Examina la cuestión de construir teologías en contextos específicos, tales como en la ciudad. También nos muestra tanto los beneficios como las preocupaciones que experimentamos cuando alentamos a los creyentes a teologizar dentro de su propio entorno, cuando tomamos con seriedad el sacerdocio de todos los creyentes. Hace un delineamiento de los debates actuales sobre asuntos levantados por el pluralismo

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religioso, y batalla con la manera en que podemos proclamar el carácter único de Cristo, sin ser arrogantes y triunfalistas. Echa una mirada al impacto que la modernidad y la posmodernidad están teniendo sobre el movimiento misionero en Occidente, y hace un llamado a la renovación de nuestro compromiso como seguidores de Jesucristo en los duros ambientes culturales de nuestros días. Explora los roles cambiantes de misioneros y ministros en iglesias jóvenes, y levanta preguntas difíciles relacionadas con la unidad de la iglesia en medio de su proliferación, diversidad y fragmentación de carácter global. Son de excepcional valor, la manera en que Van Engen traza la historia de la discusión reciente sobre cada uno de estos asuntos y la riqueza de fuentes bibliográficas que nos presenta para más estudio. Igualmente, importantes son las repuestas que él ofrece a estas cuestiones, repuestas que nos ayudan a movernos más allá de los caminos sin salida que tanto caracterizan nuestro pensamiento actual. (Tomado del Prólogo escrito por Pablo Hiebert.)

Why should the church be concerned about cultures? Louis J. Luzbetak began to answer this question twenty-five years ago with the publication of *The Church and Cultures: An Applied Anthropology for the Religious Worker*. Reprinted six times and translated into five languages, it became an undisputed classic in the field. Now, by popular demand, Luzbetak has thoroughly rewritten his work, completely updating it in light of contemporary anthropological and missiological thought and in face of current world conditions. Serving as a handbook for a culturally sensitive ministry and witness,

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The Church and Cultures introduces the non-anthropologist to a wealth of scientific knowledge directly relevant to pastoral work, religious education social action and liturgy - in fact, to all forms of missionary activity in the church. It focuses on a burning theological issue: that of contextualization, the process by which a local church integrates its understanding of the Gospel (text) with the local culture (context). A practical handbook that shows how you can achieve results like that in your congregation as well. Exman identifies the unique problems facing small town and rural churches, and in this book he offers proven strategies for conquering the cancer of declining membership and building stronger congregations. Solidly theological, amply historical, thoroughly ecumenical, and remarkably current, Orlando Costas' 'Christ Outside the Gate' is the most succinct, yet comprehensive analysis of the missiological issues facing the church and the churches that has appeared in many years." --Alan Neely, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest Learning and passion come together in Christ Outside the Gate to make it an outstanding contribution to missiology." --Gabriel Fackre, Abbot Professor of Christian Theology, Andover Newton Theological School You have in your hands a new way of seeing missions--North America as a receiving country, the marginalized as the subject as well as object of missions, world evangelization with one foot in Melbourne and one foot in Pattaya. Few authors blend together so effectively so many worlds--evangelism and scholarship, northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere,

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sociology, and theology." --Harvie M. Conn, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Costas may well be or is on his way to becoming the ablest missiologist alive." --Jorge Lara-Braud, Director, Council on Theology and Culture, Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Costas writes from the background of an Hispanic Evangelical, but goes far beyond the normal concerns of that tradition. In a series of far-ranging essays, he deals with virtually every aspect of the contemporary missiological debate in a manner that is usually balanced and always provocative. While some readers will violently question his views at certain points, all will be stimulated and challenged to think more deeply and participate more effectively in the total world mission to which God has called His Church." --Paul E. Pierson, Fuller Theological Seminary

'Christ Outside the Gate' offers us a perspective of missions that focuses on the transition from paternalism to the contextualization of the Gospel." --Oscar I. Romo, Director, Language Missions Division, Southern Baptist Convention

Costas writes from the viewpoint of those who live on the periphery of society. He challenges Christians of all denominations to a renewed understanding of the Christ who 'suffered outside the gates.'" --John T. Boberg, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Orlando E. Costas is also the author of 'Liberating News', 'The Integrity of Mission', and 'The Church and Its Mission'.

This timely book investigates the increasing visibility and influence of evangelical Christians in recent American politics with a focus on racial justice. Peter

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Goodwin Heltzel considers four evangelical social movements: Focus on the Family, the National Association of Evangelicals, Christian Community Development Association, and Sojourners. The political motives and actions of evangelical groups are founded upon their conceptions of Jesus Christ, Heltzel contends. He traces the roots of contemporary evangelical politics to the prophetic black Christianity tradition of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the socially engaged evangelical tradition of Carl F. H. Henry. Heltzel shows that the basic tenets of King's and Henry's theologies have led their evangelical heirs toward a prophetic evangelicalism in a shade of blue green--blue symbolizing the tragedy of black suffering in the Americas, and green symbolizing the hope of a prophetic evangelical engagement with poverty, AIDS, and the environment. This fresh theological understanding of evangelical political groups shines new light on the ways evangelicals shape and are shaped by broader American culture.

Contextualization is the art of translating ideas into a particular situation, place or culture. It is fundamental to communication, which makes contextualization essential in missions. This textbook pulls together and maps the variety of evangelical approaches to contextualization. Introductory classes on contextualization and missionary preparation institutes will appreciate this valuable textbook. Contextualization in Missions will guide mission-minded

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Christians to an informed plan for spreading the gospel effectively. While written with a theoretical perspective, *Contextualization in Missions* also provides real-world examples to provoke both thought and action.

During the past twenty years the phenomenon of church growth--especially as it has been known under the dynamic leadership of Donald McGavran and the School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary--has resulted in an impressive array of books, articles, reports, and theses. While freely acknowledging their debut to the church growth school, the contributors to this volume wish to explore further the premises, principles, and goals of church growth. Firmly convinced that church growth is more than empirical data and effective methods, and that there is nothing approaching a complete book of church growth, they aim not simply to offer definitive answers but rather to open up fresh lines of inquiry--historical, experiential, methodological, and theological. Thus, while interacting with previous studies, the authors view their work as a constructive contribution to the search for a more adequate understanding of church growth patterns. Contributors to this volume include Alfred C. Krass, Harvie M. Conn, Orlando E. Costas, John H. Yoder, Harry R. Boer, and C. Renž Padilla.

An international review.

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The Church Triumphant at the End of the Age offers a victorious glimpse of His Bride in these Last Days. It is GOD working among His people as characterized by revival, restoration, unity, world evangelization, and persecution. The purpose of this book is to prepare all believers to rise up, touch their world with the Good News of Jesus, and share His glory throughout the earth. “I have had a close-up look at this man and his ministry and can heartily endorse it. May God use this book to encourage His Church to do great exploits and triumphantly bring back the King!” – Loren Cunningham, Founder, Youth with a Mission International

“Few books have dared to document so fully the incredible ways in which God has been working in His Church. It should be required reading for any world-Christian.” – Jay Gary, Past Executive Editor, World Christian Magazine

“Two underlying themes of this book are: (1) We may expect a major, worldwide revival in coming years which will immediately precede Christ’s second coming, and (2) God has been progressively restoring the Church to the New Testament model, particularly in the last few centuries.” – Dr. Howard A. Snyder, Author of Radical Renewal: The Problem of Wineskins Today

“Nate Krupp has produced a major work which, if used as a text, can provide superb training for the harvesters.” – Dr. C. Peter Wagner, World renowned Missiologist, and Church growth expert

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PublishersCrucial Dimensions in World EvangelizationPrintingMuslim EvangelismContemporary Approaches to ContextualizationInterVarsity Press Gunter Krallmann seeks to explain in this book the ministry of Christ. Gunter shows from Scripture how Jesus modeled "witness" to build His ministry. In reading Krallman's book you will learn how Jesus Christ chose twelve men that would be with Him and would later turn world upside down and be challenged to apply these same principles in building your own ministry.

This book explores the identity, context and features of Pentecostalism in Rajasthan, India as well as the internal and external issues facing Pentecostals. It argues for an indigenous origin of Pentecostalism in Rajasthan, as it is a product of local Spirit revivals in the existing churches and the missionary activities of Indian Pentecostals. It also reveals that both the intra-church as well as extra-church issues place Pentecostals in a 'missio-ethical dilemma.' The book aims to suggest 'a contextual missiology of the Spirit,' as a new model of contextual missiology from a Pentecostal perspective. It is presented as a glocal, ecumenical, transformational, and public missiology.

Missionaries, while being prepared in the Bible, often receive little training in understanding the world in which we live and some experience great hardship out in the field as a result. The purpose of this book is to enable cross-cultural

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missionaries to be more adequately prepared for the task of intelligent communication. The author sets forth the major areas which are important in training the missionary to communicate with other cultures.

Now in a fully revised and updated edition, this balanced and clearly written text explores globalization and its impact from economic, political, social, environmental, and cultural perspectives. Providing a framework and platform for student learning, the book gives readers the tools to unravel the complexities of globalization in all its facets. Lui Hebron and John Stack note that as a hot-button term, globalization is used to describe any number of changes within, among, and between societies and states. Their goal is to reduce the noise engulfing debates and interpretations of one of the most dynamic, contested, applauded, and disparaged phenomena of the twenty-first century. Arguing that current assessments—both positive and negative—of globalization are overblown, the authors treat the dramatically changing landscapes of world politics as less a revolution than an evolution of already established structures and patterns of transnational relations. They trace how globalization has affected individuals, societies, states, and intergovernmental and supranational organizations. Making sense of a world seemingly smaller and incomprehensibly larger, simultaneously centralizing and fragmenting, *Globalization: Debunking the Myths* offers both an

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indispensable introduction for undergraduates and a concise review for more advanced students.

Life is a pilgrimage. For the Senufo of Côte d'Ivoire, life consists of following the kologo, that is the path, the road, or the way. As such, kologo is a key Senufo term that speaks of the directions people choose to follow in life. A central aspect of following the Christian pathway among Senufo believers occurs through music. Music serves as a major communication vehicle that speaks profoundly into the people's lives. Thus, *Pathways in Christian Music Communication* addresses the problem of contextualization of Christianity in Africa via the use of a people's indigenous music. It focuses on the significance of culturally appropriate songs for effective communication of the Gospel within the African context. In providing a history of the development of Christian songs among the Senufo, a musical analysis of the songs and music culture, identifying communication theory at work within the music-making process, and a content analysis of an emerging Senufo lyric theology, King shows the pivotal role that a people's cultural music plays in integrating a people's worldview and daily lives with biblical teaching. Finally, King examines the influence and effect of songs in communicating the Gospel by showing how the pathway of a song leads to changes of allegiance to the living God and transformed lives. Although set in West Africa, essential

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principles and guidelines for doing ethnomusicological studies within missiology lies at the heart of this work.

J. D. Payne explores the biblical, historical and missiological principles of global church planting, and suggests ways that readers can apply international church planting practices to their own contexts.

Back by popular demand, this work was originally three volumes in length but is now reprinted as a single volume. This manual integrates essential and relevant articles from Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Reader, and the Perspectives Study Guide, leading the student into deeper, broader mission understanding and vision by covering the Biblical/historical foundations, the strategic dimensions, and cross-cultural considerations.

Develop an excellent Christian education ministry with this introductory guide from the faculty of Biola University's Talbot School of Theology.

Christians and communities of faith today are rediscovering evangelism as an essential aspect of the church's mission. Many of the resulting books in the marketplace, however, have a hands-on orientation, often lacking serious theological engagement and reflection. Bucking that how-to trend, *The Study of Evangelism* offers thirty groundbreaking essays that plumb the depths of the biblical and theological heritage of the church with reference to evangelistic practice. Helpfully organized into six categories, these broad, diverse writings lay a solid scholarly foundation for meaningful dialogue about the church's practice of evangelism.

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This book considers in detail the key drivers of globalization, its contemporary shape, and its implications for world mission. It also looks at the impact of globalization on different contemporary issues affecting mission such as ethnicity, the environment, and global health as well as globalization's effect on more traditional "missionary" questions of the world religions, contextualization, theology, and the church. *One World or Many?* is written by a variety of authors from all over the world. This book was published in partnership with the World Evangelical Alliance.

Seldom are we able to listen to the story of a school that has so greatly impacted world mission. As we contemplated how to record the first forty years of the School of World Mission, now School of Intercultural Studies, it was obvious that the best way was to capture the memory of one who lived it. While many of our faculty can claim deep root in the school, no one compares to Chuck Kraft who, apart from the first four years, has been a vital part of every development. - C. Douglas McConnell, Dean, School of Intercultural Studies"

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