Selected Annotated Bibliography on Missiology: Missions—Social Aspects

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GENERAL

An introduction to cross-cultural ethics based on the assumption that each culture gives rise to a distinctive value system, by one who draws upon three generations of missionary experience and taught theology and ethics in Indonesia.

A basic course for cross-cultural persons in mission from North America and Europe seeking to understand the dynamics of belief and behavior in Third-World communities, by the Associate Professor of Mission Theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois.

A collection of essays by the noted missiologist and anthropologist on conceptual issues relating theology, anthropology, and missiology, and discussing practical issues in cross-cultural evangelization.

Drawing upon the insights of cultural anthropology concerning various types of societies and cultures, two anthropologists discuss how these differences affect church planting in different cultural settings.

An exploration of the characteristics of folk religions and the ways religion is believed and practiced in daily life, with missiological implications.

A thorough basic introduction to the study of anthropology designed specifically for those who plan careers in mission or cross-cultural ministry.

A detailed introduction to missionary anthropology for those desiring a culturally sensitive ministry and witness—a complete revision of the 1963 classic in the light of contemporary anthropological and missiological thought and in the face of current world conditions.


A scholarly analysis of two hundred years of discussion of the relation of missions and culture, focusing on the interaction among Protestant missionaries, social scientists, and indigenous peoples.


Thirteen essays by mission scholars on the creative interaction between anthropology and missiology in theory and practice, with emphasis on issues of epistemology and cultural change.

GOSPEL AND CULTURE


A study of the complexity of inculturation, beginning with a series of poignant questions and leading to an exploration of the divine-human encounter, by the noted Jesuit theologian/missiologist based on his Indian experiences.


Fourteen scholarly essays by 13 faculty members of the School of World Mission of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, developing biblical and contemporary cross-cultural aspects of contextualization as a requirement for evangelical missions.


A comprehensive text for evangelicals on contextualization, including historical background, contemporary regional understandings, frameworks for analysis, and six case studies of “authentic and relevant contextualization.”


Case studies from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania on relating specific cultural understandings of culture, social order, and leadership to Western understandings and to biblical teachings.


A detailed analysis of the meaning of the gospel and the mission of the church in the midst of a plurality of cultures and religions, by the highly respected ecumenical leader.


Papers from the Faith and Modernity Conference (Uppsala, Sweden, 1993) sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

Representing a variety of branches of the Christian church and located in areas around the world, the contributors express their views on issues of inculturation in this text designed for classroom use in mission and world Christianity courses.


The author brings together the many strands of historic and contemporary Roman Catholic thought on the theology of inculturation, with the argument that faith must become culture in order to be fully received and lived.


Helps for Western Christians to understand the functions of symbols and ceremonies within cultures, and to learn how to use them for cross-cultural disciple-making among Jews, Hindus, Muslims, and traditional religious among while avoiding syncretism.

NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS


Seventeen scholarly articles prepared for the conference on the future of new religious movements held in October 1983 in Berkeley, California, sponsored by the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA).


A scholarly history of the rise of African independent churches in southern Africa, focusing on the role Afro-Americans played in that process.


A guide to the hundreds of religious groups in North America outside Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism, with essays, short and long, on their history, leaders, beliefs, practices, and influence.


A behind-the-scenes study of several indigenous Christian movements in Japan that give voice to unheard perceptions of many Japanese Christians while questioning the concept of Christianity as a truly "world religion."


A festschrift containing 16 scholarly essays in honor of the distinguished founder of the Centre for New Religious Movements, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England.


Thirteen essays by the noted Oxford University sociologist tracing the growth and
expansion of various new religious movements in the West, relating them to their social contexts.

WORK AMONG WOMEN—WOMEN IN CHRISTIANITY


Thirteen scholarly essays by British and African anthropologists, missiologists, and historians on women missionaries and the effect of Christian missionary activity on women in Africa, Asia, and Latin America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.


Well-researched accounts of women, married and single, working in missions in foreign countries as well as in the United States, in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, organized by the types of leadership which they gave.

SPECIAL TYPES OF MISSIONS


A thoroughly researched analysis of the responses to needs of refugees by the United Nations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), with a vision and plan of action for churches and other NGOs.

URBAN MISSION


Theological reflections on the opportunities and problems of ministry within the urban context, with practical techniques and suggestions for ministry strategies.


One of the first major studies on urban missions, containing a biblical framework for mission to cities, discussion of city issues that need to be addressed by urban missions, and models of urban mission in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.


The stories of 28 churches (including 16 African-American churches) in 15 major cities in the United States that are making successful contributions to the transformation of inner-city communities.


Thirteen prominent urban practitioners explore the meaning, trends, and case studies of holistic urban mission, with emphasis on modernization, relief and development agencies, gender and women’s voices.

MEDICAL MISSIONS/HEALING


Fifteen essays by medical practitioners on medical missions and community-based health development, designed to show how the latter in theory and practice provides a new agenda for medical missions.
The first comprehensive history of Catholic health care in the United States that explores the religious self-understanding of caregivers, especially nuns.


A discussion of how healing through Jesus Christ can be holistic for persons afflicted by social, psychological, emotional, and spiritual evils, with insights from Catholic healing and sacramental ministries in East Africa.

See also *Missiology* 15 (3) (July 1987): 398-401 for the initial selected annotated bibliography of 30 titles on "Missions—Social Aspects" by Paul G. Hiebert and Norman E. Thomas.