

Figure 1
HISTORY OF WESTERN WORLDVIEWS

	<i>MEDIEVAL</i>	<i>EXPLORATION</i>	<i>MODERN</i>	<i>POSTMODERN</i>	<i>GLOBAL</i>
<u>IN THE WEST</u>					
OTHER:	Infidel, Monster	Savage, Barbarian, Pagan, Slave	Primitive Aborigine, Heathen	Native	Global/Local
CUSTOMS:			Civilization	Cultures: <i>sui generis</i> , good, equal, autonomous	Global culture/ local cultures combine good and evil
RULE:	Church and Feudal State	Nation State	Colonialism, Imperialism	Nationalism Anti-colonialism	Global systems and local cultures, networks, partnerships
KNOWLEDGE:	Tradition , Religion		Objective truth, Science	Subjective experience New spirituality	Objective truth subjectively appropriated
CHANGE:			Outside, etc observ. Progress, change is good	Inside emic participation Preserve all cultures, change is bad	Change happens, some is good, some bad. Work for good change
<u>IN CHRISTIAN MISSIONS</u>					
GOSPEL:			Christianity<--> Civilization	Gospel in all religions and persons	Gospel from outside to all cultures and humans
POWER:			Mission rule	Self rule, indigenization	Partnership moving to global webs of activity
CONTEXT- UALIZATION			No need to contextualize	Uncritical contextualization	Critical contextualization
CHANGE			Make churches like the West	Don't change, preserve traditional ways	Transform all cultures into the likeness of the Kingdom while preserving the good in them
CHRISTIAN WITNESS			Proclamation of objective truth from a position of super- iority--God's lawyer. Speak the truth.	Learn from other religions, dialogue to find a common ground. Speak in love.	Bear bold witness to what we know, give others the ability to make their own choices. Speak the truth in love.