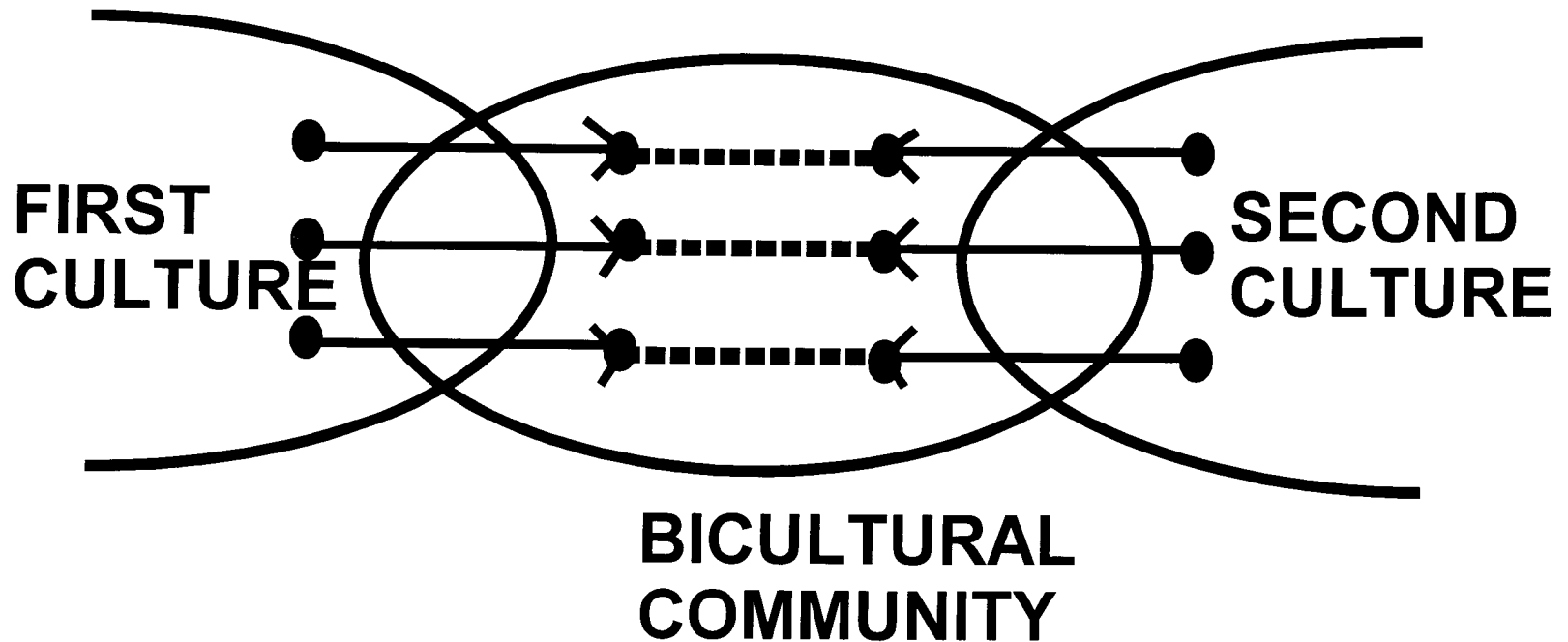


THE MESSENGER IN SOCIETY

**THE BICULTURAL COMMUNITY:
THE BRIDGE BETWEEN SOCIETIES**



BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY

- **defining you identity**
- **social identification
(outsider–insider,
vertical–horizontal)**
- **nature of assignment**
- **generations**
- **missionary children**

GENERATIONALISM IN MISSIONARIES AND NATIONAL LEADERS

1 “FIRST TERMERS”

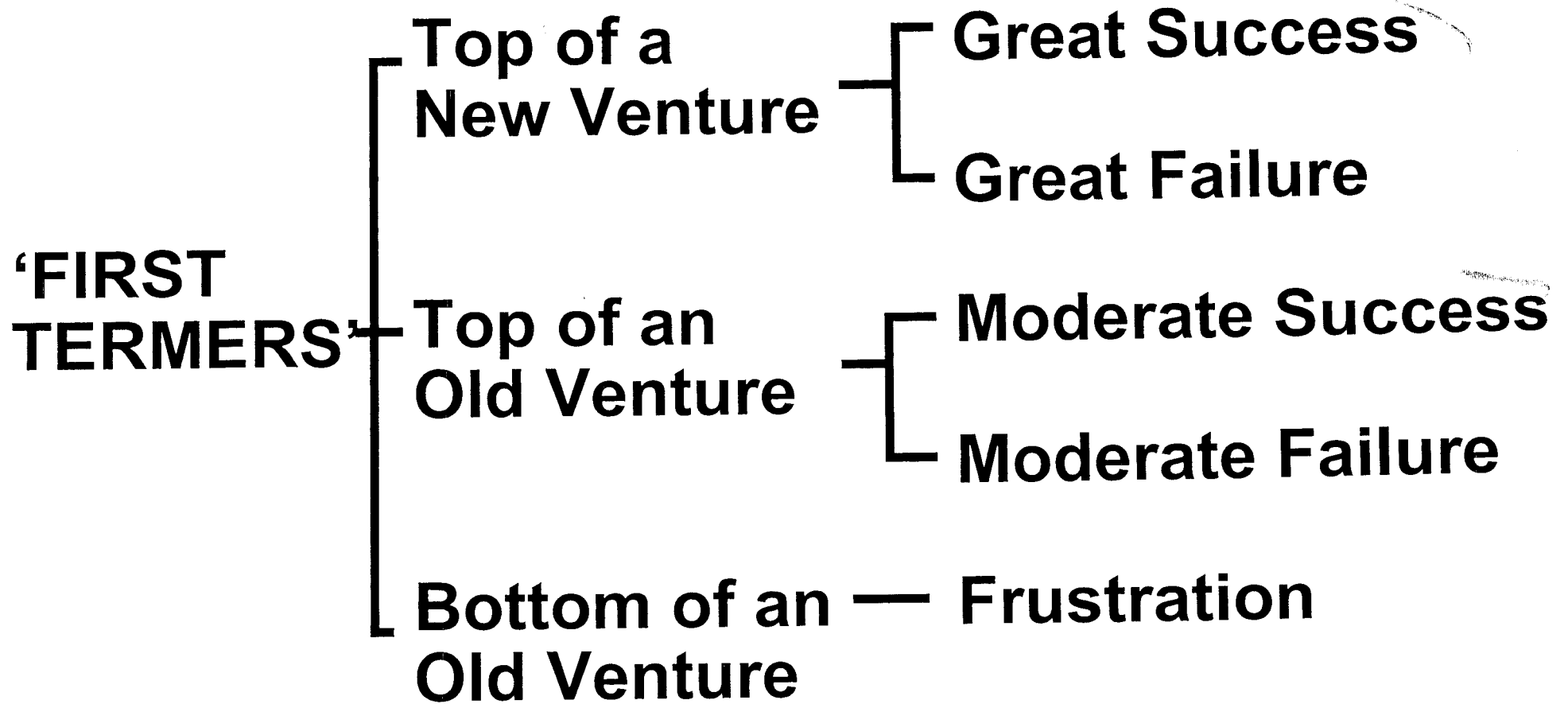
- zealous
- “plungers”
- potential for success and failure

2. “THE EXPERIENCED”

- realistic
- committed for the long haul
- do the major work

3. “OLD TIMERS”

- nostalgic for the past
- advisers



CHARACTERISTICS OF M.K.s

- 1. Mature early: develop self-reliance and social skills.**
- 2. Detached view of life: participate but with a part of them being the outside observer.**
- 3. Adjust to differences rapidly: accused of being chameleons.**
- 4. Compensators: high achievers and special psychological problems.**

**5. “Homeless” and wanderers:
never fully at home
anywhere.**

**6. Global perspective - think
in world terms.**

MISSIONARY KIDS

KIDS IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS:

psychological
problems

normal

high
achievers



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BLESSINGS OF BEING BICULTURAL

- **friends around the world**
- **a global perspective**
- **learning from young vital churches**
- **a meaningful ministry**

QUESTIONS IN RAISING M.K.s

- 1. Their cultural identity**
- 2. Schooling**
- 3. Adjusting to moving**
- 4. Spiritual nurture**
- 5. Teaching them to work**
- 6. Raising special children**
- 7. Dating and marriage**
- 8. Guardianship**

3. NATIONAL LEADERS AND THE BICULTURAL COMMUNITY

3.1 Stages in a new church:

- dependency
- independency
- interdependency

3.2 Problems facing national leaders:

- dependency
- must stay in crisis
- alienation from their own culture
- taking over the work

4. INCARNATIONAL MINISTRIES