

2. Critical issues:

- 2.1 How do the social sciences relate to theology? What is the nature of truth and knowledge?
- 2.2 What are the basic questions anthropology was raising in its early years?
- 2.3 What is the nature of the concept of culture?

Tuesday, Sept. 7, and Wednesday, Sept. 8; Malinowski

1. Readings:

- *Kuper, A. pp. 1-50.
- *Malinowski, B. On the methods and aims of ethnographic fieldwork. (Reserve)
- *Loewen, J. Role, self-image and missionary communication. In Smalley, ed. Readings in Missionary Anthropology. pp. 412-427.
- *Loewen J. The missionary role. In Smalley, ed. Readings in Missionary Anthropology. pp. 428-443.
- Kluckhohn, C. and W. Kelly. The concept of culture. (Reserve)
- Voget, F. A History of Ethnology. pp. 480-501, 513-528.

2. Key Concepts:

- culture, and cultural integration
- structure
- function
- methods in fieldwork.

3. Implications for missions:

- cultural integration and implications for planned change.
- role theory: missionary roles and generationalism in missionaries.
- cultural differences and implications for cross-cultural communication: culture shock, misunderstandings, cognitive differences.
- methods of fieldwork for the missionary.

4. Assignments:

One of our primary goals in this course is to gain an understanding of what anthropologists mean by "structure" and "function". One way to acquire this is to make some personal observations and to reflect on these. Therefore, please try to analyse the nature of the order that underlies American traffic patterns. How is it that people can move with relatively few accidents. Here, look not only at the surface structure, but at the deeper structure that seems to underly the order. What are the basic assumptions that Americans make about the nature of order, and how is this applied to traffic. If possible see if you can find an application for these concepts in other ordered spheres of American life, for example, in music, school scheduling, and city housing construction.

Bring your preliminary observations to class on Wednesday, and we will all share our ideas. Then you can go back and make further observations and write a brief paper, "The theological implications of American traffic patterns: A study in structure."