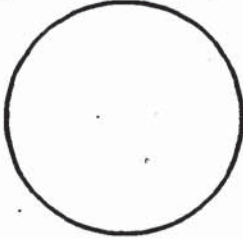


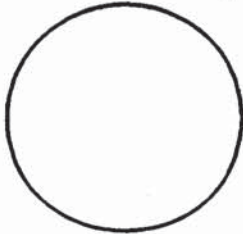
BOUNDED SETS: $x = x(f) 0, 1$ 

1. The set is defined by the intrinsic nature of its members.

2. Boundary maintenance is essential.

3. All members are seen as essentially the same.

4. The only change is from in to out, or out to in.

"CHRISTIAN" AS BOUNDED SET

1. DEFINED BY WHAT HE OR SHE IS -
 - orthodoxy.
 - orthopraxy.
2. FOCUS ON THE BOUNDARY -
 - in or out.
3. SEES ALL CHRISTIANS AS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME -
 - growth or maturation is not an intrinsic part of the set.
4. STRESSES CHIEFLY CONVERSION AND EVANGELISM -
 - less emphasis on discipling and incorporation into a vital church.
5. UNITY IS BASED ON UNIFORMITY -
 - must think and act the same.

Danger: LOSS OF A CENTER, AND WORSHIP OF THE GROUP.

CHURCH AS BOUNDED SET

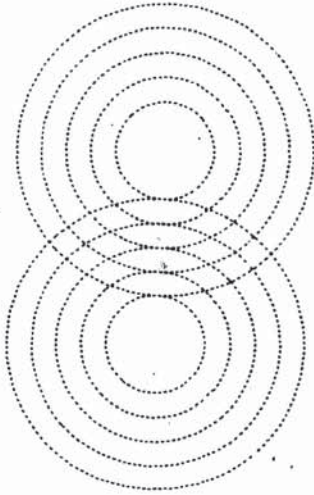
1. Need to maintain clear boundaries.
2. All members have equal weight in discussions.

Danger:

No center, so we worship our community. Fellowship replaces worship as the main activity.

MISSIONS AS BOUNDED SET

1. CHRISTIANS IN OTHER CULTURES MUST BE LIKE US.
2. WE MUST BE THEIR TEACHERS.

FUZZY SETS: $x = x(f) 0 \rightarrow 1$ 

1. Sets are defined by what things are intrinsically.
2. The boundaries are fuzzy.
3. There are degrees of inclusion in a set. This ranges from 0 to 1.
4. The change between in and out is a process.
5. A thing can belong to two sets at the same time.

"CHRISTIAN" AS FUZZY SET

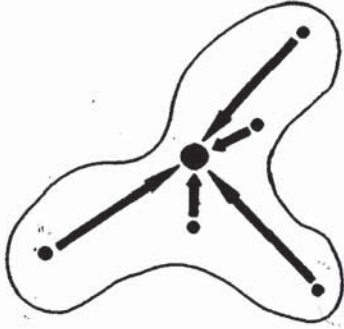
1. DEFINED BY WHAT HE OR SHE IS -
 - orthodoxy.
 - orthopraxy.
2. THE BOUNDARY IS FUZZY -
 - conversion is a process.
 - there are degrees of being Christian.
3. ONE CAN BELONG TO MORE THAN ONE SET AT THE SAME TIME -
 - be part Christian and part Hindu.

Danger: RELATIVISM = deny the uniqueness of Christ as the only way to salvation.

MISSIONS AS FUZZY SET

1. PEOPLE IN OTHER CULTURES MUST FIND "CHRIST" IN THEIR OWN RELIGIONS.
2. WE MUST DIALOGUE WITH THEM TO FIND A COMMON GROUND -
 - in human need.
 - in an undefined 'God.'

CENTERED OR RELATIONAL SETS:



1. A set is a group of members related to the same center.
2. There is a clear boundary, but the set is defined by the center.
3. There are two types of change:
 - from in to out, and
 - out to in.
 - movement towards and away from the center.
4. There is variation among members of a set.

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CHURCH AS CENTERED SET

1. Focus on the center-- Christ, more than on maintaining boundaries.
2. Recognize members are different in maturity and authority.

DANGER:

Idolatry of humans, and misuse of the power at the center.

"CHRISTIAN" AS CENTERED SET



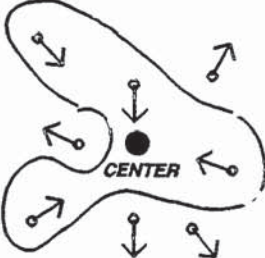
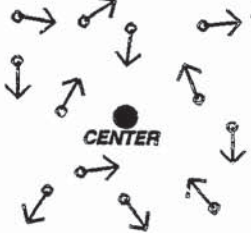
1. DEFINED IN TERMS OF A RELATIONSHIP -
 - to Christ as Lord of our lives.
2. THERE IS A CLEAR BOUNDARY -
 - between Christians and Non-Christians
3. THE STRESS IS PLACED ON THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTER, RATHER THAN ON THE BOUNDARY -
 - on worship and obedience,
 - on attracting people by example.
4. GROWTH IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE SET -
 - there are levels of maturity.
5. LINK JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION.
6. STRESS UNITY IN ONE LORD.

Danger: IDOLATRY = the wrong center.

MISSIONS AS CENTERED SET

1. WE MUST POINT PEOPLE TO CHRIST AND THE BIBLE -
 - they should read the Bible for themselves.
2. THEY AND WE MUST STUDY THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER -
 - we can help each other see our cultural biases.
3. THEY AND WE MUST WORK TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP.

Figure 2
A Typology of Sets

	WELL FORMED SETS	FUZZY SETS
INTRINSIC SETS	<p><i>"Bounded Sets"</i></p> 	<p><i>"Fuzzy Sets"</i></p> 
EXTRINSIC SETS	<p><i>"Centered Sets"</i></p> 	<p><i>"Fuzzy-centered Sets"</i></p> 

... and have an ah-ha moment

CONFIGURATIONAL



Comprehension happens when you see how one fact relates to another.