

Table 3: A Comparison of Modern and Global Worldviews

Modern

Materialistic Naturalism

- mechanistic, deterministic,
- bottom up
- algorithmic logic, machine logic, computer calculators
- order, bounded sets
- general revelation

Segmented

- SN/N dualism,
- specialized and segmented lives

GUT

- reductionistic
- uniformity
- arrogance, acultural, ahistorical

Detached, Individual Human Centered

- divorce from emotions and values
- androcentric
- scepticism
- reason based

Hierarchy

- control, line and staff organization
- evolution

Global

Spiritual--material intertwined

- live in harmony with nature
- wisdom

Wholism

- spirits and humans interact

Complimentarity

- nonreductionistic
- metasystemic framework
- hermeneutics of suspicion, in culture, historical context.

Group Hermeneutics

- community check on biases
- theocentric [?]
- combine cognition, affectivity, valuations

Equality

- networking, partnership, mutuality
- divine history

IS THERE A HISTORIAL PROGRESSION?: *TRADITIONAL // MODERN // POSTMODERN // GLOBAL*

Modern/Postmodern Shift

MODERNITY

1. Positivism
 - critical detachment
2. Reason and algorithmic logic
 - reason divorced from feelings and values
 - rejects intuition
 - detached, disinterested, no power play
3. Individual scholar
 - detached lone scholar
 - group dynamics contaminates the findings
4. GUT and Grand Narrative: photographic view of knowledge
5. Formal Symbols
 - discursive, diadic F=O
6. Science is Well founded knowledge
 - positivism, objectivism
7. Stress Truth
 - objective, ahistorical and acultural
8. Other is primitive, aboriginal, traditional
 - science is in a privileged position
 - all will become like us

POSTMODERNITY

- Instrumentalism/Idealism
- critical detachment
- Intuition and affectivity affirmed
- vested interest, power based
- hermeneutics of suspicion
- Corporate hermeneutics oppressive
- corporate captivity
- corporate oppression
- No Grand Narrative: collage view of knowledge
- Metaphorical Symbols
- diadic F=S
- Science is Underdetermined
- subjectivism
- Stress Experience and Love
- truths are personal and relative
- Other is equal to us
- there is no privileged position
- all preserve their distinctives

GLOBALISM

- Critical Realism
- begin with faith and foundations
- Rational + Affective ->Evaluative
- reason linked to feelings, morals
- algorithmic logic embedded in wisdom
- Corporate hermeneutics a strength
- corrects for personal and cultural biases
- Many Narratives make a Metta Narrative: montage view of knowledge
- Tropes and Referential Symbols
- discurs. and nondisc. triadic symbols, O=F=S
- Science is Approximate but True
- subjective--objectivism
- Stresses Truth in Love
- truths are approximations of TRUTH
- Other is us at a deeper level
- all share a common humanity
- all celebrate differences but have an underlying unity

TRENDS IN RECENT HISTORY

Reber
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MODERNITY

In the world

~~Western superiority~~

~~Stress uniformity~~

~~Colonialism~~

~~Positivism~~

~~Civilization~~

Other as 'primitive',
'aborigine'

POST-MODERNITY

All cultures are equal

Stress diversity

Anti-colonialism

Instrumentalism

Culture

Other as 'native'

GLOBALISM

Glocalism

Stress diversity in unity

Beyond anti-colonialism

Critical Realism

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U.S.

APPENDIX 4

CONTEMPORARY WORLDVIEW PARADIGMS

WORLDVIEW PARADIGMS

MODERN WORLD

Colonial

Positivist Epistemology

- photograph view of knowledge
- knowledge is objective, ahistorical, acultural
- goal is a Grand Unified Theory that explains everything
- built on intrinsic-digital theories and algorithmic logic
- focus on truth

Stress Unity Based on Uniformity

- unity based on uniformity

Western Civilization is the Norm

- make others like us
- Others seen as children, primitive

ANDROCENTRISM

Geopolitics, Ulysses, Nietzsche, Stat - Colonial Empire, Tuberculosis

POST-MODERN WORLD

Anti-colonial

Instrumentalist/Idealist Ep.

- collage view of knowledge
- knowledge is personal, perspectiveal, affectively
- deconstruct GUTS and metanarratives
- built on intrinsic-analogical sets and narrative logic
- focus on experience

Celebrate Diversity

- emphasize differences

All Cultures are Good

- don't change cultures
- Others seen as 'natives'

EGOCENTRISM

GLOBAL/LOCAL WORLD

Glocal [beyond anti-colonial]

Critical Realist Epistemology

- map/model view of knowledge [montage]
- knowledge links objective/subjective realities and should lead to a moral response
- knowledge is perspectiveal and context based, but comparisons and community hermeneutics can lead to comprehensive narratives and theories
- built on relational sets and stresses wisdom
- focus on relationships

Stress Diversity within Unity

- underlying unity but celebrate differences

All Cultures are a mixture of Good and Evil

- all cultures must be transformed and brought together in peace and justice
- Others at deepest levels are US. Differences are surface and temporary and can be celebrated without threatening our common oneness.

Global-local culture team.

SocioCultural Unit
- & herbs
- Religion
- culture

Transcultural

SHIFT IN MISSION PARADIGMS

MODERN MISSIONS

Christianity = Western Civilization

- western worship styles
- western ecclesiological patterns
- western theology universal and timeless [Greek sets and logic]

*ultimate principle
→ top priority
down*

West to non-west

- church in west, mission fields elsewhere
- western theology exported
- stress systematic theology
- establish denominational churches

Strategy based on geography

- mission 'fields', comunity

Western funds and control

- colonial in nature

Go to proclaim the Gospel of salvation

- crusade mentality, triumphalism
- go as God's lawyers
- focus on evangelism

Three Cs: Christianize, Civilize, Commericalize

- western superiority

POST-MODERN MISSIONS

Christianity in all Cultures

- culturally appropriate worship styles
- local ecclesiological styles
- self-theologizing and local theologies [local sets, logics]

better

Missionary go home

- loss of mission vision
- religious relativism
- doing local theologies
- stress narrative theology

*4 selves - God it alone
no dependencies*

- focus on church

GLOCAL MISSIONS

Unity of Church with Surface Diversity

- local and global worship styles
- local ecclesiologies, global networks
- global theological community of hermeneutics seeking universals and local applications

*up gen
better (high &)*

Church to world—West also a mission field

- church around the world, young churches as sending churches, all the world is the mission field
- doing local and global theology
- complimentarity of systematic, biblical and missiological theologies
- emergence of indigenous churches and missions

Strategy based on sociocultural units

- 'people groups'

Partnership, multinational teams, servant leadership

- stress autonomy and dignity of young churches

Go as witnesses with humility

- go as learners as well as sharers
- go as God's witnesses
- focus on King, Kingdom & Whole Gospel.

Gospel challenges/transforms all cultures, including West

- all cultures relativized by the Gospel

Church

Stress indigenization:

- turn churches over to local leadership and support

Stress contextualization:

- inculturate the Gospel in local cultures

Gospel

Non-contextualization

- Gospel is acultural, ahistorical
- Gospel is information to believe
- planted western style churches
- Christianity seen as foreign

Uncritical contextualization

- gospel must be understood in each culture
- radical contextualization

Critical Contextualization

- Gospel is universal, and must be translated into all all cultures.
- Gospel is a call to follow and be transformed by Christ
- combine local and global forms
- Christianity seen as part of local cultural mosaic

Focus on real needs**Focus on felt needs****Focus on felt and real needs****Goal is evangelism**

- leading individuals to personal faith

Evangelism, Church, Kingdom and King

- planting clusters of biblically based, mission minded churches

Greek dualism: supernatural/natural domains

- separation of Gospel and science, evangelism and social gospel
- planted churches / started schools and hospitals
- dominance of science as facts and public truth

Biblical contingent dualism: God/creation.

- see God in all creation
- wholistic ministries
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Missionary as outsider**Missionary as insider****Missionary as Incarnational [insider-outsider]**

MODERN AND POST-MODERN WORLDVIEWS

MODERN

- objective knowledge
- intrinsic (essential) categories
- logical consistency
- standardized

POSTMODERN

- feelings and ethics
- relational categories
- paradox, ambiguity
- personal expression

- absolute truth

- universalism

- one method

- mechanistic

- relativism

- particularism

- many methods

- organic

**Greek dualism:
supernatural/natural**

**Uncritical acceptance
of spirit realities**

**Biblical contingent
dualism: creator/creation**

Other as child, primitive

Other as native

Other as us.

Civilization

Culture

Sarx, eon, archaeon

Literal translation

**Dynamic equivalence
translation**

Double translation