

Transforming Worldviews

Learning is 'meaning-making' – a process of making sense or giving coherence to our experiences

A meaning perspective is an integrated psychological structure with dimensions of thought, feelings and will.

Meziro, Jack. 1991. *Transformative Dimensions of Adult Learning*.

Transformation in meaning perspective can happen only through taking the perspectives of others who have a more critical awareness of the psychological; assumptions which shape our histories and experience. Cultures vary greatly in the opportunities for perspective taking. . . I believe that there is no higher priority for adult education than to develop its potentialities for perspective transformation.

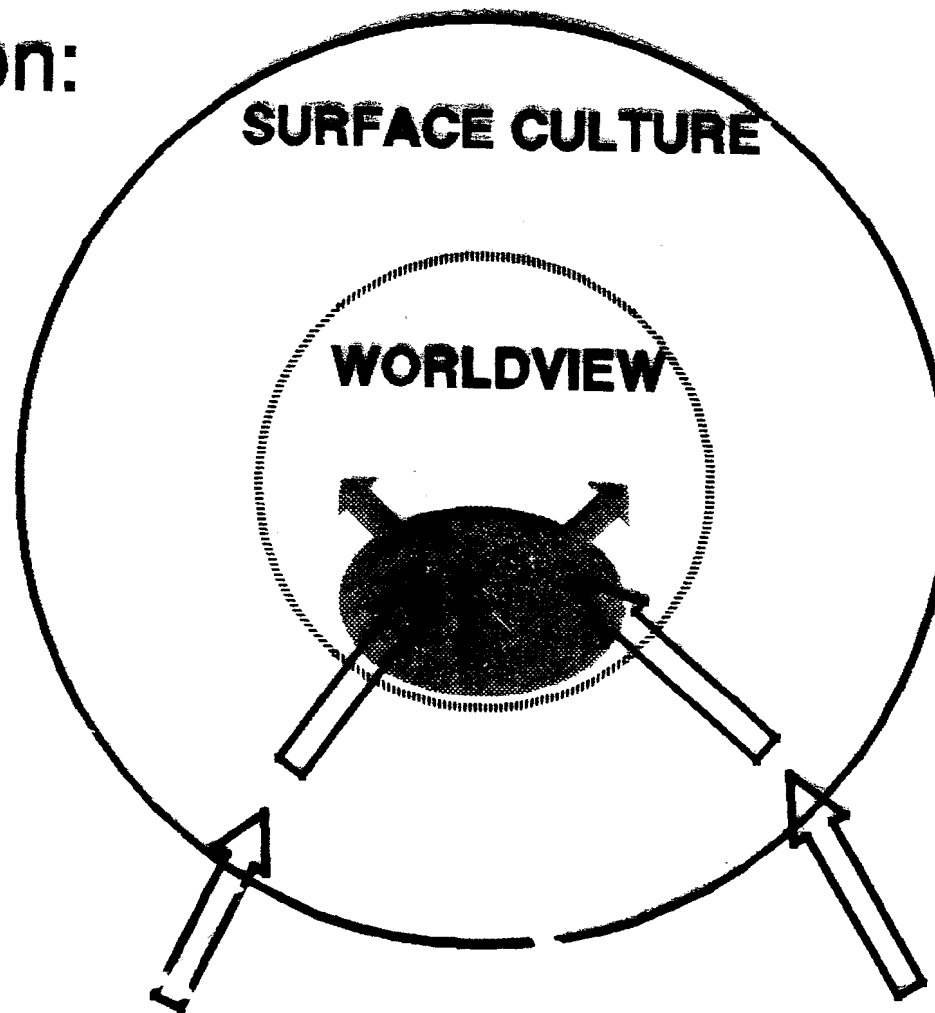
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Transformation in meaning perspective is precipitated by life's dilemmas which cannot be resolved by simply acquiring more information, enhancing problem solving skills or adding to one's competencies. Resolution of those dilemmas and transforming our meaning perspectives require that we become critically aware of the fact that we are caught in our own history.

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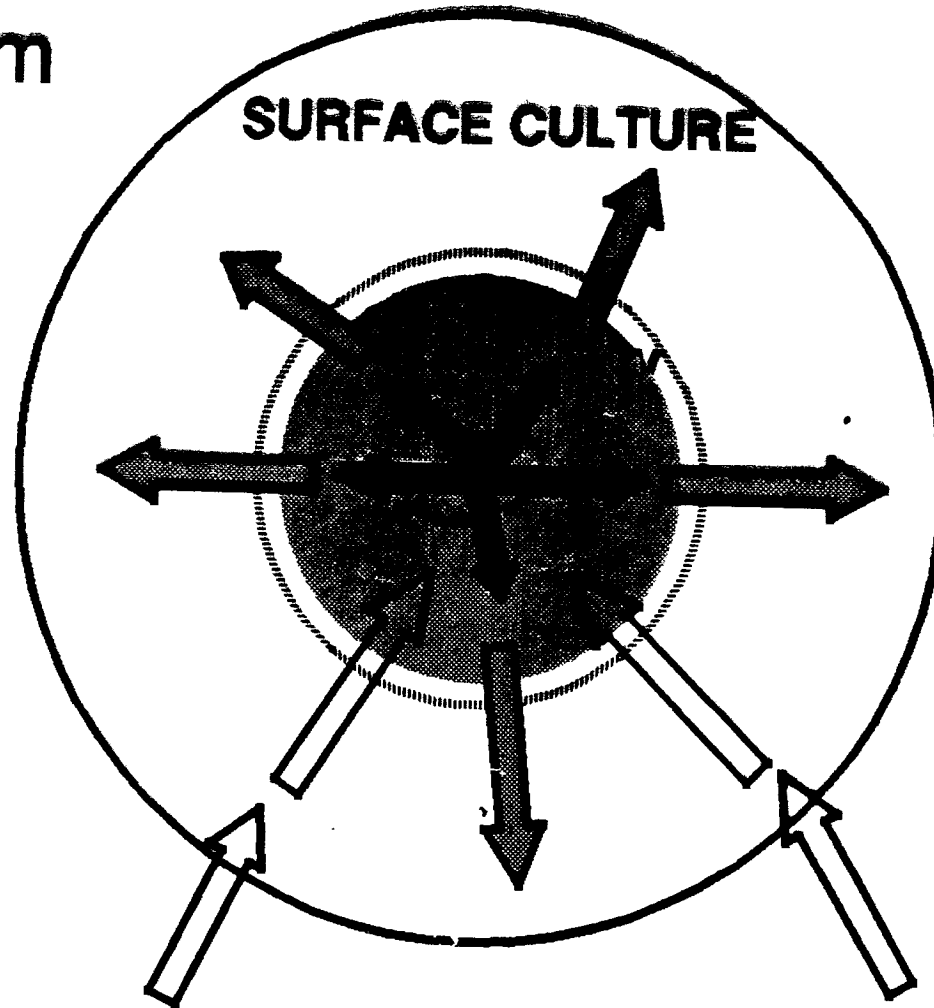
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1. Infiltration:



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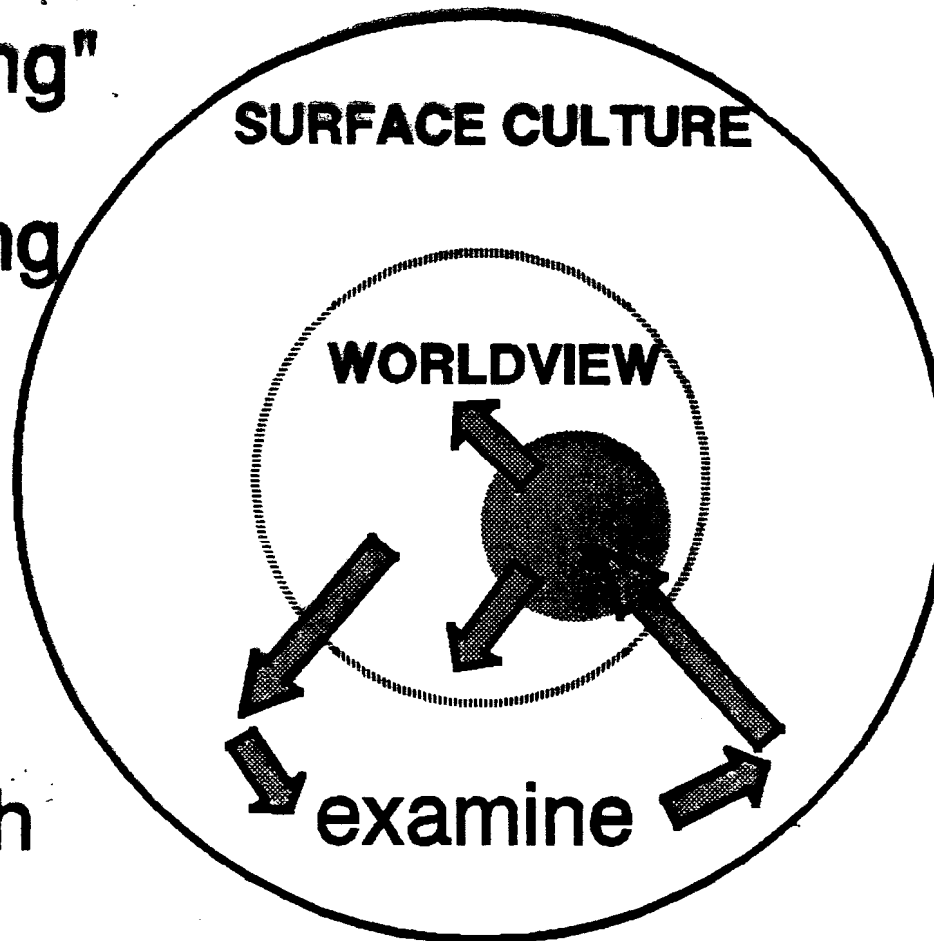
2. Paradigm Shift



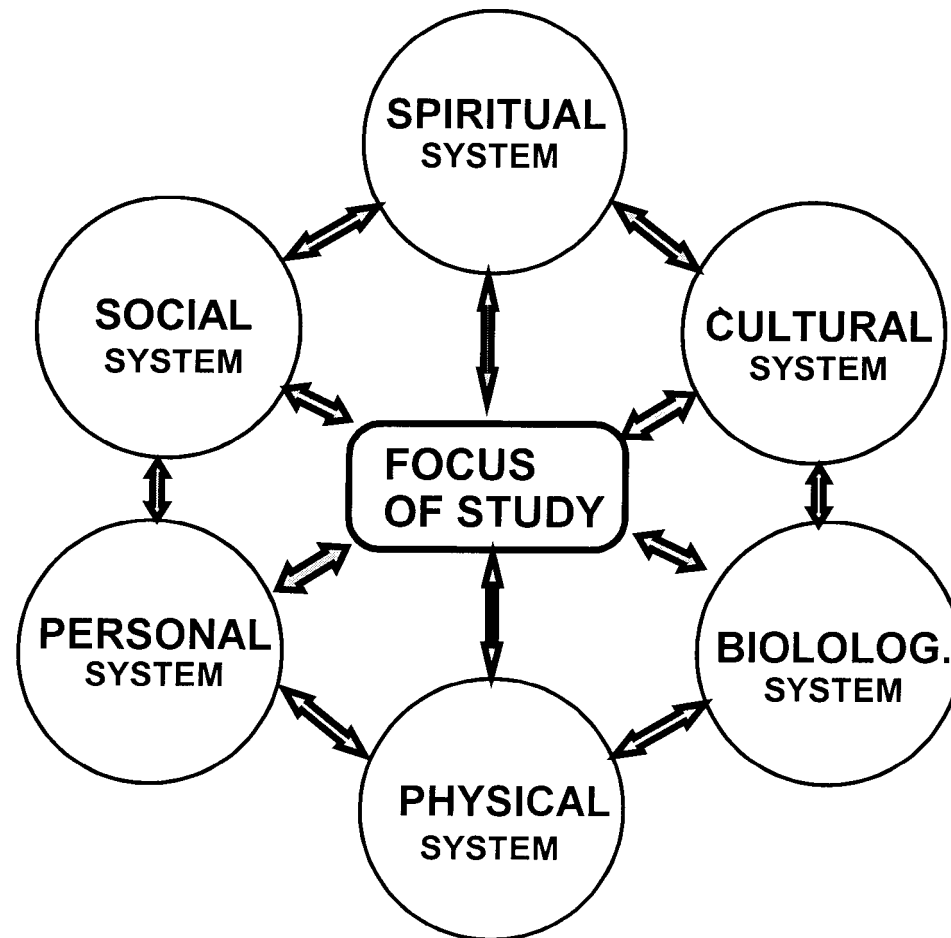
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3. "Surfacing" and examining

explicitly
dealing with
worldview
assumptions



A Systems Approach to the Study of Humans



Culture Collision and New Religious Movements

