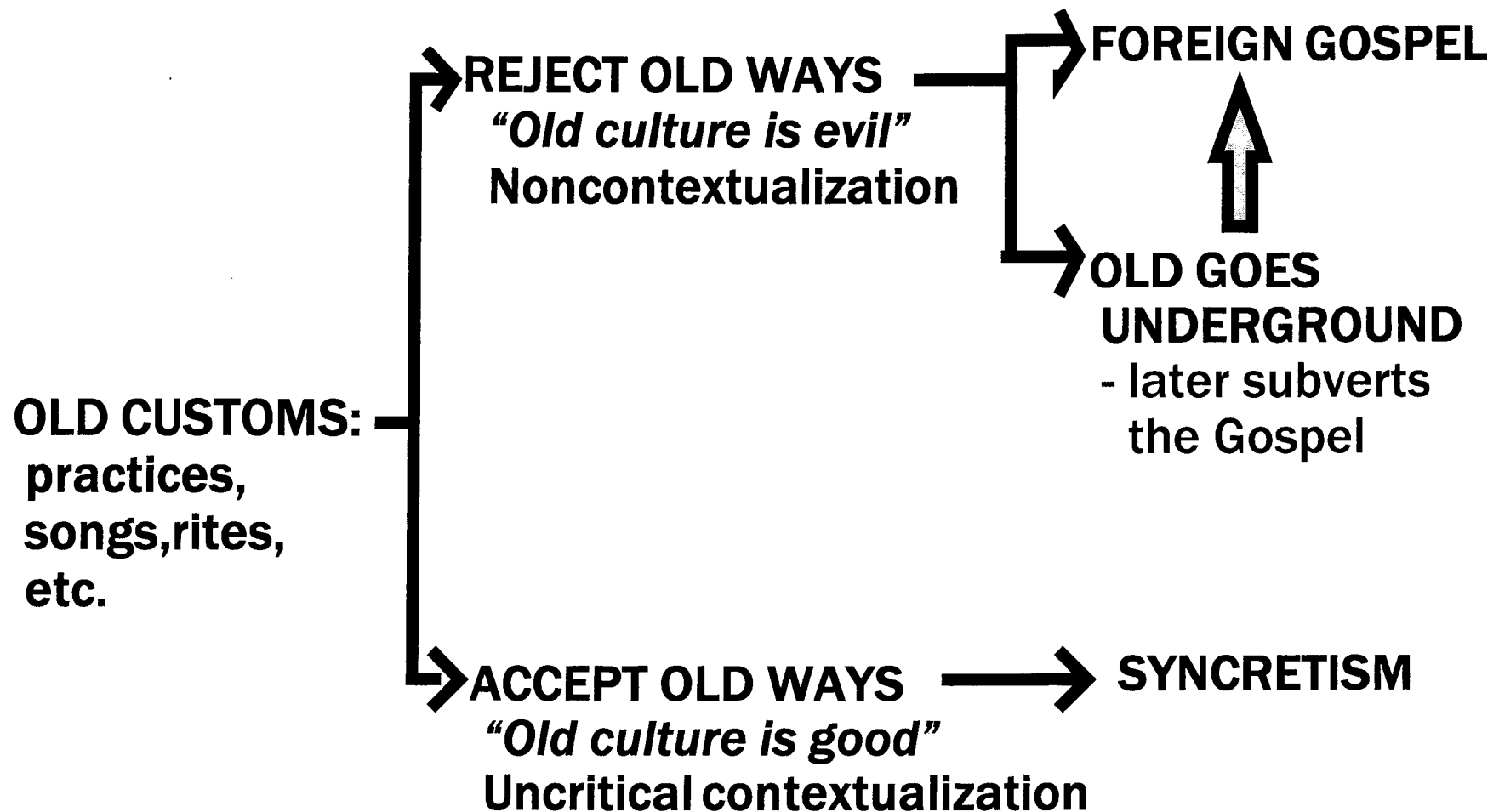
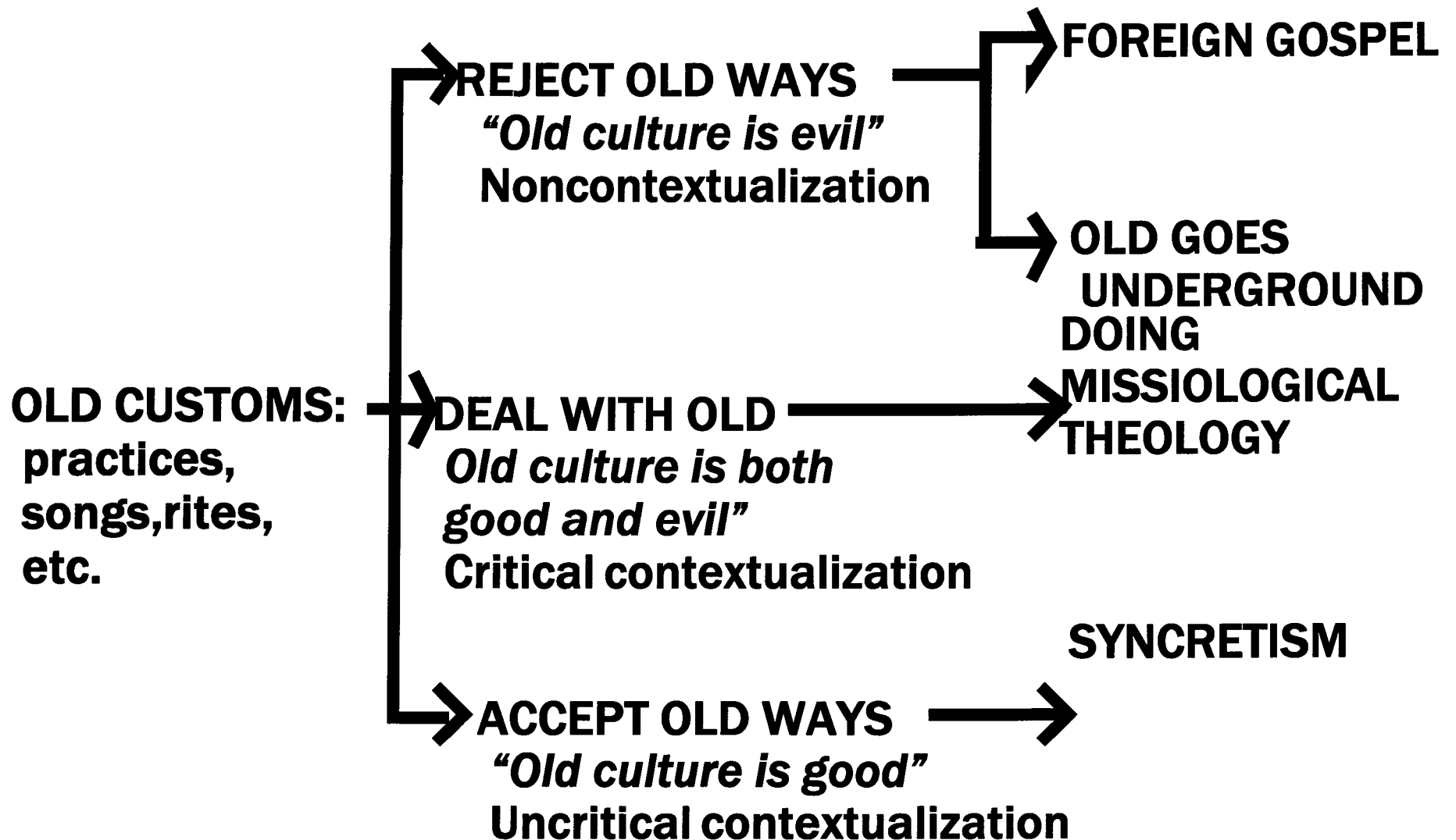


NONCONTEXTUALIZATION AND UNCRITICAL CONTEXTUALIZATION



CONTEXTUALIZATION



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOSPEL AND CULTURE

1. ***Gospel versus culture.***

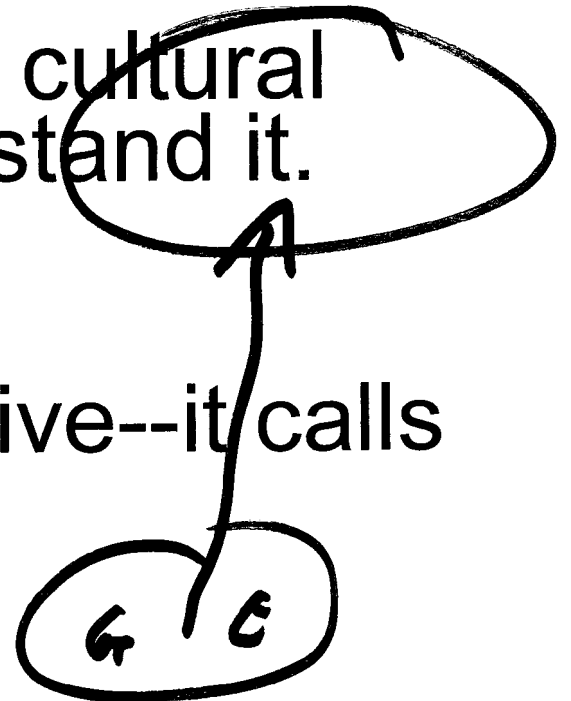
- don't equate the Gospel with any culture

2. ***Gospel in culture.***

- the gospel must be put in cultural forms for people to understand it.

3. ***Gospel to culture.***

- the Gospel is transformative--it calls us to follow Christ.



STEPS IN MISSIONAL METHODOLOGY

PHENOMENOLOGY:

- study the situation as we see it
- seek to understand how the people see it (*emic* view)
- develop an *etic* comparative frame to compare and evaluate different views

ONTOLOGY:

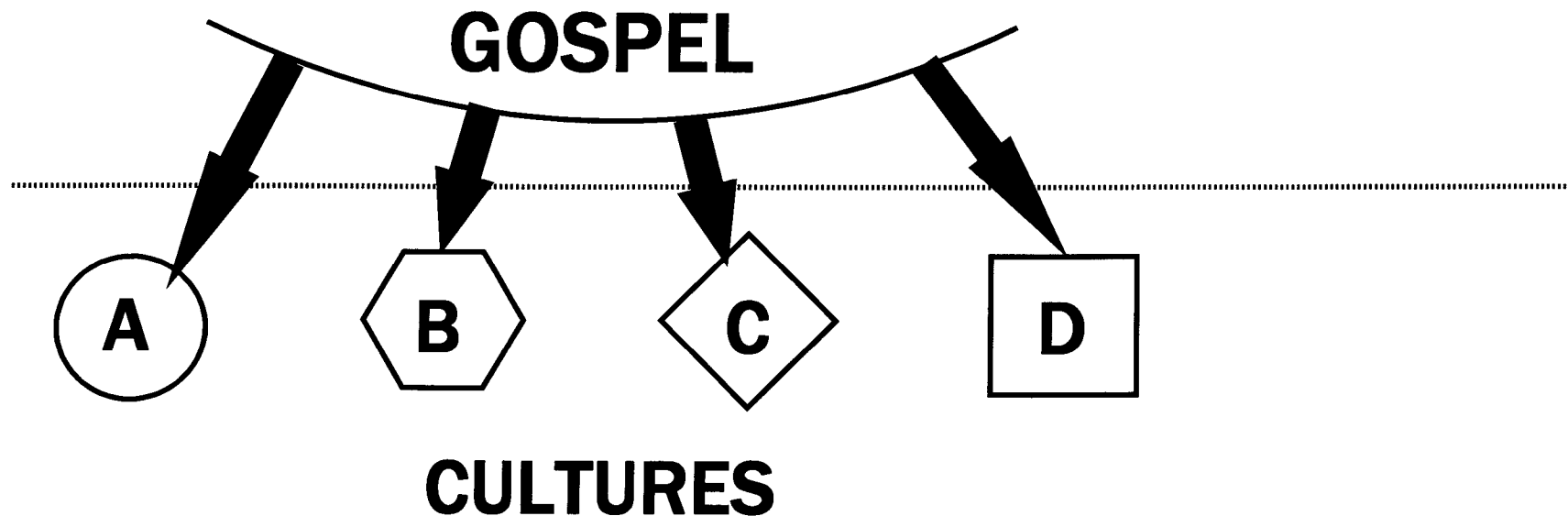
- do 'reality' checks on the facts
- study Scriptural teachings on the case
- evaluate and make decisions on the case

MISSIOLOGY:

- act on the immediate case
- begin procedures to deal with the underlying issues in the long run

ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING CONTEXTUALIZATION

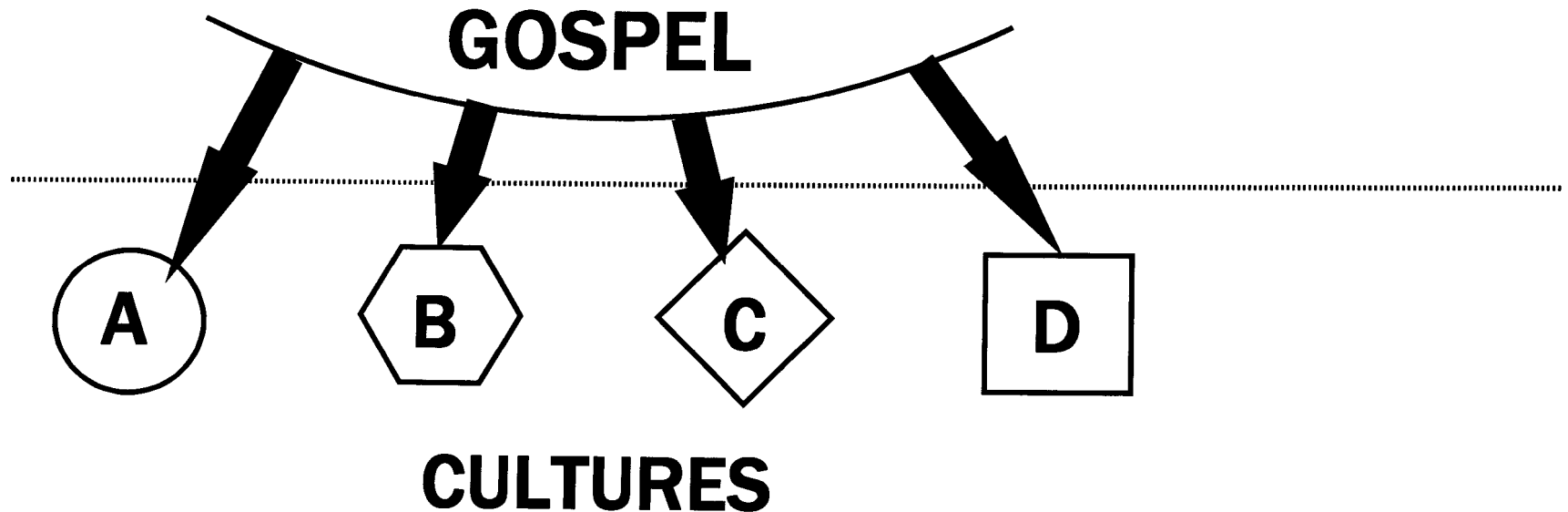
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ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING CONTEXTUALIZATION

3. GOSPEL to CULTURE



THE GOSPEL IS TRANSFORMATIVE – IT CALLS US TO FOLLOW CHRIST

WILL YOU BAPTIZE AMADU?

- he is the village chief
- he believes in Jesus as his Lord and Savior
- he has five wives —
 - first: arranged, barren
 - ~~second: bore him children~~
 - third-fourth: inherited when his brother died
 - fifth: to show he is a great chief

Reasons for polygamy

- prestige.
- sexual activity during post-partum taboo
- cement relationships between groups
- have children when a wife is barren so you don't need to send her home or divorce her
- labor in the fields
- care for widows
- sexual gratification
- have more children
- need younger wife to do the chores
- help eradicate prostitution

ISSUES IN AMADU'S CASE

- is polygamy a sin? $\frac{G}{C}$
- are traditional marriages true marriages?
- which is the greater sin, polygamy or divorce?
- what must change at conversion, and what can be changed through discipling?
- what should Amadu do with his wives and children if he sends them away?
- which wife should Amadu keep?
- can you baptize the wives?

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- **can a polygamist be a church leader?**
- **what about the policy of the mission agency?**
- **to whom is the missionary accountable: the mission or the new church?**
- **who should make the decision?**
- **what are the evangelistic consequences of the decision?**

MISSIOLOGY

DIVINE REVELATION

Diachronic

Synchronic

Biblical Studies

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

- what is the big story?
- historical methods

THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS

- what is the cosmic structure?
- philosophical methods.

MISSIOLOGY

- what is the gospel to humans
- in their contexts?
- methods of communication

Human Studies

MISSION HISTORY

- what is the human story?
- historical methods.

HUMAN STUDIES

- what are the human systems?
- social science methods.

HUMANS

DOING THEOLOGY IN LOCAL CONTEXTS

- self-theologizing**
- global theologizing**