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STRATEGIES

*How have we understood
the missionary task?*

LEVEL ONE:

Getting people saved, getting them “into heaven” and out of this world.

LEVEL TWO:

Getting people into relationship with Jesus as Lord and Master.

LEVEL THREE:

Declaring God’s glory, including the works of God as seen through a microscope and a telescope.

LEVEL FOUR:

Conquering the works of the devil in order to restore God’s glory by inducting people into a Christian family which is at war.

Twelve Frontiers • Seven Mysteries • Four Strategies



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The best way to
explain my life is:
“An increasing
understanding of the Bible.”

12 *Frontiers* of PERSPECTIVE

PERSPECTIVE ONE:

Unreached Peoples

PERSPECTIVE TWO:

The Great Commission and Abraham

PERSPECTIVE THREE:

From the Unfinished Task to the Finishable Task

PERSPECTIVE FOUR:

Failure with the large groups and the off-setting trend to "radical contextualization"

PERSPECTIVE FIVE:

Reverse Contextualization, the Recontextualization of Our Own Tradition

PERSPECTIVE SIX:

The Reclaiming of the Gospel of the Kingdom (Jesus as Lord and Master)

PERSPECTIVE SEVEN:

Beyond Christianity (followers of Jesus within their own cultural traditions, not necessarily calling themselves "Christian")

PERSPECTIVE EIGHT:

A Different Type of Recruitment (mission agencies recruiting young people into a worldview-changing Year of Insight and continuing to track with those young people while they prepare for cross-cultural service)

PERSPECTIVE NINE:

A Trojan Horse? (textbook supplements to restore the knowledge of how God has been at work in societies through history)

PERSPECTIVE TEN:

Needed, A Revolution in Pastoral Training because Bible schools and seminaries in this country and around the world have the:

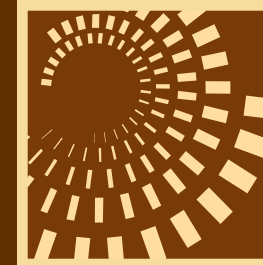
1. Wrong Students
2. Wrong Curriculum
3. Wrong Packaging

PERSPECTIVE ELEVEN:

We are in a war against an intelligent enemy.

PERSPECTIVE TWELVE:

The most challenging frontier in missions is the high wall between our faith community and a world truly awed by the explorations of science. These two books, nature and Scripture, have been given to us to enable us to get closer to God.



Seven mysteries

FIRST MYSTERY:

Where did the universe come from?

SECOND MYSTERY:

How did life get started? What is its story?

THIRD MYSTERY:

When, why, and how did God create human life: an unusually intelligent, reflecting, thinking species, Homo-sapiens?

FOURTH MYSTERY:

Where did civilizations come from? How did they begin?

FIFTH MYSTERY:

What is God going to do about the vast distortion of His purposes?

SIXTH MYSTERY:

The sudden profusion of life attacking life, is this the first Fall, Satan's distortion of God's creation and purposes?

SEVENTH MYSTERY:

The fall of humankind is the second Fall, when Satan came into the garden he already had a crime record.

COMMENTS BY RALPH WINTER ON THE TWO FALLS:

But now we are rolling back evidences of the fall of man by conquering disease. Population growth in all parts of the world is in part a result of this. The vision of this Center hinges on understanding these two falls. All the bad things we think about which need correcting entered during one of these two mysteries. If Satan is still in control of Creation, our mission is not over. His devilry with human beings and all creation must be defeated; the Son of Man appeared for this reason, to destroy the works of the devil.