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THAT ADVANCE THE KINGDOM

Outline | Building Churches that Advance the Kingdom

- Session I: **Outward & Inward**
 - “What in the World is Going On?”
- Session II: **Forward & Downward**
 - “Releasing the Next Generation”
- Session III: **Backward & Upward**
 - “In Whose Image?”



Session 1: Outward & Inward

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

- *Following scriptural examples and exhortations to be attentive and discerning we shall examine some key current **global** and **inner** realities that are (or will be) affecting Kingdom advance and how the Lord might be inviting us to prayerfully and decisively respond to be relevant and effectual.*



REMINDERS | KINGDOM

- **#1: If we speak of a Kingdom, there must be a King**
 - (Psalm 95:3; Malachi 1:11)
- **#2: The Kingdom of God will always advance and never diminish**
 - (Acts 17:26-27; Luke 1:28-33; Isaiah 9:7)
- **#3: The church is not the Kingdom**
 - (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- **#4: We don't build the church; God does!**
 - (Isaiah 9:7, Matthew 16:18b)



“CHURCHES THAT ADVANCE THE KINGDOM” = MISSIONAL CHURCHES

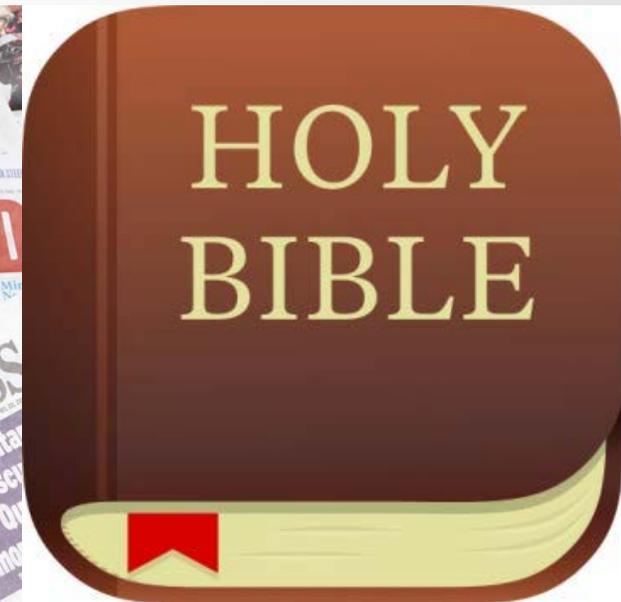
1. Churches **IMMERSED** in God’s **STORY**
2. Churches **ENGAGED** in God’s **MISSION**
3. Churches **STRADDLING** God’s kingdom **ELLIPSES**



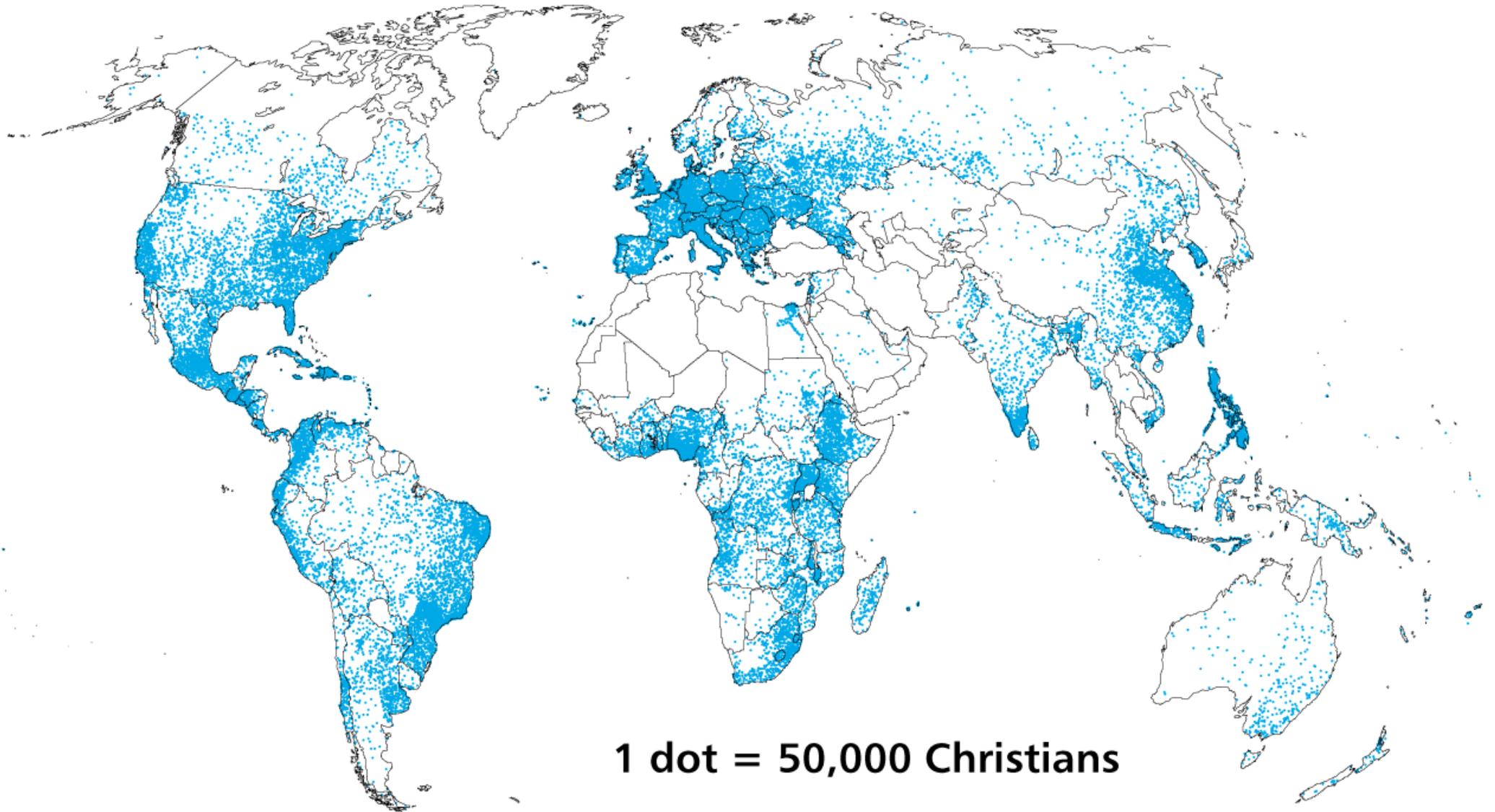
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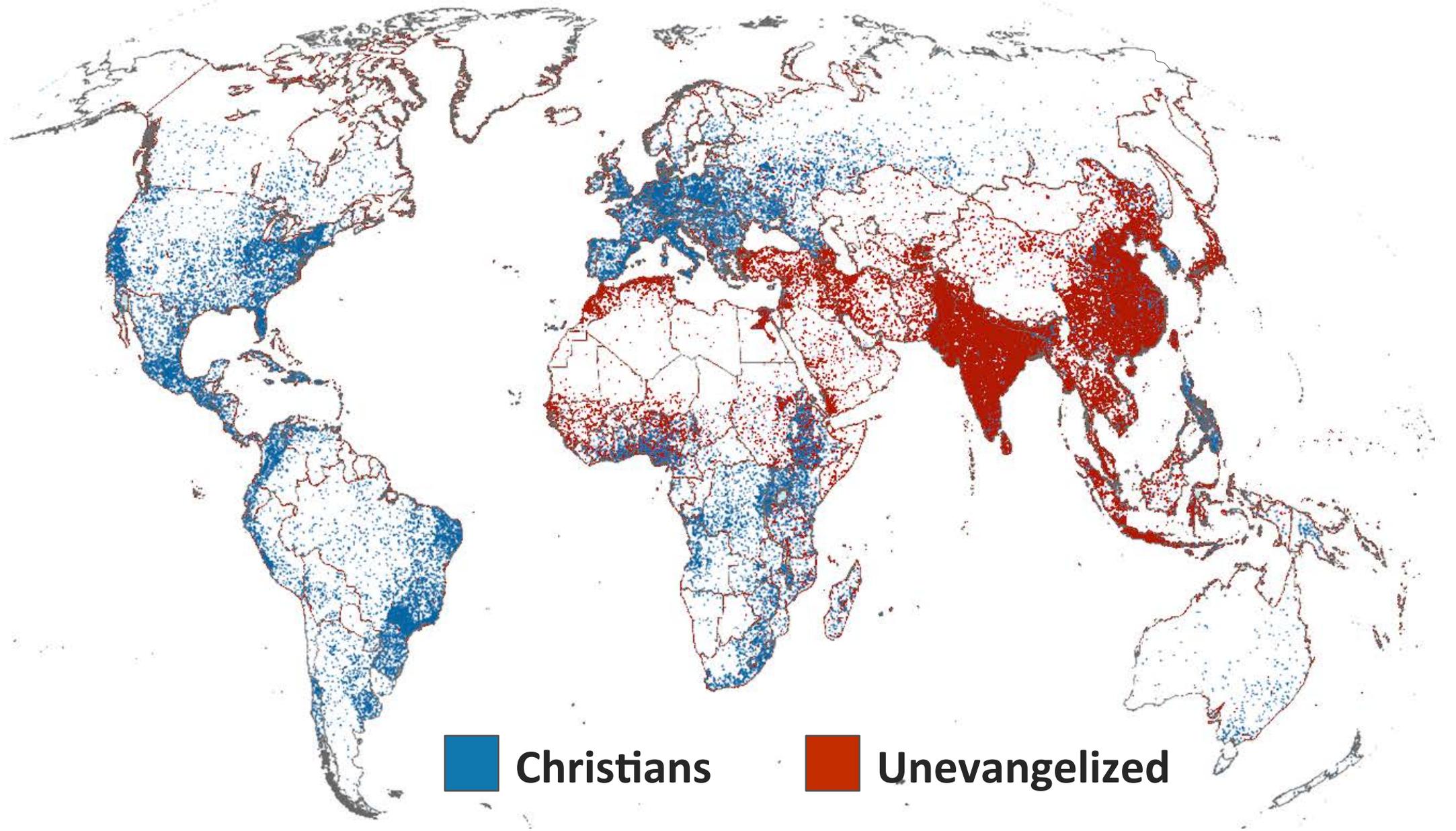
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In a *Time Magazine* piece on Barth published on Friday, May 31, 1963: “[Barth] recalls that 40 years ago he advised young theologians ‘to **take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.**’”



Population Dispersion of the World's Christians





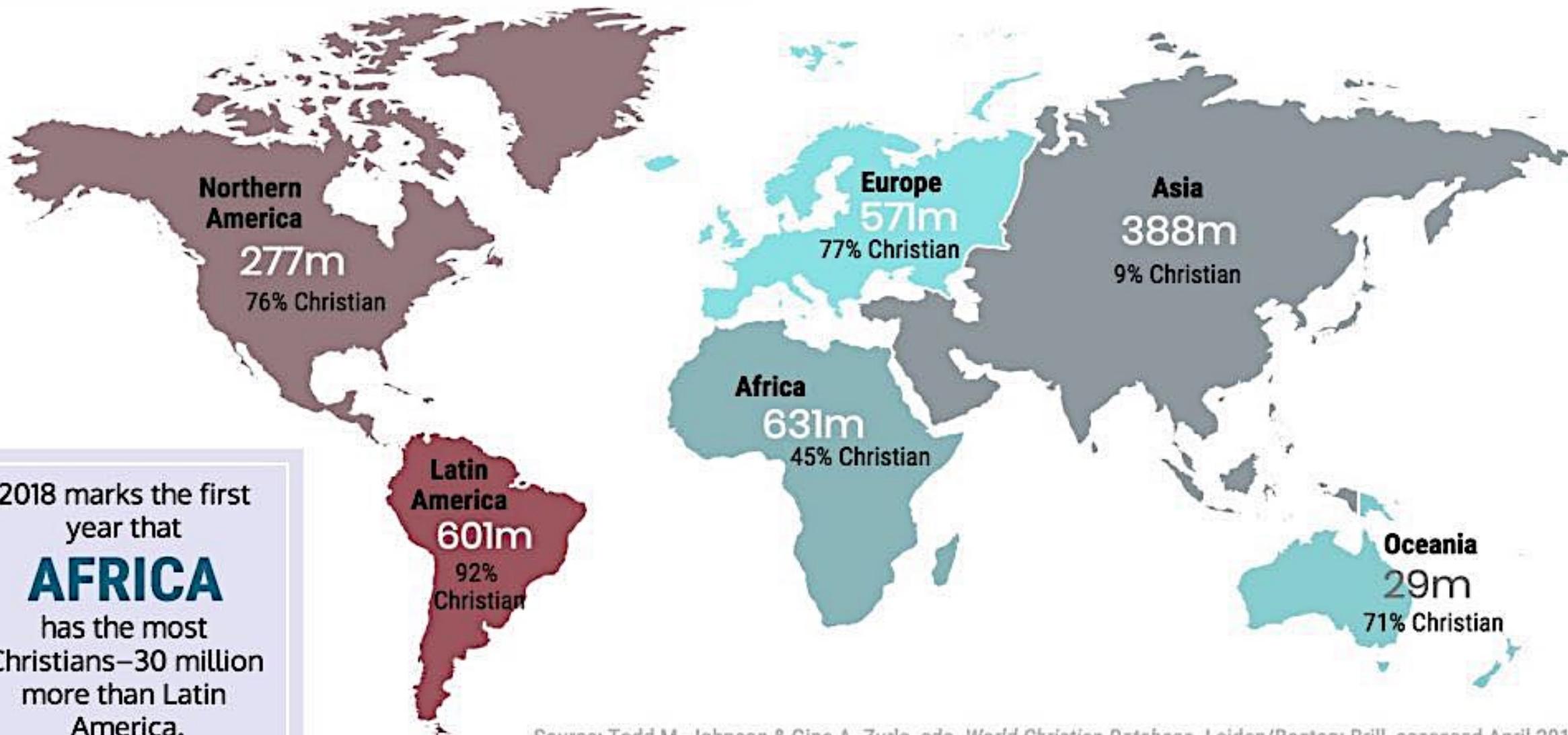
**2.3 billion
Christians**



**40,000
denominations**

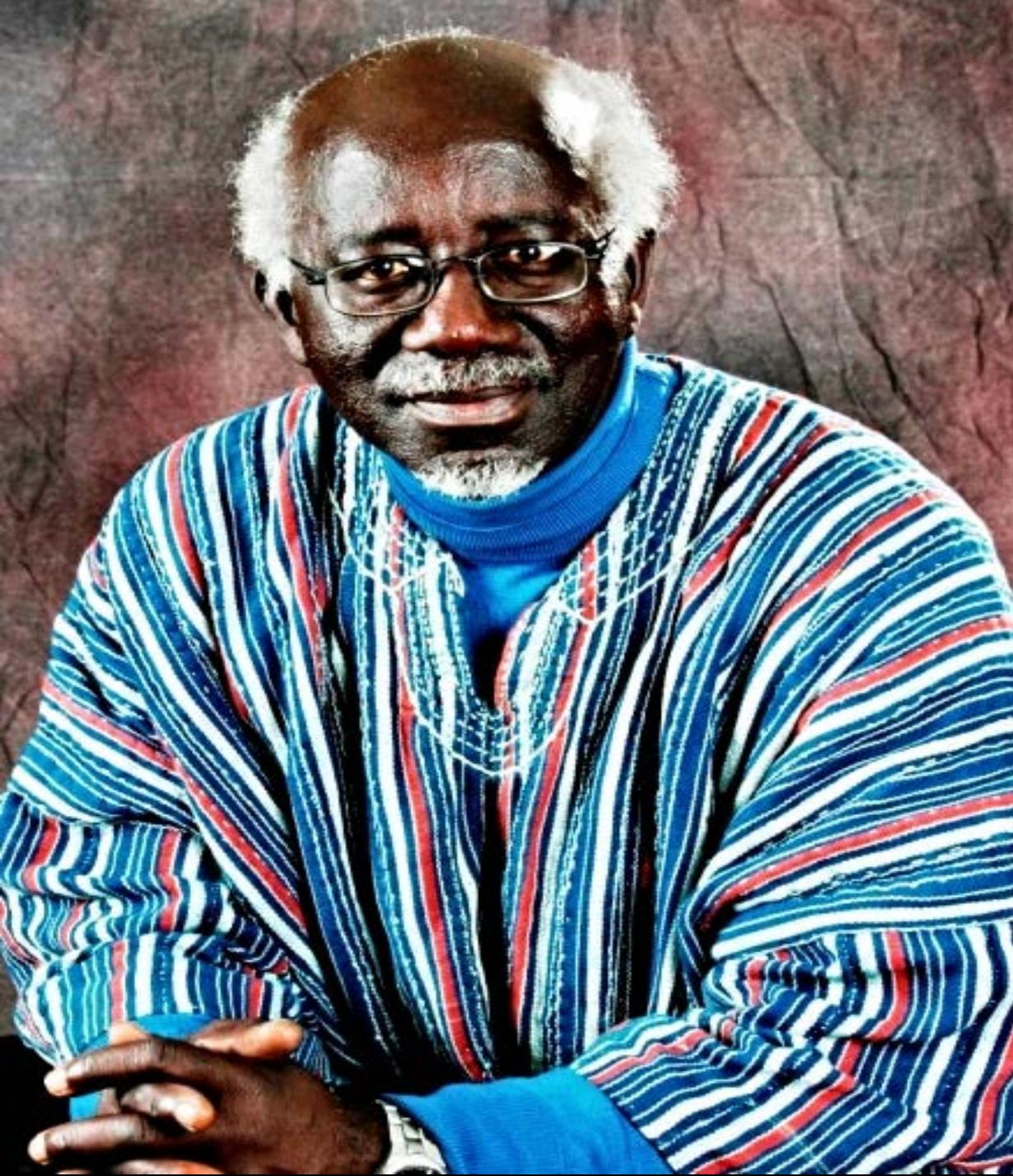
Christians, 2018

2.5 billion total, 33% of global population



2018 marks the first year that **AFRICA** has the most Christians—30 million more than Latin America.

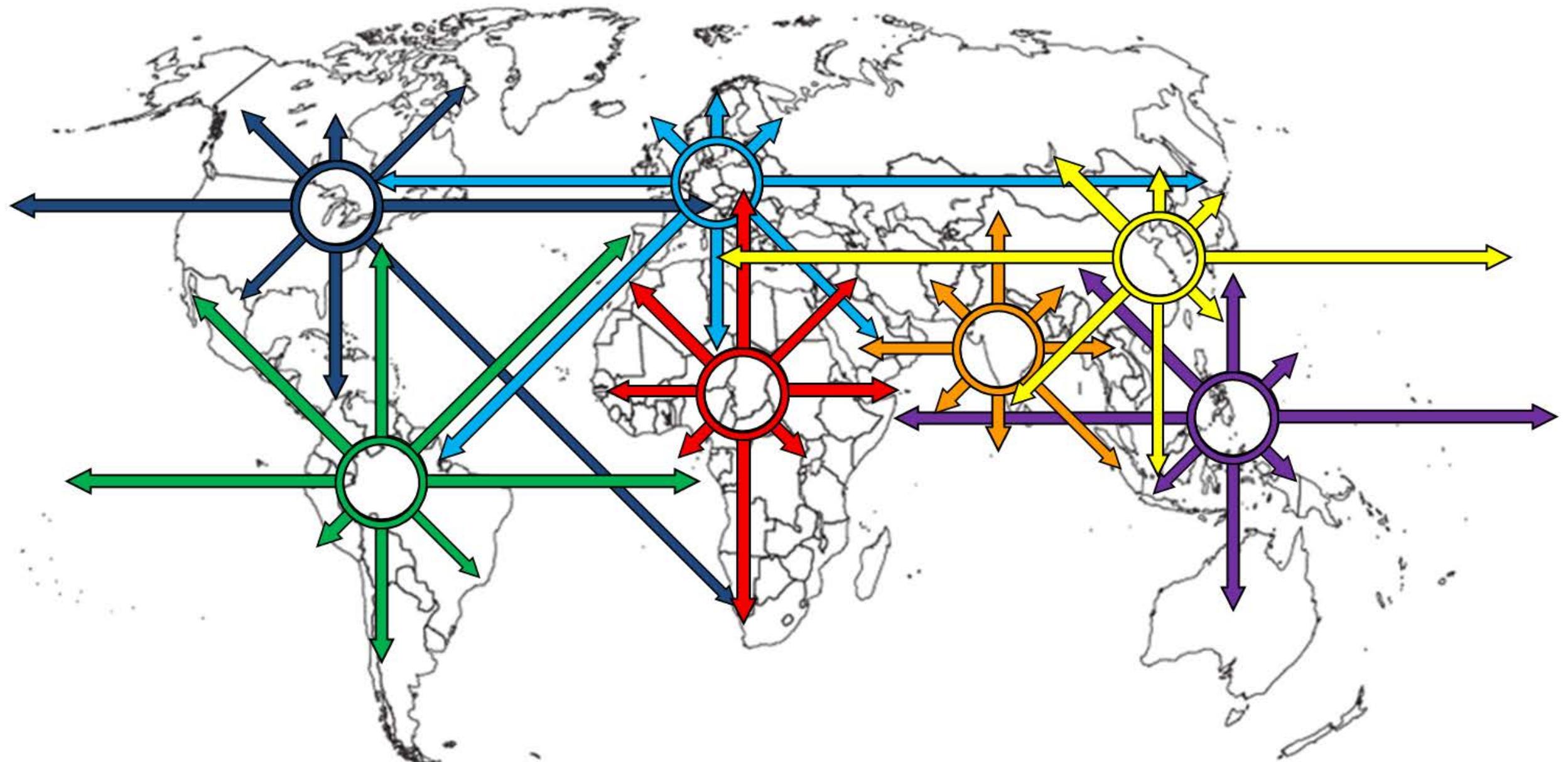
Source: Todd M. Johnson & Gina A. Zurlo, eds. *World Christian Database*. Leiden/Boston: Brill, accessed April 2018. Not equal to total Christians because unaffiliated and double-counted are excluded.



“...there is probably only one word that can truly describe the present status of Christianity in Black Africa. That word is *surprise*.”

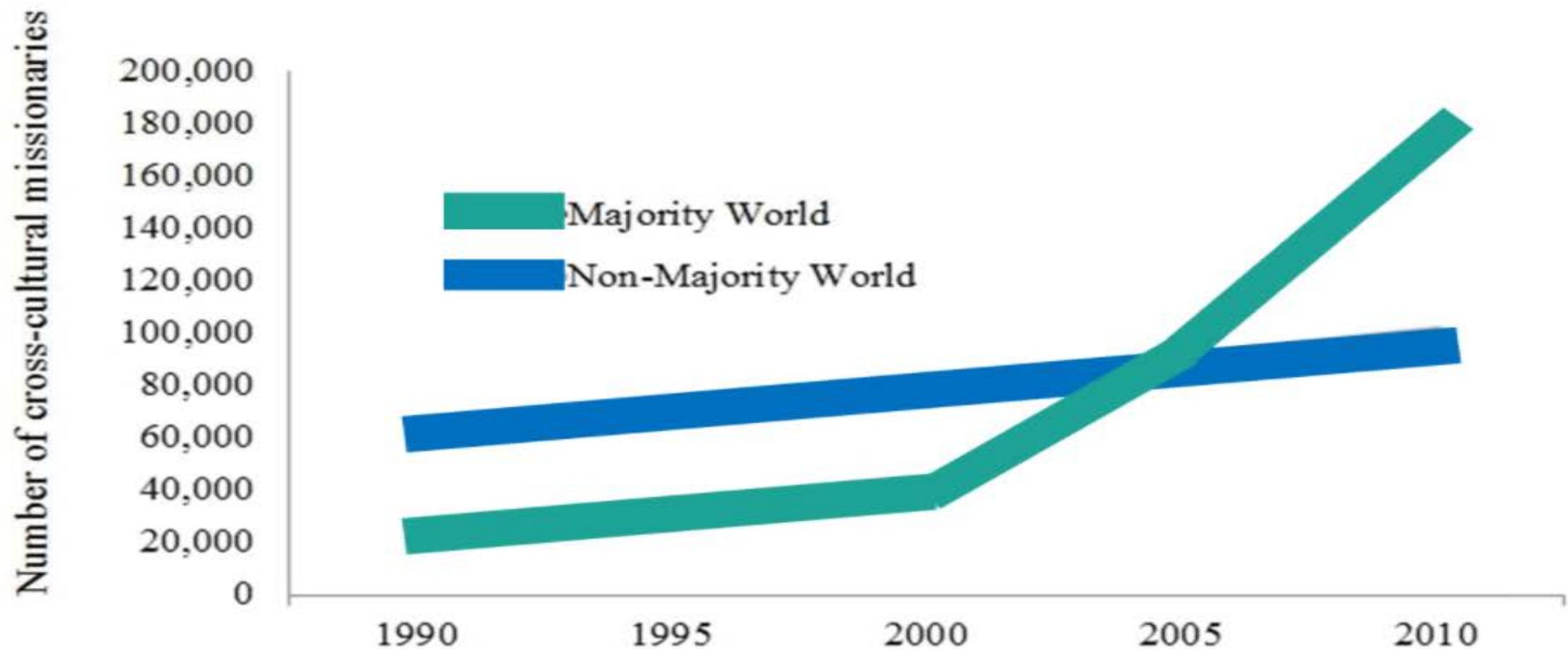
~Kwame Bediako

POLYCENTRIC ADVANCEMENT



Kingdom advancement is no longer 'from the West to the rest'

Research Documenting Shift in Missionary-Sending

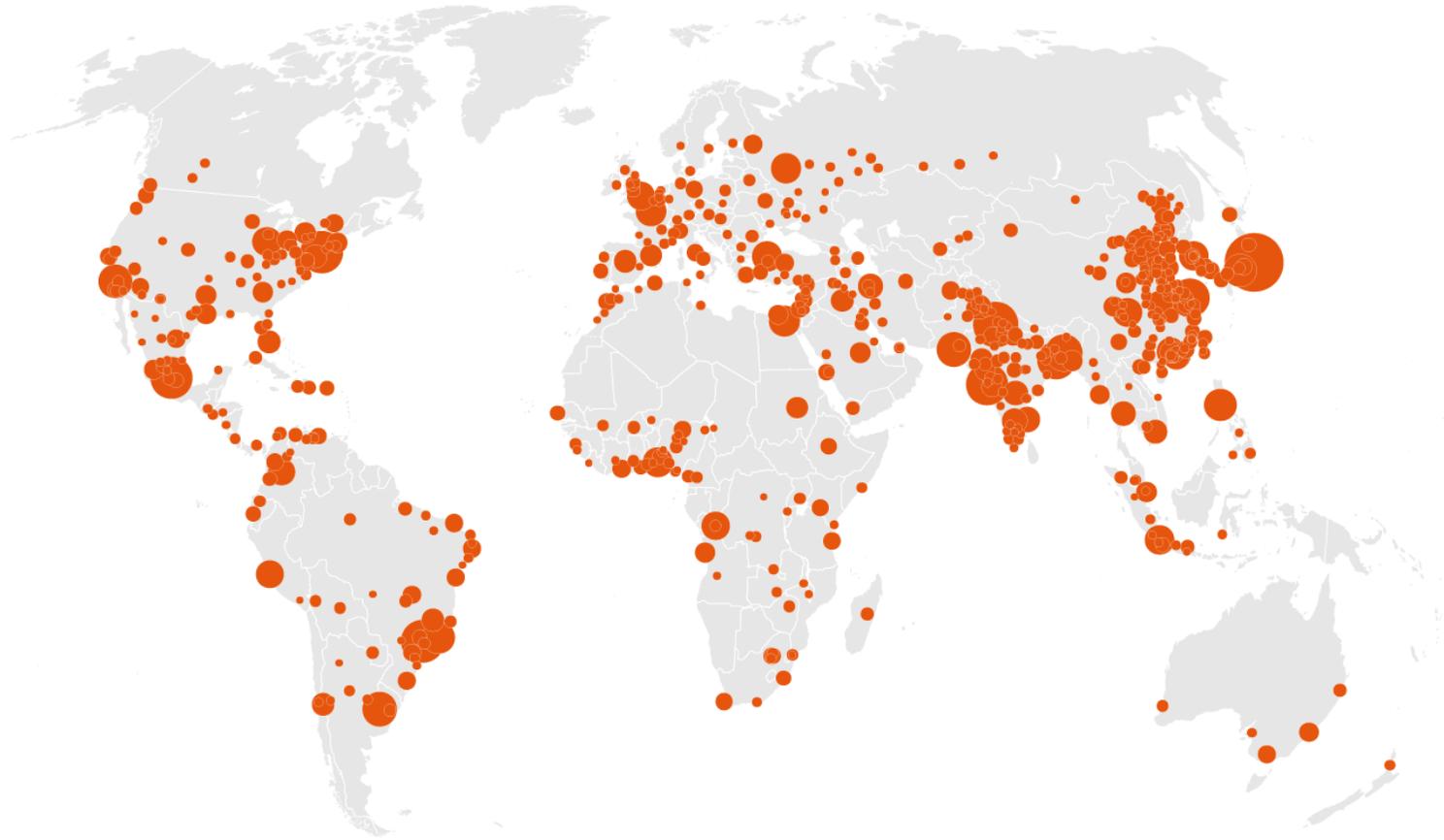


Koch, 2009





The World's Cities



India

Nigeria

Pakistan

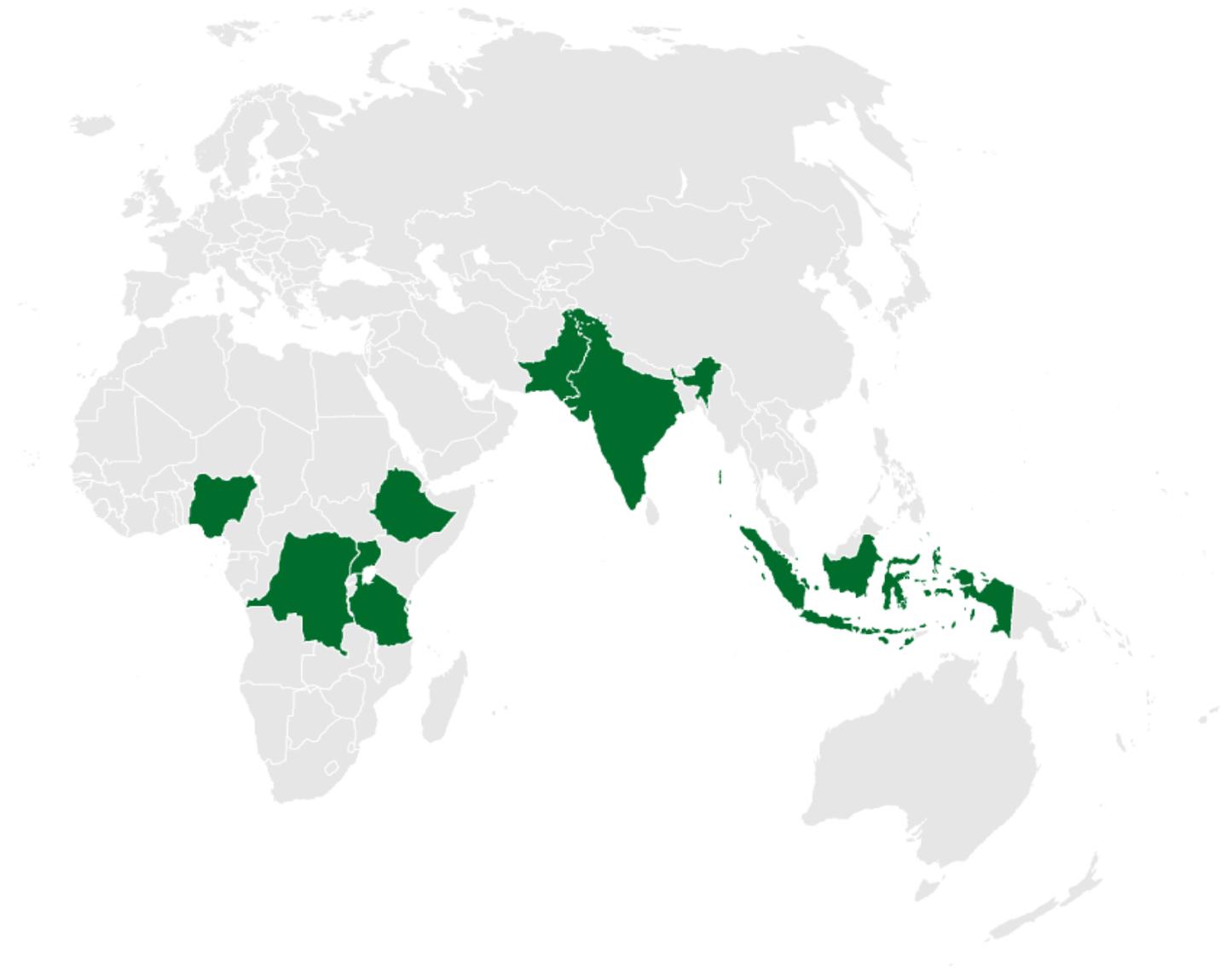
D.R. Congo

Ethiopia

Tanzania

Indonesia

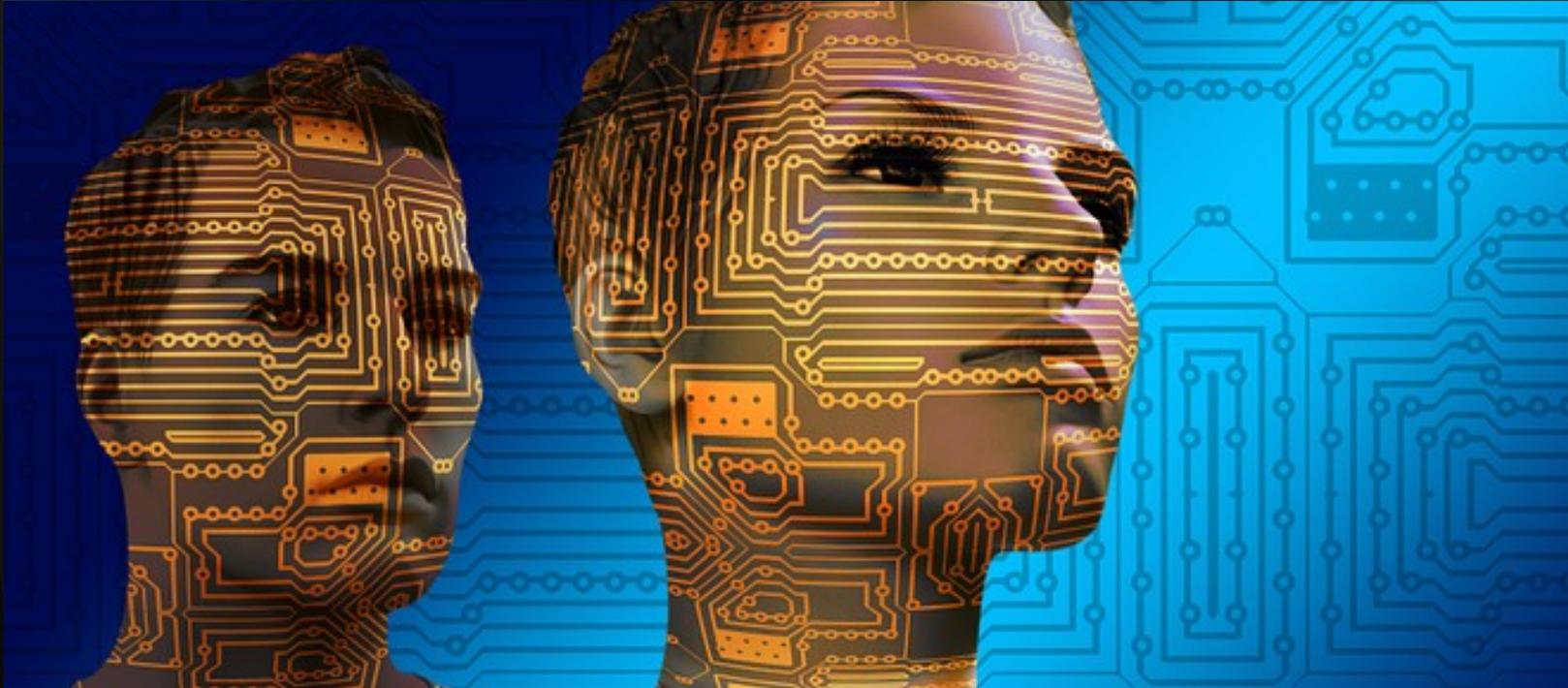
Uganda



HALF of all human population growth between now and 2050 will happen in just these 8 countries.

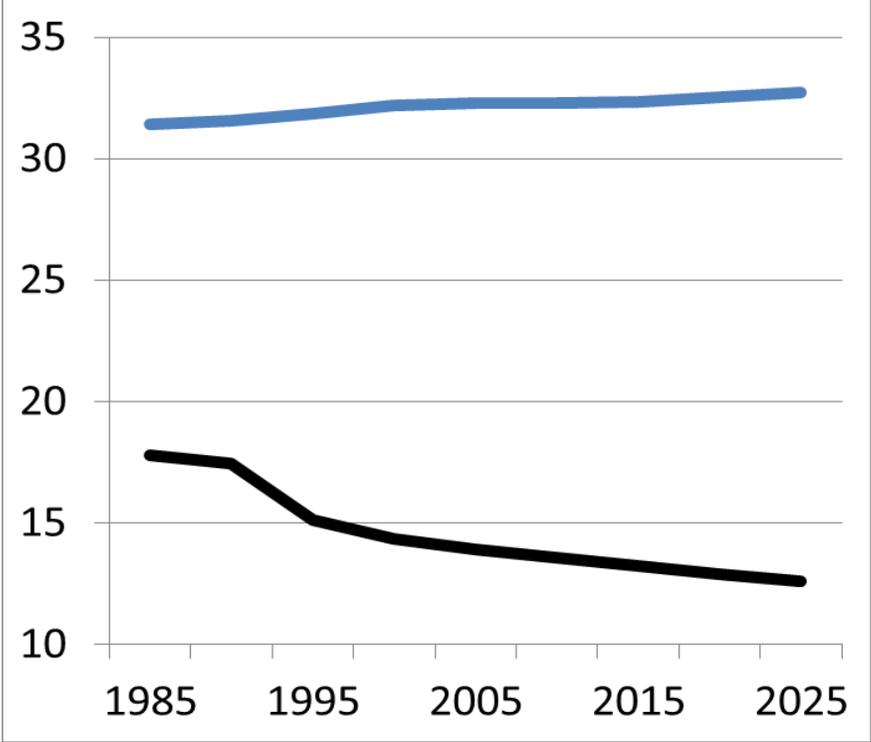








% of Total Population



 Christianity

 Non-religious



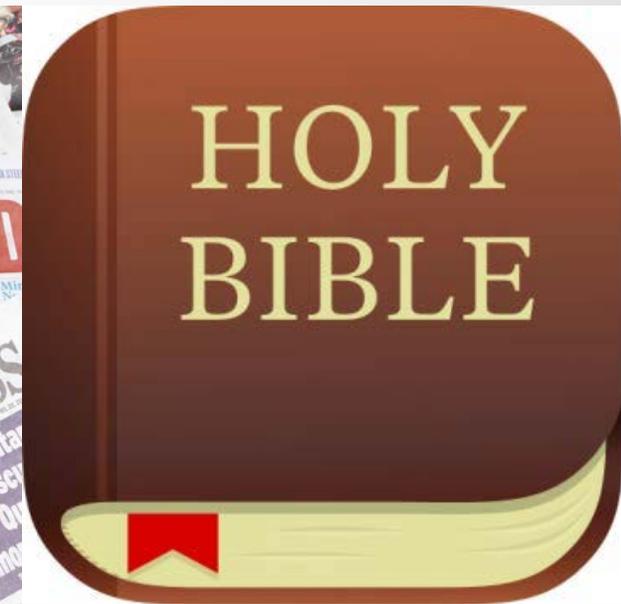
2025: 90% religious

What in the World is Going On...



IN THE **WORLD**?

IN THE **SOUL**?



“What profit is there in gaining the whole **world** and losing your **soul**?”

~Jesus Christ





THE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY **LEADER**

What you **do** matters. Who you **are** matters more.





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The emotionally unhealthy leader is someone who operates in a continuous state of emotional and spiritual deficit, lacking emotional maturity and a “being with God” insufficient to sustain their “doing for God.” (Peter Scazzero)

The
**Emotionally
Healthy**
Leader



How transforming your inner life will
deeply transform your church, team, and the world



Peter Scazzero



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Emotional deficits are manifested primarily by a pervasive lack of awareness.

Unhealthy leaders lack awareness of their feelings, their weaknesses and limits, how their past impacts their present, and how others experience them. They also lack the capacity and skill to enter deeply into the feelings and perspectives of others. They carry these immaturities with them into their teams and everything they do.





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Spiritual deficits typically reveal themselves when we give out more *for* God than we receive from him. The demands and pressures of ministry and leadership make it nearly impossible for them to establish a consistent and sustainable rhythm of life. In their more honest moments, they admit that their cup with God is empty or, at best, half full, hardly over owing with the divine joy and love they proclaim to others.





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INNER LIFE

- 1. Face your Shadow**
- 2. Lead our of your marriage or singleness**
- 3. Slow down for loving union with Jesus**
- 4. Practice Sabbath Delight**

OUTER LIFE

1. Planning & Decision-making
2. Culture & Team-building
3. Power & Wise Boundaries
4. Endings & Beginnings

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“(WO)MEN OF ISSACHAR”

1 Chronicles 12:32

OUTWARD & INWARD

*Attentive to key current **global** trends and discerning of **inner** realities as well that are or will be affecting Kingdom advance and how the Lord might be inviting us to prayerfully and decisively respond to be relevant and effectual.*

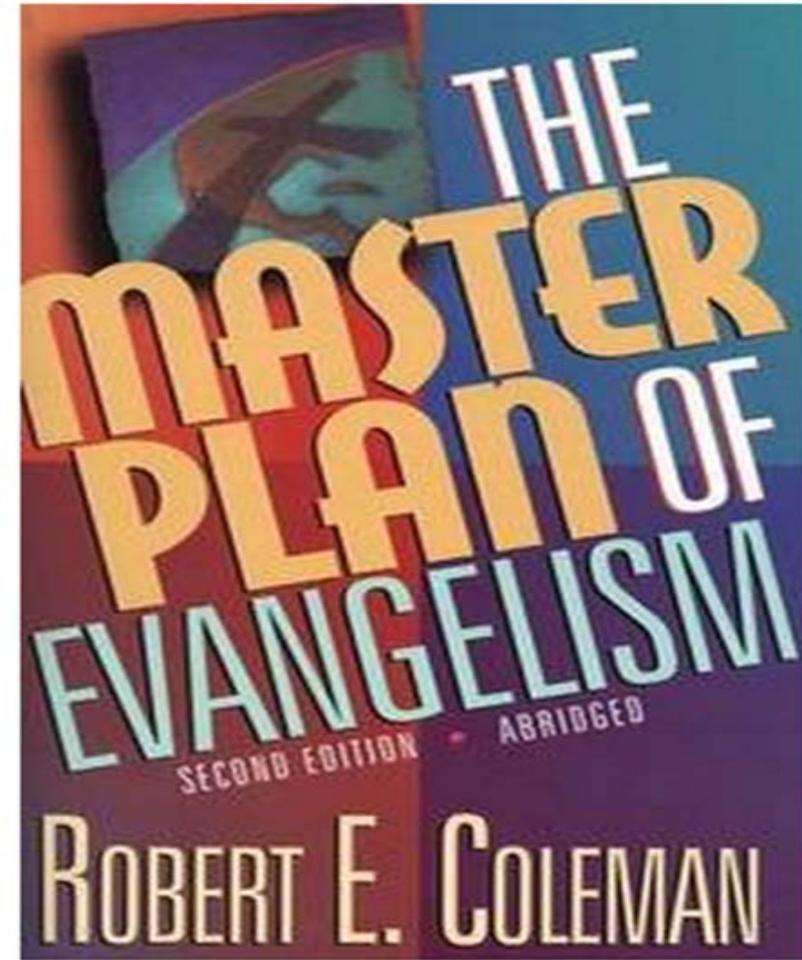


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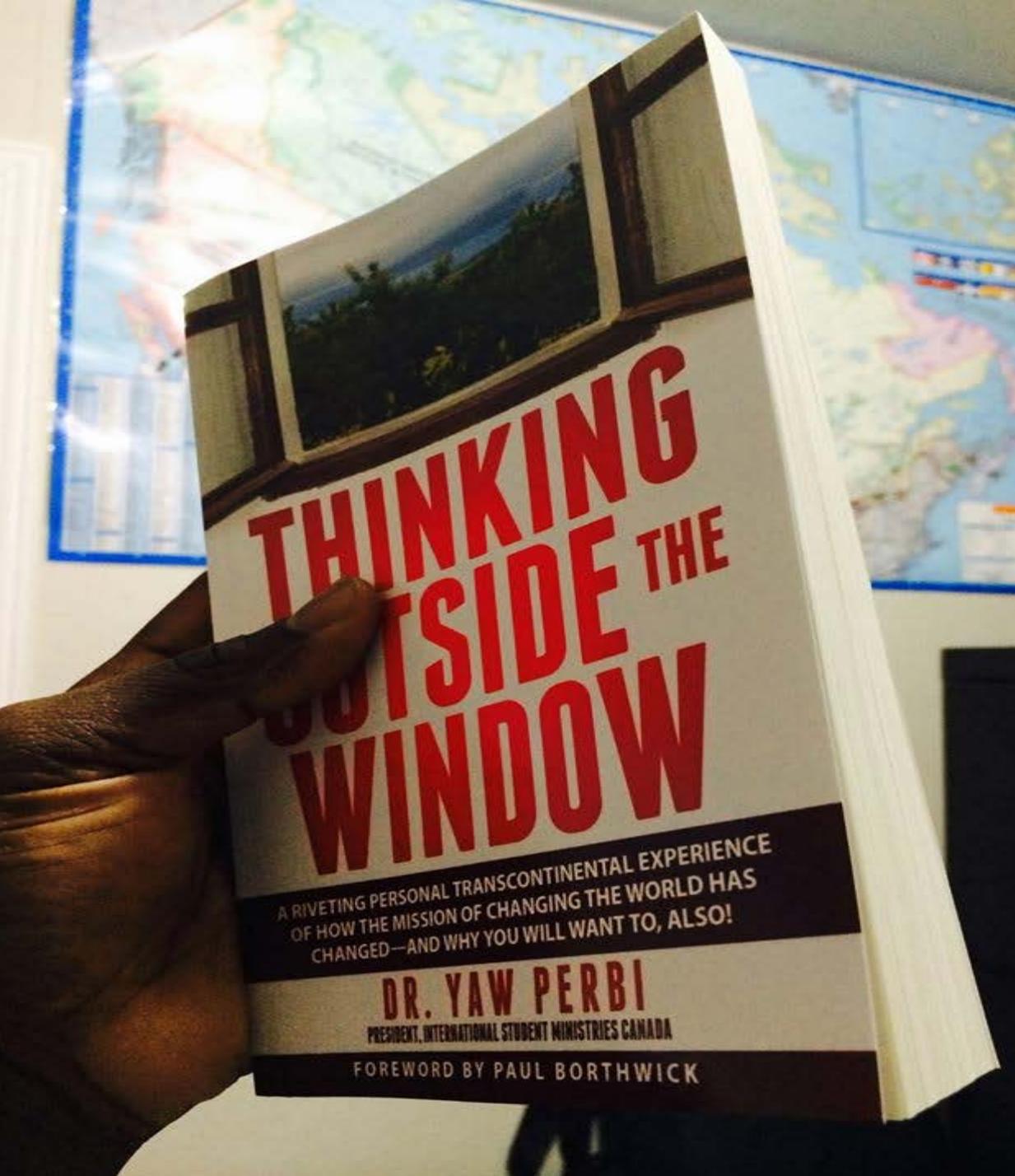
RELEASING THE NEXT GENERATION

*The Kingdom of God on earth is not only transnational, it also is **transgenerational**. Could our huge personalities, packed schedules, desire for immediate 'return on investment' etc. be short-circuiting the long-term growth and sustainability of the Kingdom's advance? We'll get practical on why and how to make the time and effort to release the next generation, especially delving into the concept and dynamics of mentoring.*





“Here is where we must begin just like Jesus. It will be slow, tedious, painful, and probably unnoticed by people at first, but the end result will be glorious, even if we don’t live to see it. Seen this way, though, it becomes a big decision in the ministry. We must decide where we want our ministry to count—in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the production of our lives in a few chosen who will carry on our work after we have gone. Really it is a question of which generation we are living for.”



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Select the **FAITH**-full

(2 Timothy 2:2)

- ✓ **F**aithfulness
- ✓ **A**vailability
- ✓ **I**nfluence
- ✓ **T**eachability
- ✓ **H**unger

Number of People Groups 394	People Groups Unreached 384	Total Population 185,993,000
Unreached Population 184,540,000	% Professing Christian 0.7%	% Evangelical Unknown
Largest Religion Islam (98.9%)	Official Language Urdu	10/40 Window Yes

IMPORTANT PILLARS

UNDERGIRDING WHATEVER 'BEST PRACTICE' YOU ADOPT

1. PROCESS →

“Come follow me and I will make you”

~Microwave Oven vrs. Crockpot

~Rows vrs. Circles



Relationally empowering P R O C E S S

Come and see

³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

John 1:38-39

Come and follow me

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:16-20

Go and make disciples

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Phase IV

Come and be with me

³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve^[1] that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mark 3:13-15

Phase III

MacDonald's Dimensions of Discipleship

Dimension	Brief Explanation
1. Calling/Commitment Encounter	Initiation of mentoring relationship.
2. Mentoring process (empowerment)	The transference of learning or empowerment. Avoiding the abuse of cloning.
3. Broadening effort	Encourages the mentoree to become responsible for own life. Not controlling or suppressing the mentoree. As MacDonald says, the mentor must avoid "substituting control for nurture"
4. Releasing dimension	This is the disengagement of the mentoring, or bringing the mentoring to good closure.
5. Affirming/appreciation element	Once the mentoring comes to a place of closure, the mentor shifts role to encourager and friend instead of dropping off the face of the earth.

Mentoring Process

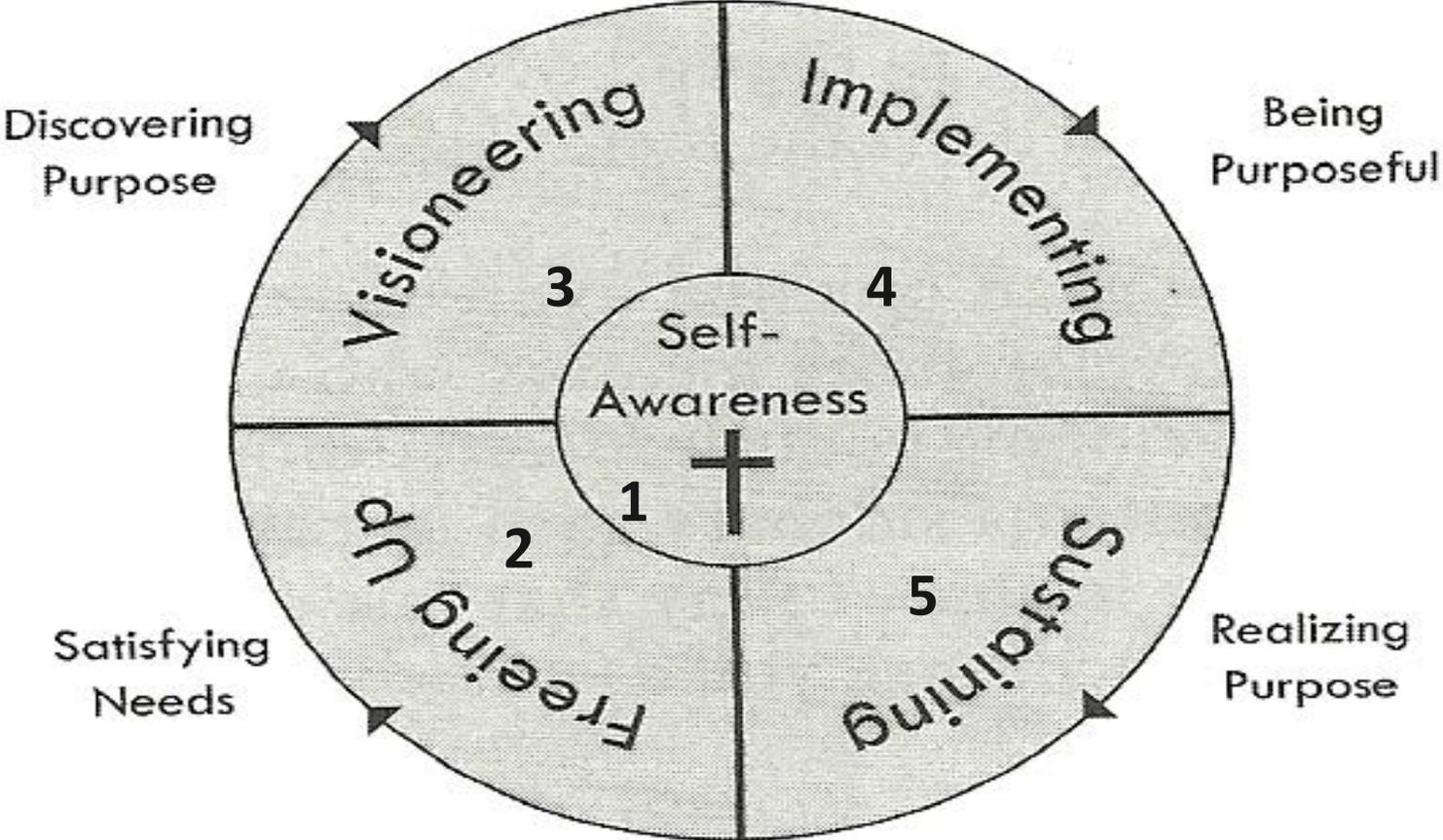


Image from Carson Pue, *Mentoring Leaders*, 2005: 13

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2. PROXIMATE →

“He appointed twelve that they might be with him”

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3. PRACTICE →

*"He sent them out
two by two"*

~Projects & Positions



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4. PARADIGM-SHIFTING→

“You have heard it said... but I tell you”

“[A]ny development program that fails to take into consideration the **prevailing belief system of a people** and the possible influence of this belief system on the proposed development plan runs a serious risk of foundering before it gets off the ground.”

~Paul A. Marshall

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5. PURPOSE-DRIVEN →

*"As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you"*

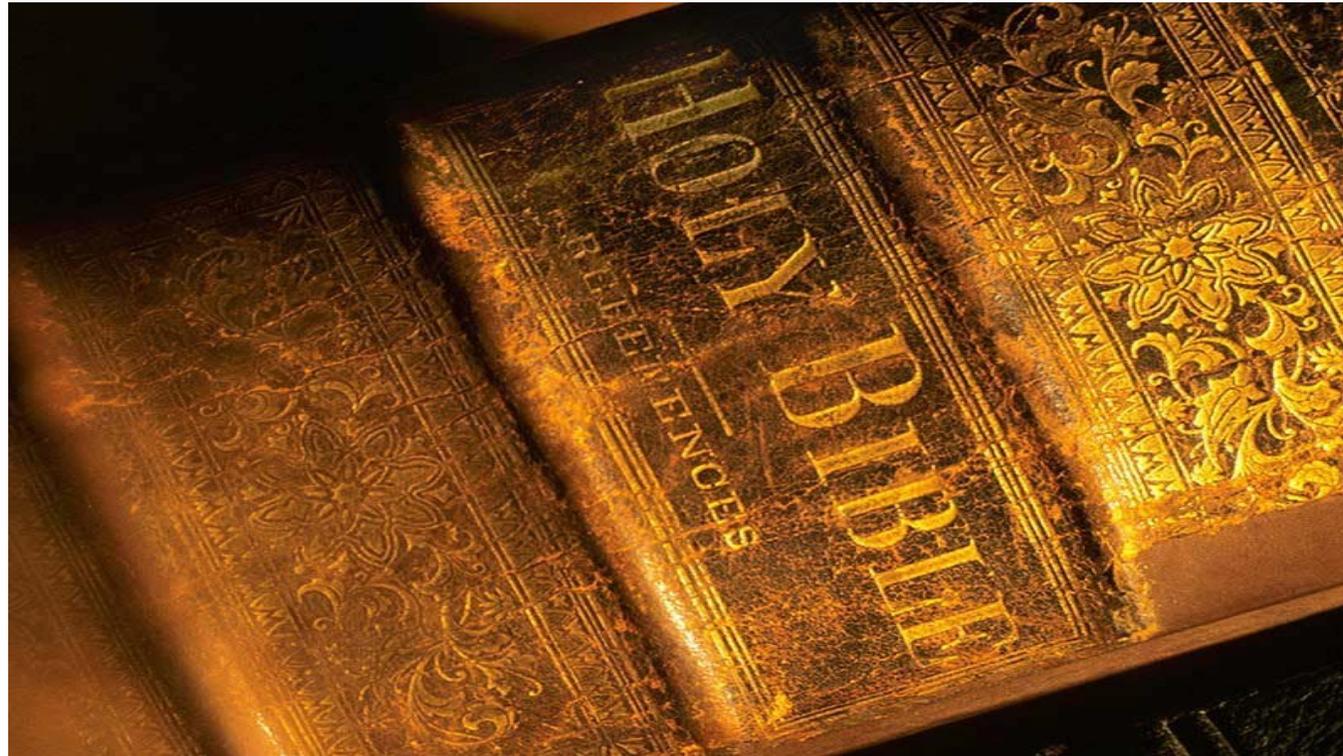


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6. PRINCIPLE-CENTRED →

“Verily, verily I say unto you”



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7. CHARACTER-BASED →

“You are the salt of the earth”

~Challenge to be
“**H.I.S.** People”



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8. HOLISTIC →

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man”



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9. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED →

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you”



*“When all is said and done, your ability as a leader will not be judged by what you achieved personally or even by what your team accomplished during your tenure. **You will be judged by how well your people and your organization did after you were gone.** You will be gauged according to the Law of Legacy. **Your lasting value will be measured by succession.**”*



(John Maxwell)

Two for One Offer:

NATIONS and **GENERATIONS**

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UNREACHEDNESS

20%



The Current Situation

The resources are available...

The Global Church

- 2.3 Billion Christians
- 5 Million Churches
- 43,000 Denominations
- 12 Million Workers

The command is clear...

“Go and make disciples of all nations”

But the job is not getting done...

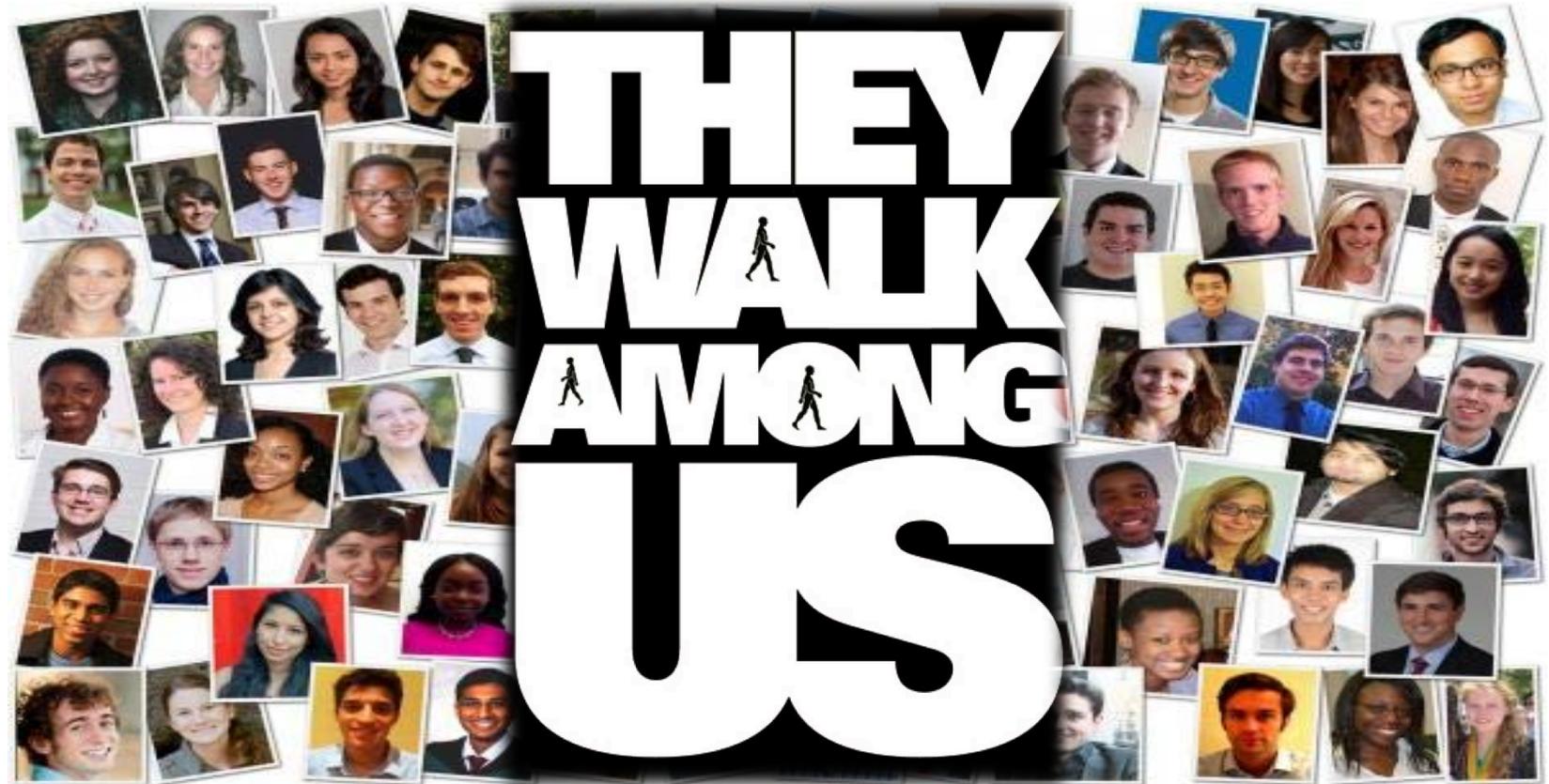
4,000 Languages
(with no Bible)

3,000 People
Groups
(with no missionary)

1 Million Villages
(with no church)

3.5 Billion Muslims,
Buddhists, Hindus
(with few workers)

The people we are trying to reach are here & looking for us!
Both the harvest and the harvesters are here, among the **500,000** international students in Canada from **190** countries.



“many will go here
and there,
to increase
knowledge.”

Daniel 12:4, NIV



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Where do the MOST Least Reached Live?

10/40 Window



Nigeria

Number Least Reached Groups

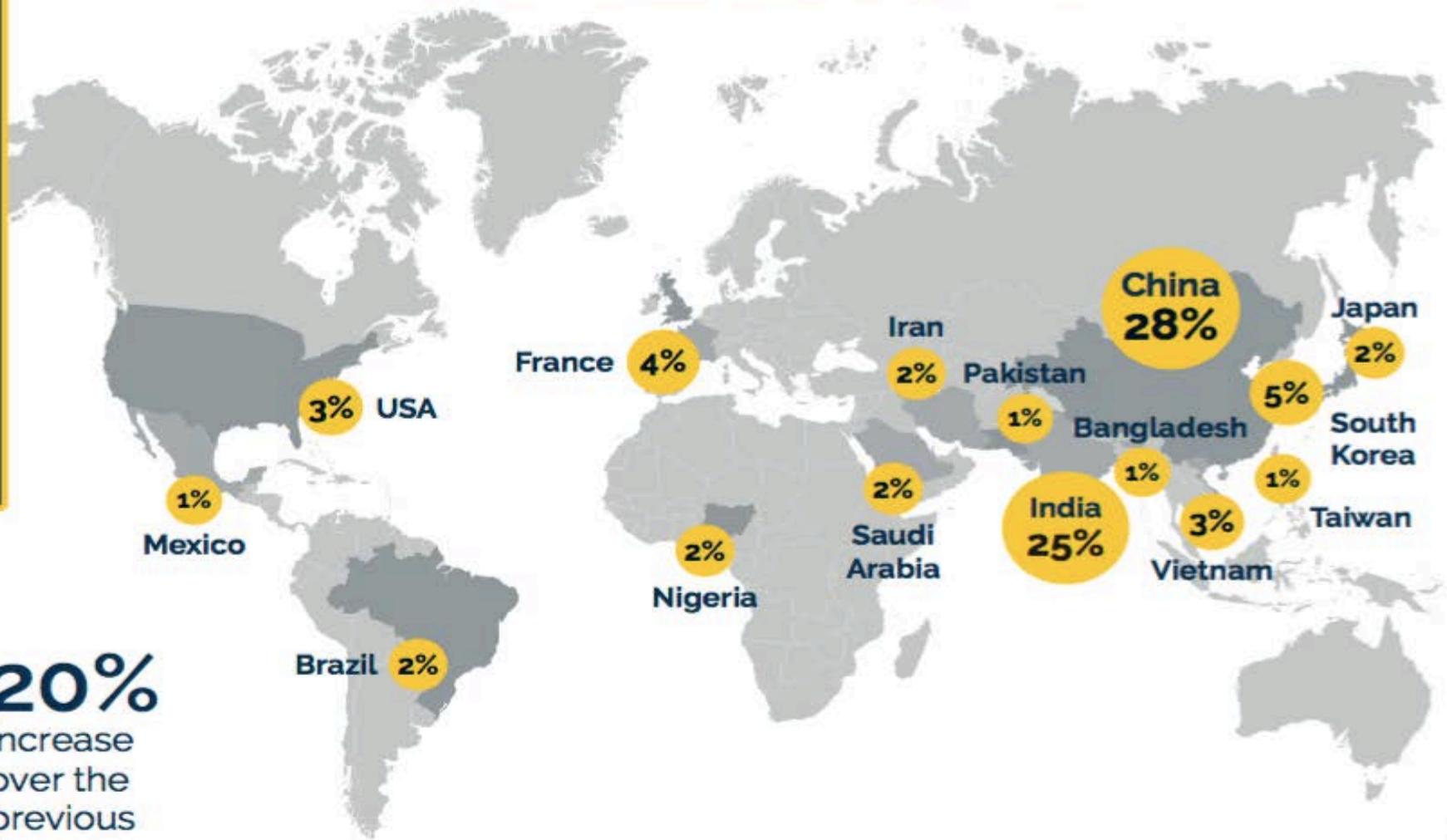
India	1948
Pakistan	383
China	456
Bangladesh	294
Indonesia	220
Japan	23
Iran	86
Turkey	45
Thailand	83
Nigeria	98

The ten countries with the largest populations of least reached peoples contain 75% of the all least reached in the world.

International Students in Canada 2018

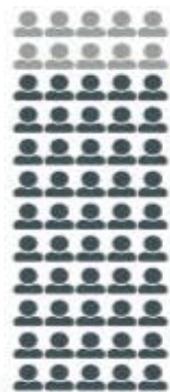
494,525
international
students in
Canada
at all levels
of study in
2017¹

Where do inbound students come from?



119%

increase in
international
students in
Canada between
2010-2017



20%
increase
over the
previous
year



Joanne

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Maryam Kharradlou

Sandra

KEVIN

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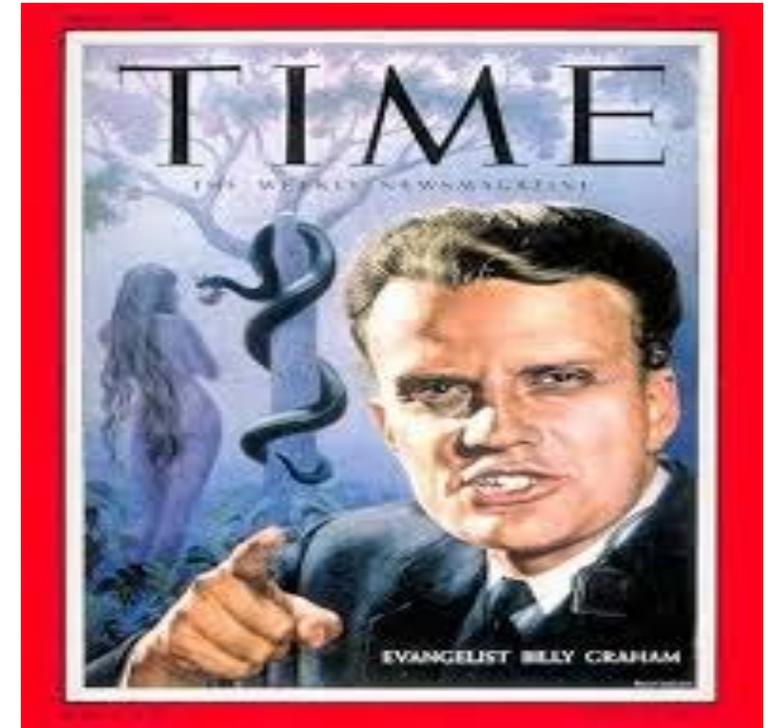


STRATEGICALLY-SMART
thing to do



“YOU might be the person that God uses to bring the next world leader to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”

—Billy Graham

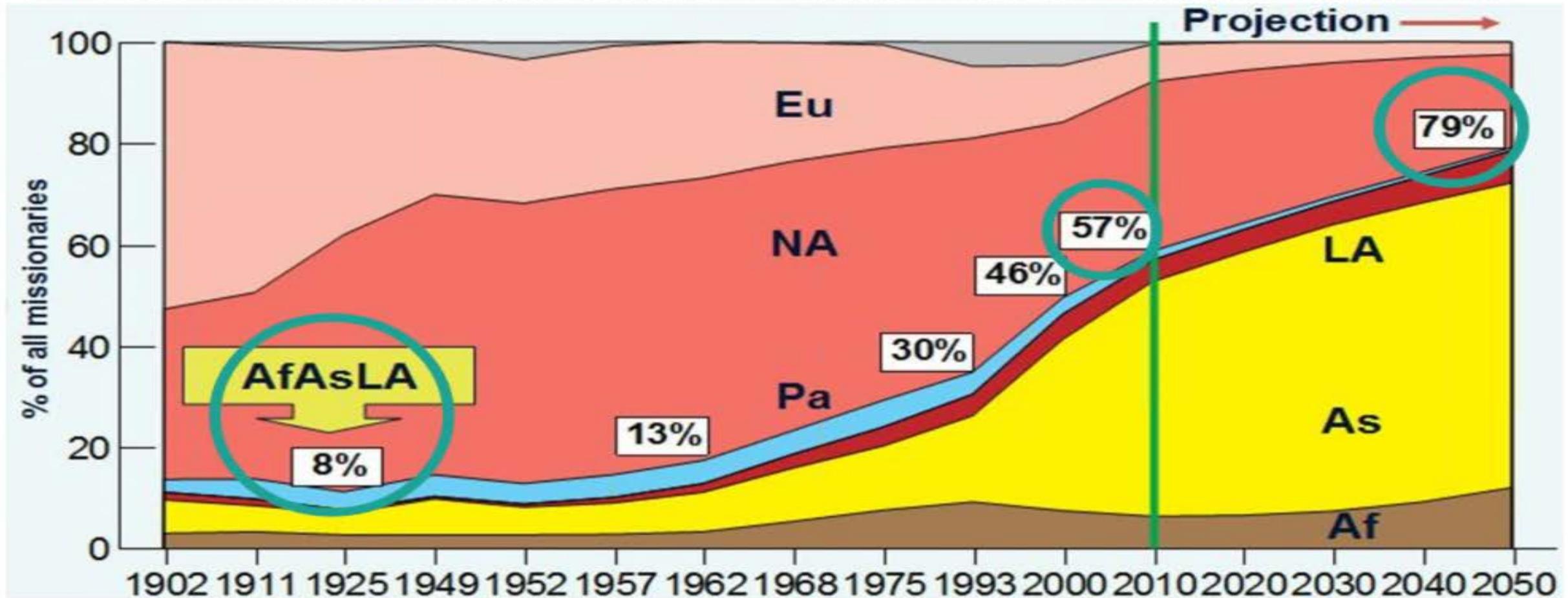


- **Belize** Prime Minister: George C. Price
 - **Cyprus** President: George Vasiliou
 - **Ecuador** President: Sixto Duran
 - **Ireland** President: Mary Robinson
 - **Israel** Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu
 - **Ivory Coast** Prime Minister: Alassan Ouattara
 - **Japan** Princess: Masako Owado
 - **Jordan** Prime Minister: Tahir al-Masri
 - **Liberia** President: Charles Taylor
- ***Who will be the next generation of world influencers?***



- **Mexico** President: Carlos Salinas
 - **New Zealand** Governor-General: Geoffrey Palmer
 - **Nicaragua** President: Violeta Barrios de Chamorro
 - **Philippines** President: Corazon Aquino
 - **Singapore** Prime Minister: Goh Chok Tong
 - **Sudan** SPLA Rebel Leader: John Garang
 - **Sweden** Prime Minister: Ingvar Carlsson
 - **Taiwan** Premier: Lein Chan
 - **Taiwan** President: Lee Teng-hui
 - **Turkey** Prime Minister: Tansu Ciller
- ***Who will be the next generation of world influencers?***

Research Documenting Shift in Missionary-Sending by Continent, 1902-2050



Johnstone, 2011



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Come Here or Go Home?

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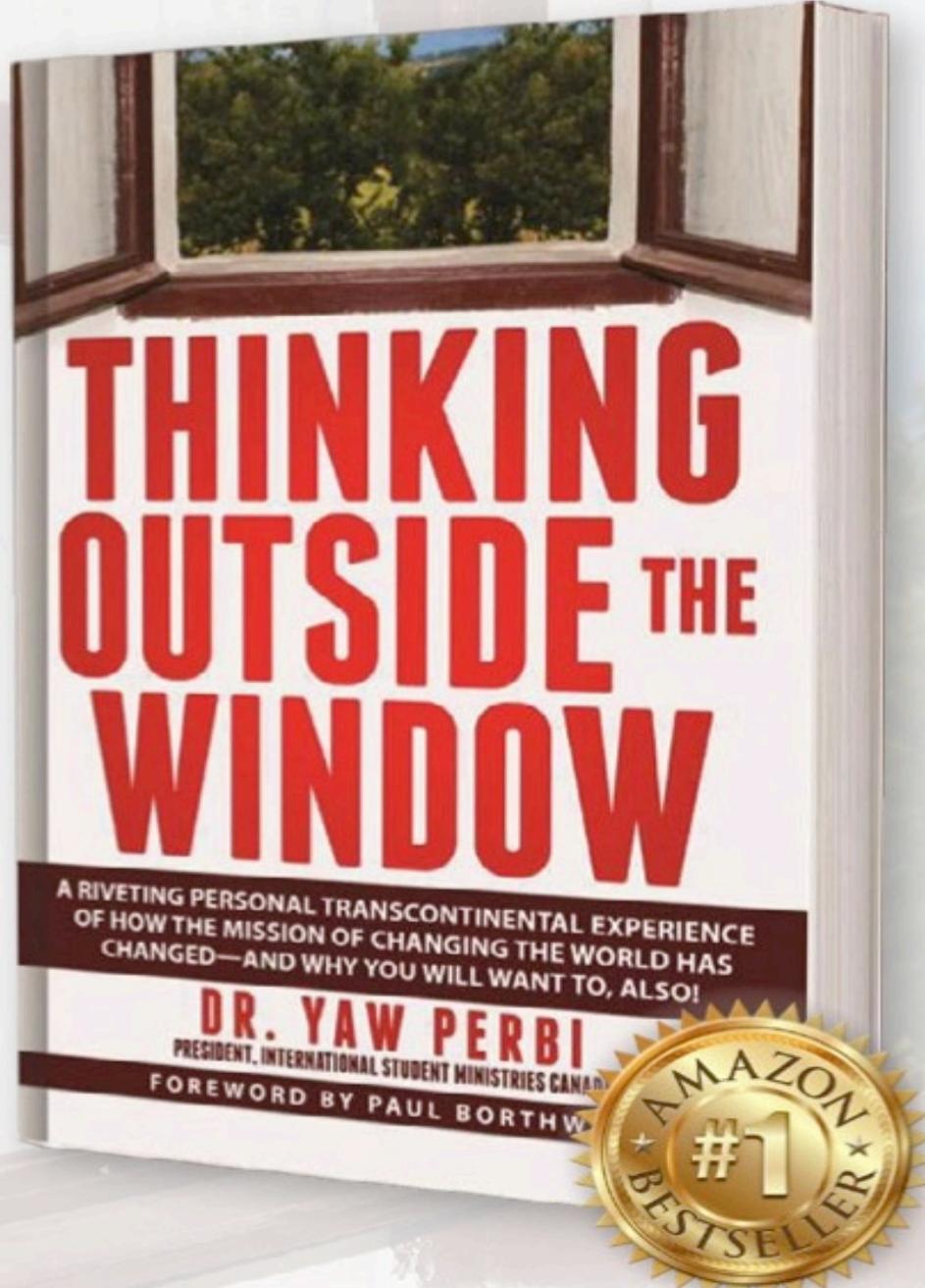
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ON CAMPUSES

Prayer walk at
your local campus

NOVEMBER
18

IN CHURCHES

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students in your church
or small groups

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A collage of four photographs. The top-left photo shows a large platter of appetizers, including breads and dips, with a fireplace in the background. The top-right photo shows a group of people sitting around a dining table with a red tablecloth, lit candles, and wine. The bottom-left photo shows two women in a kitchen; one is wearing an apron and the other is holding a plate. The bottom-right photo shows a large bowl of sliced potatoes and other food items.

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HOW? | Promise

**“I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.**

**They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
Like poplar trees by flowing streams.**

One will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;

Another will call himself by the name of Jacob;

Still another will write on his hand, ‘the LORD’s,’

And will take the name Israel.”

(Isaiah 44:3-5, NIV)



IN WHOSE IMAGE?

If the church is God's primary instrument to advance His kingdom in the world what is the danger in using outmoded European Christendom templates and current Corporate America methods or even building in the image of celebrity pastors? What could happen if we really understood and did ministry in the image of the Trinity?



“When we, the church, are confused about who we are and whose we are, we can become anything and anyone’s.”

John G. Stackhouse Jnr.



Kingdom of Heaven



"Be sure that you **make everything according to the pattern I have shown** you here on the mountain." (Exodus 25:40, NLT)

"Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony with them in the wilderness. It was constructed **exactly as God had directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.**" (Acts 7:44)

They [high priests] serve at a sanctuary that **is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven.** This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." (Hebrews 8:5)

Kingdom of Heaven



What are you **copying**?
Whose **blueprint** do you have?

Is your 'church' a
MIRROR CHURCH?

Simile Churches



⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth **as** it is in heaven.** (Matthew 6:9-10)

“...Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one **as we are one.**” (John 17:11)

“...**As** the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (John 21:21)

‘AS’ CHURCHES OR ‘ASS’ CHURCHES?

In whose image?



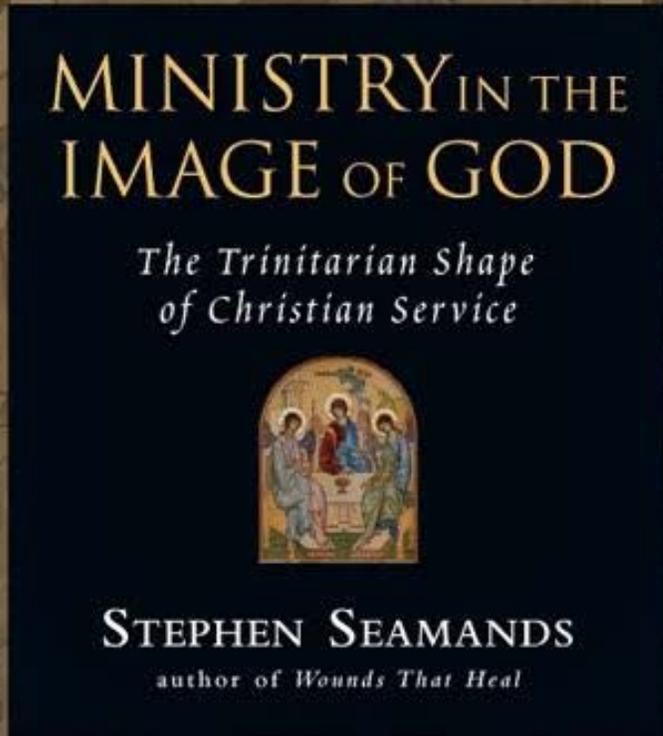
“Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness...**” (Genesis 1:26)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...**
(Matthew 28:19)

Tragic Trinitarian ‘Trivorce’

History of God

“Unfortunately, most of us pastors and Christian leaders haven’t advanced much beyond this ...[lip service to the doctrine of the Trinity]. In Bible school, college or seminary, we may have studied the historical development of the doctrine of the Trinity, grasped the connection between the Trinity and the Christian view of salvation, and become familiar with trinitarian heresies such as modalism and tritheism.



MINISTRY IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

*The Trinitarian Shape
of Christian Service*



STEPHEN SEAMANDS

author of Wounds That Heal

History of God

“In our ministerial practice, we baptize persons in the trinitarian name of God. During worship, we sing the doxology, praising Father, Son and Holy Spirit, or hymns like “Holy, Holy, Holy” extolling “God in three persons, blessed Trinity!” We pronounce the benediction using the words of 2 Corinthians 13:14: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

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*The Trinitarian Shape
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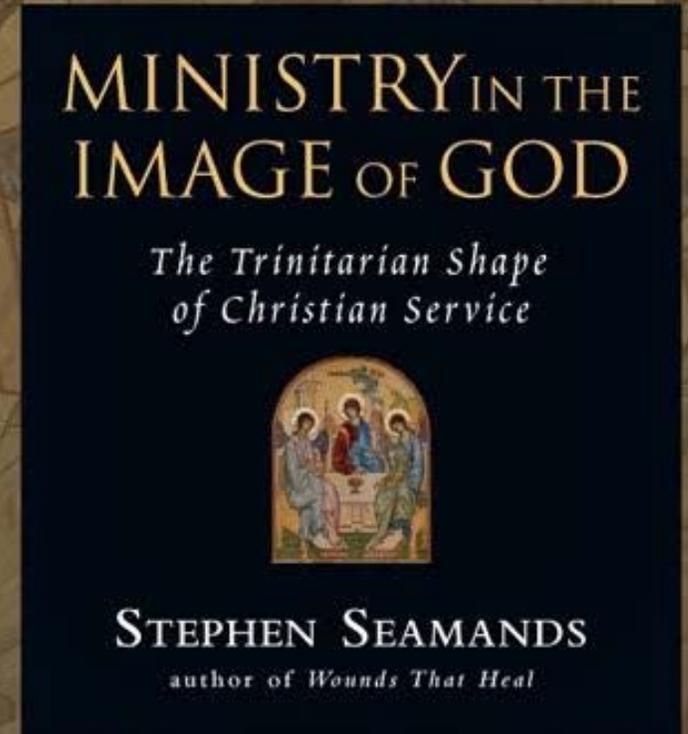
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“But aside from such occasional references, our thoughts about the Trinity are few and far between. In the daily grind of ministry, no Christian doctrine seems more far removed and less practically relevant. The notion that the Trinity might provide a foundation and frame work for our vocation rarely enters our mind...

No doctrine is, in fact, more relevant to our identity and calling as minister as the Trinity.”



Whose image?

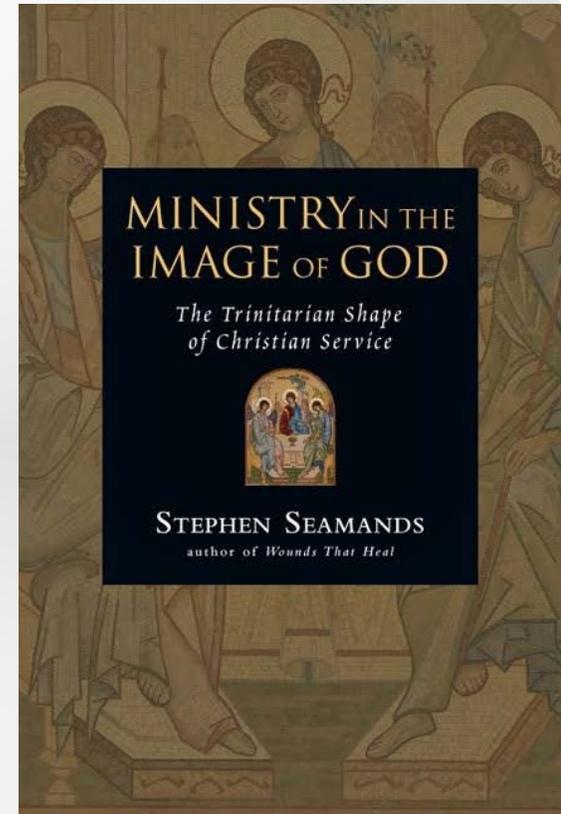
- **Social nature of God**
 - Communion before commission
- **Polycentric Leadership**
 - Full equality
 - Glad submission
 - Mutual deference
 - Joyful intimacy
- **Complex simplicity**
 - 'Agile church'/'Church as Movement'
- **Sending nature of God**
 - Passionate mission



In Whose Image?



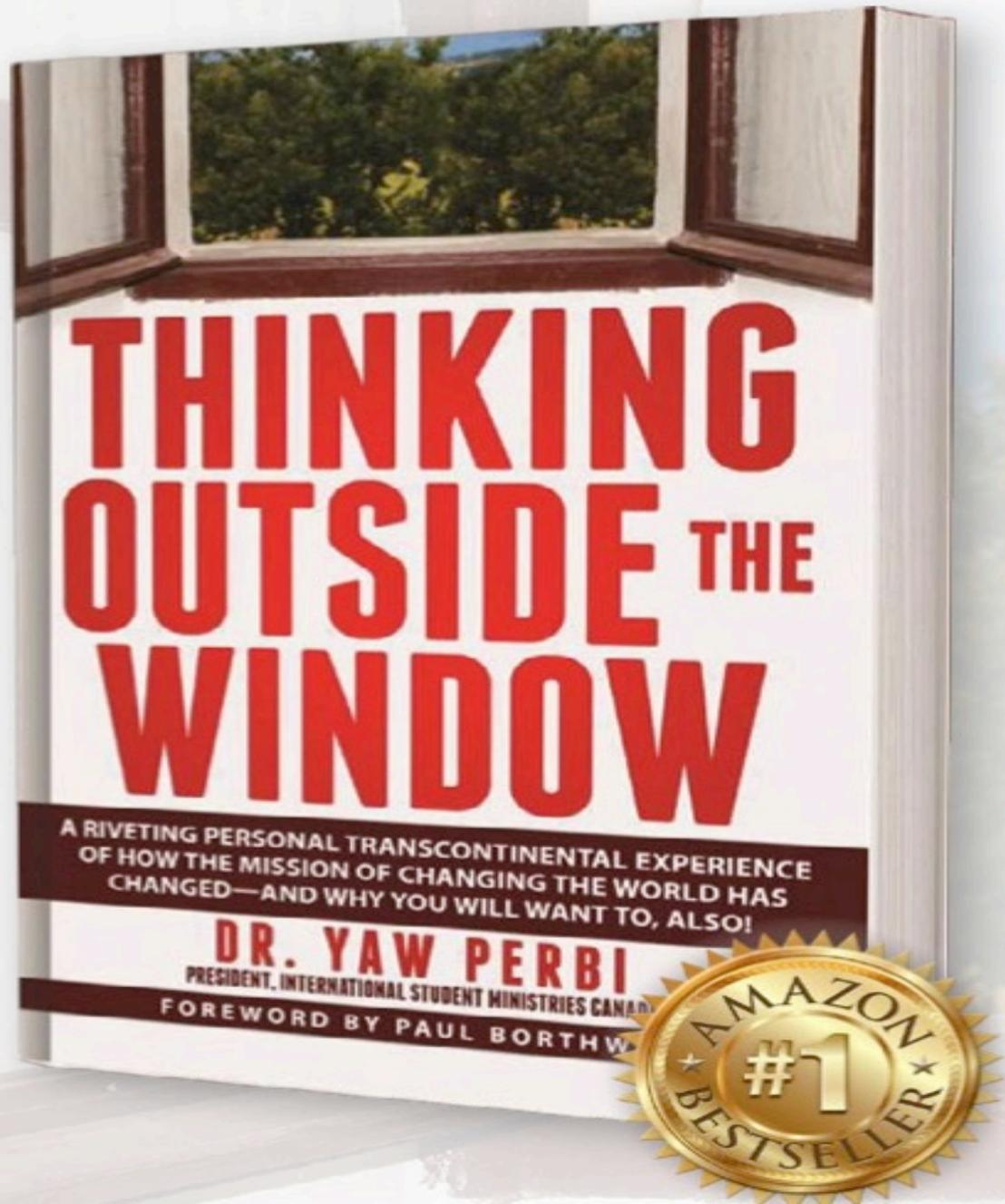
“The ministry we have entered is the ministry of Jesus Christ, the Son, *to* the Father, *through* the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the church and the world.”



“When a church loses its missionary vision [**advancing the kingdom**], God raises up a new church to carry on the task. Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, Constantinople, Rome, Scotland, Germany, England, and North America have been centers of mission outreach. But when they lost that vision they became peripheral to God’s great mission.”

“Today God is raising up young churches around the world who see mission as their central reason for existence on earth because in worship they have met a missionary God and heard his call to proclaim his Kingdom to a lost and needy world. The question is whether the Western churches will be part of that movement, or another side branch in the history of the Kingdom.” (Paul Hiebert)





“This is not the same world Abraham migrated across or Jesus was incarnated into or Paul preached to or Constantine Christianized or Martin Luther reformed or even Billy Graham evangelized.” (Yaw Perbi)

“Each generation must... discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it.” (Franz Fannon)