



# VALUES

PROGRESS PRIDE INTEGRITY SUPPORT  
ACCOUNTABILITY TEAMWORK TRUST  
RESPECT COURAGE LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY  
HONESTY PASSION COMMUNICATION  
INTEGRITY PARTNERSHIP QUALITY  
COMMITMENT RELIABILITY  
PERFECTION VISION PROGRESS CAPABILITY  
POTENTIAL EXCELLENCE OPENNESS  
SUPPORT CONFIDENCE SIMPLICITY

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"I do have strong moral values,  
but I don't let them rule my life."

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# WHO?

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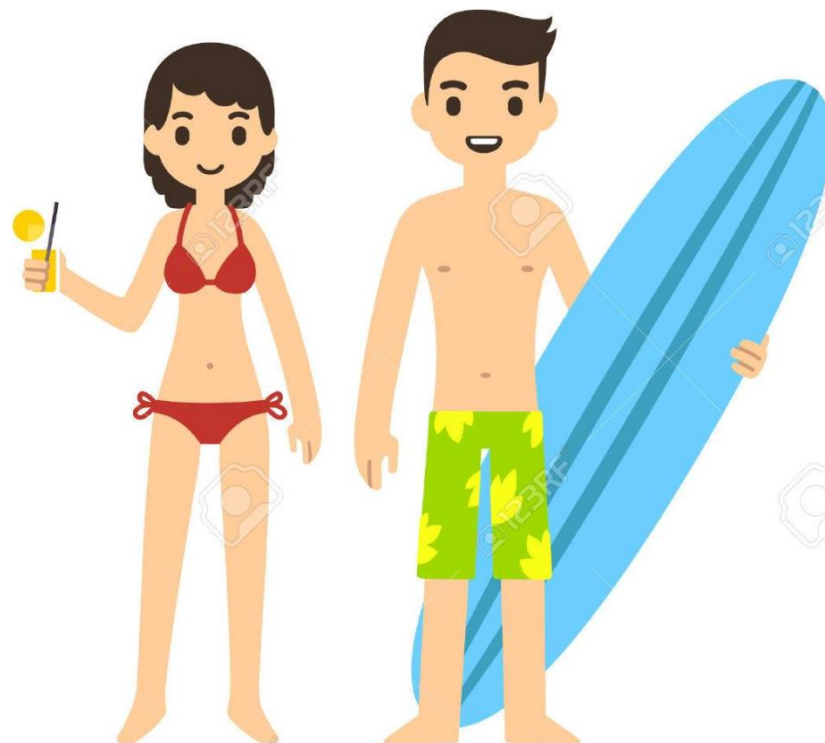
**“EVERYONE”**

**ACCEPTANCE**

**REJECTION!**

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# HOW?



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~~LGBTQ?~~

~~Sex Offenders?~~

**ACCEPTANCE**

~~stalkers?~~



**ACCEPTANCE**

**~~“EVERYONE”~~**

# Partial

# ACCEPTANCE

# Contingent

# Temporary

# BOUNDED SET

**Not members**

**members**



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**unaccepted**

‘The [SDA] Church believes in baptism by immersion and **accepts** into membership only those who have been baptised in this manner.’ *Church Manual p.44*

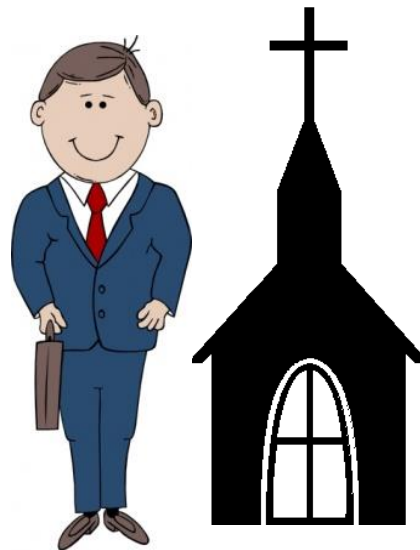
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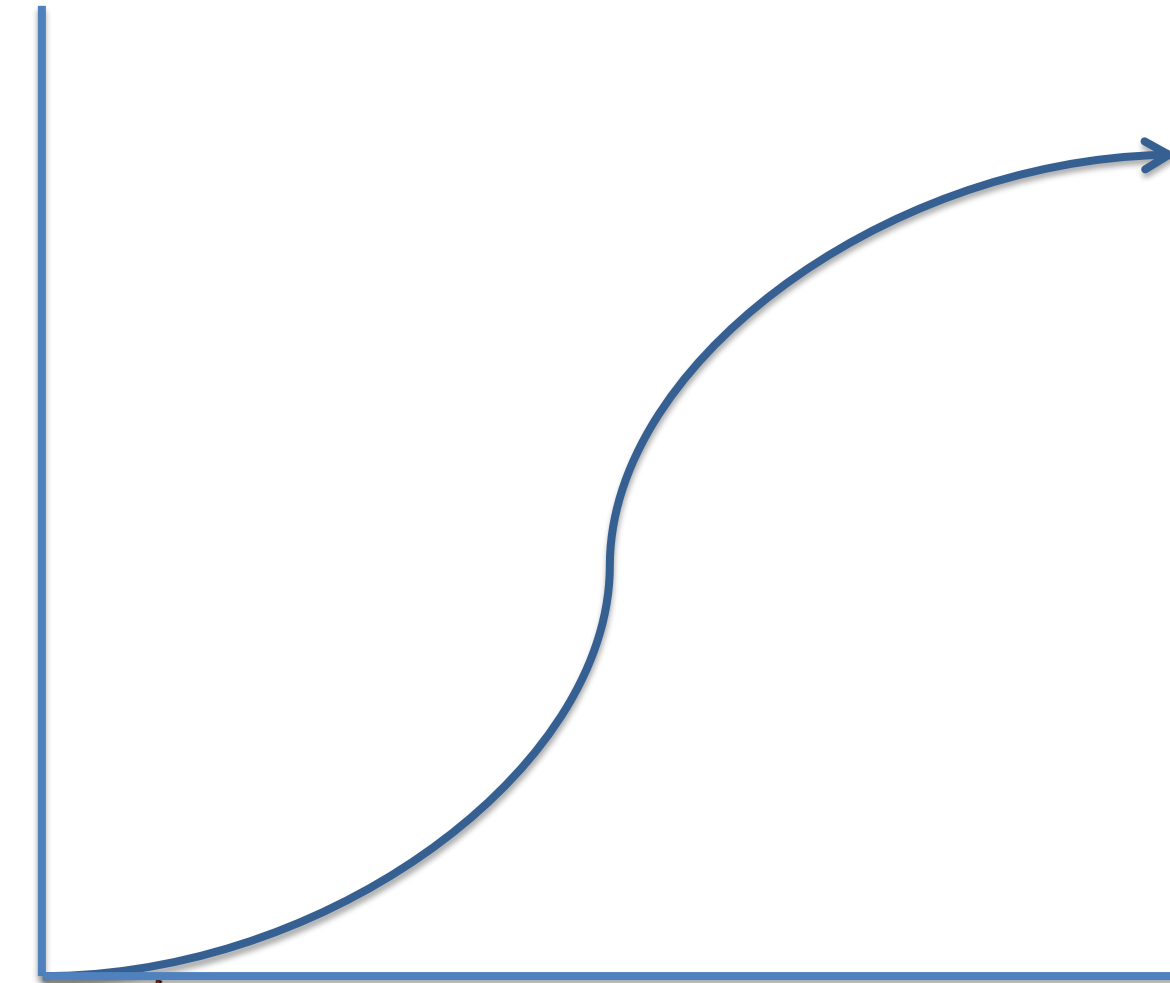
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Acceptance



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**‘...the difference between accepting someone as he or she is, versus reserving acceptance until that person changes into some image or likeness we might prefer. [...] Underneath that project lurks the reality of conditional acceptance, and that’s exactly what weakens and can even destroy a marriage. It prevents love from being fully real.’**

*Christian Marriage: The New Challenge*  
*David Michael Thomas*

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**‘If a person accepts another on the basis of condition, a message of rejection comes through more strongly than the message of acceptance.’**

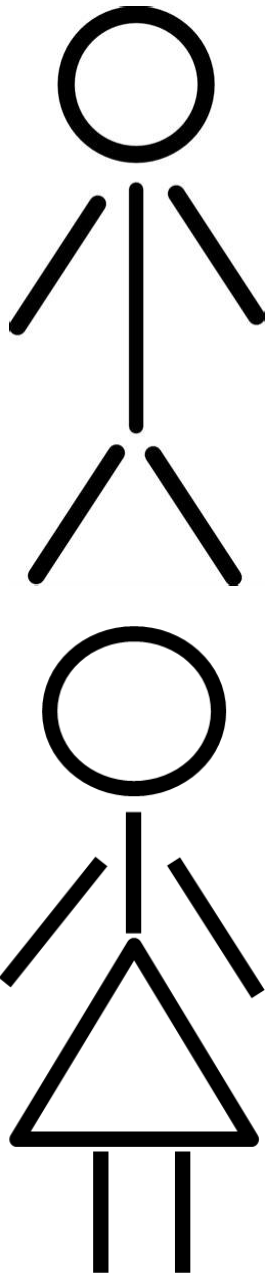
*Christianity Confronts Culture: A strategy for cross-cultural evangelism*

*Marvin K. Mayers*

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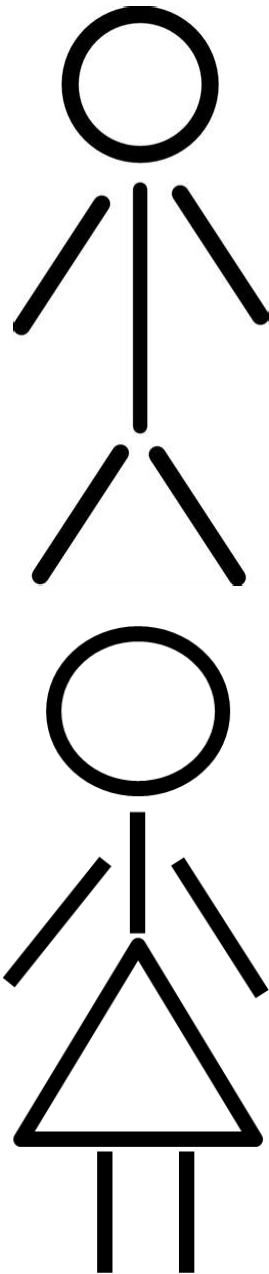
**‘So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.’**

**Genesis 1.27 NRSV**



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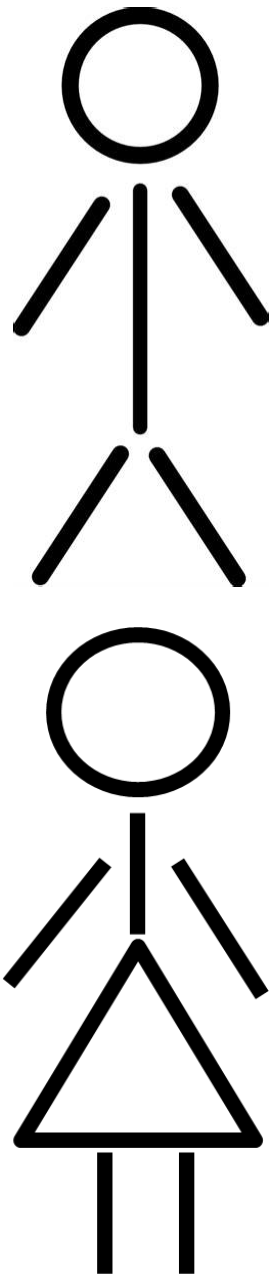
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**‘Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do. Though created free beings, each is an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit, dependent upon God for life and breath and all else.’**

*The Nature of Humanity: Fundamental belief #7*



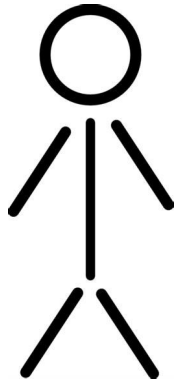


**Actions**  
**Achievements**  
**Qualifications**  
**Job**  
**Career**  
**Job Title**  
**Clothing**  
**Location**  
**Character**  
**Physical attributes**  
**Personality**  
**Talents**  
**Skin colour**  
**Ethnicity**  
**Ability/Disability**  
**Family**  
**Progeny**  
**Faith**

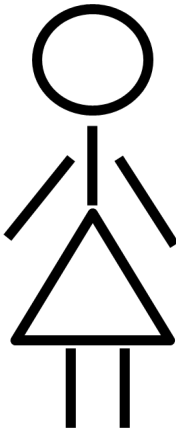


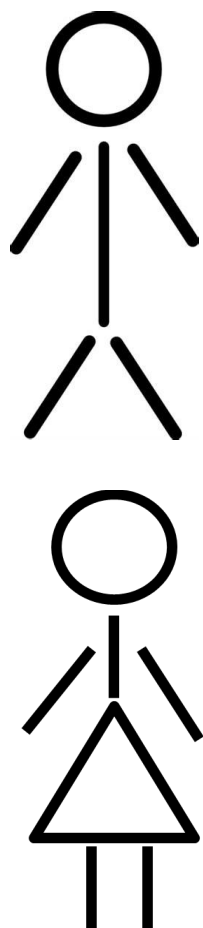
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**= 'essence' + actions  
/behaviours**





**= actions + behaviours**

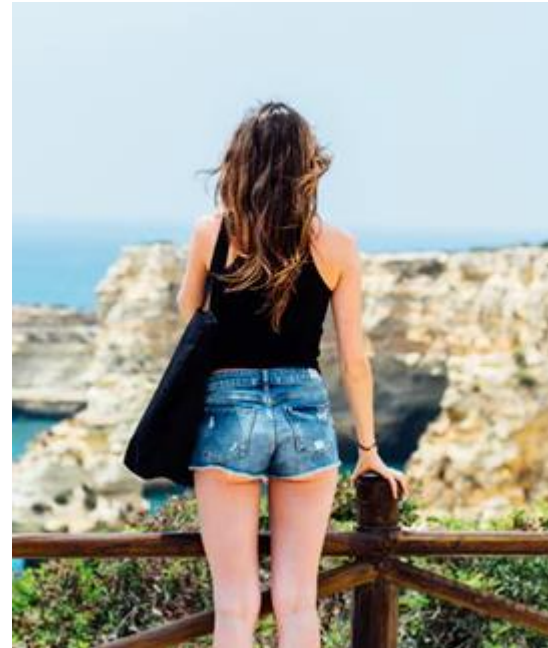






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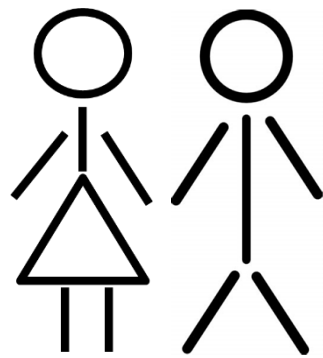
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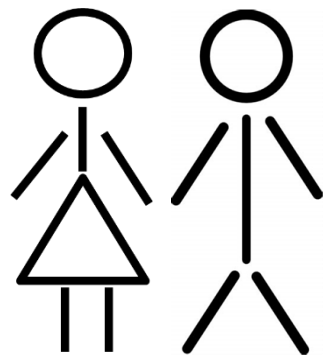


**= Actions + Behaviours**

**When I disapprove of a person's  
behaviour/actions I disapprove of the  
person**

**When I find another's  
behaviour/actions unacceptable, I  
cease to accept the person**



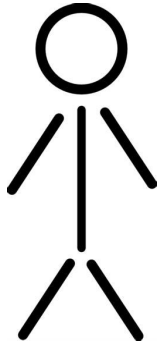


**= Actions + Behaviours**

**If I sit down and eat with another person I am condoning their bad behaviour**

**If I accept a person, I also accept the things that they might do with which I disagree**





**= Actions + Behaviours**





**Person ~~=~~ Actions + Behaviours**



**Accepting  $\neq$  Condoning**



**“I need to see  
people as people...  
persons made in  
the image of God”**

# **CHALLENGE 1**



# Dehumanisation

**‘The act of conceiving of  
people as subhuman  
creatures rather than as  
human beings’**

**David Livingstone Smith**

*Less than human: why we demean, enslave, and exterminate  
others*



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# JAP BEAST

AND HIS PLOT TO RAPE THE WORLD

25 CENTS



UNCENSORED  
PHOTOS



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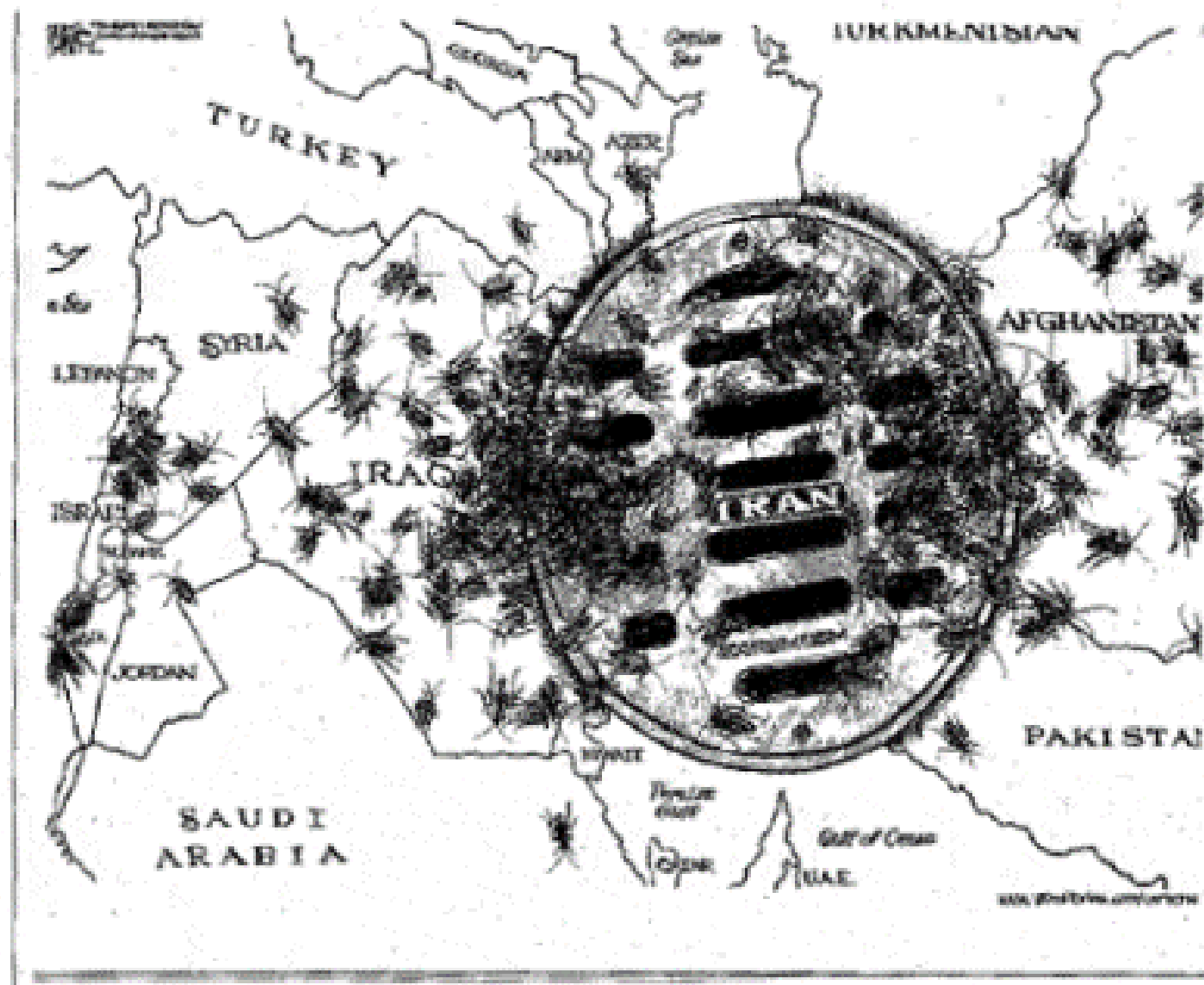
## Louseous Japanicas

The first serious outbreak of this lice epidemic was officially noted on December 7, 1941, at Honolulu, T. H. To the Marine Corps, especially trained in combating this type of pestilence, was assigned the gigantic task of extermination. Extensive experiments on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Saipan have shown that this louse inhabits coral atolls in the South Pacific, particularly pill boxes, palm trees, caves, swamps and jungles.



Flame throwers, mortars, grenades and bayonets have proven to be an effective remedy. But before a complete cure may be effected the origin of the plague, the breeding grounds around the Tokyo area, must be completely annihilated.







# Infrahumanisation

**“The members of my  
group are more human  
than the members of  
your group”**

# Infrahumanisation

**‘a tendency to internally attribute sophisticated, uniquely human, secondary and higher emotions more to in-group members than outgroup members, and thus view outgroups as less human.’**

*Graham M. Vaughan and Michael A. Hogg,  
Social Psychology (French Frost, NSW: Pearson  
Higher Education AU, 2013), p. 349.*



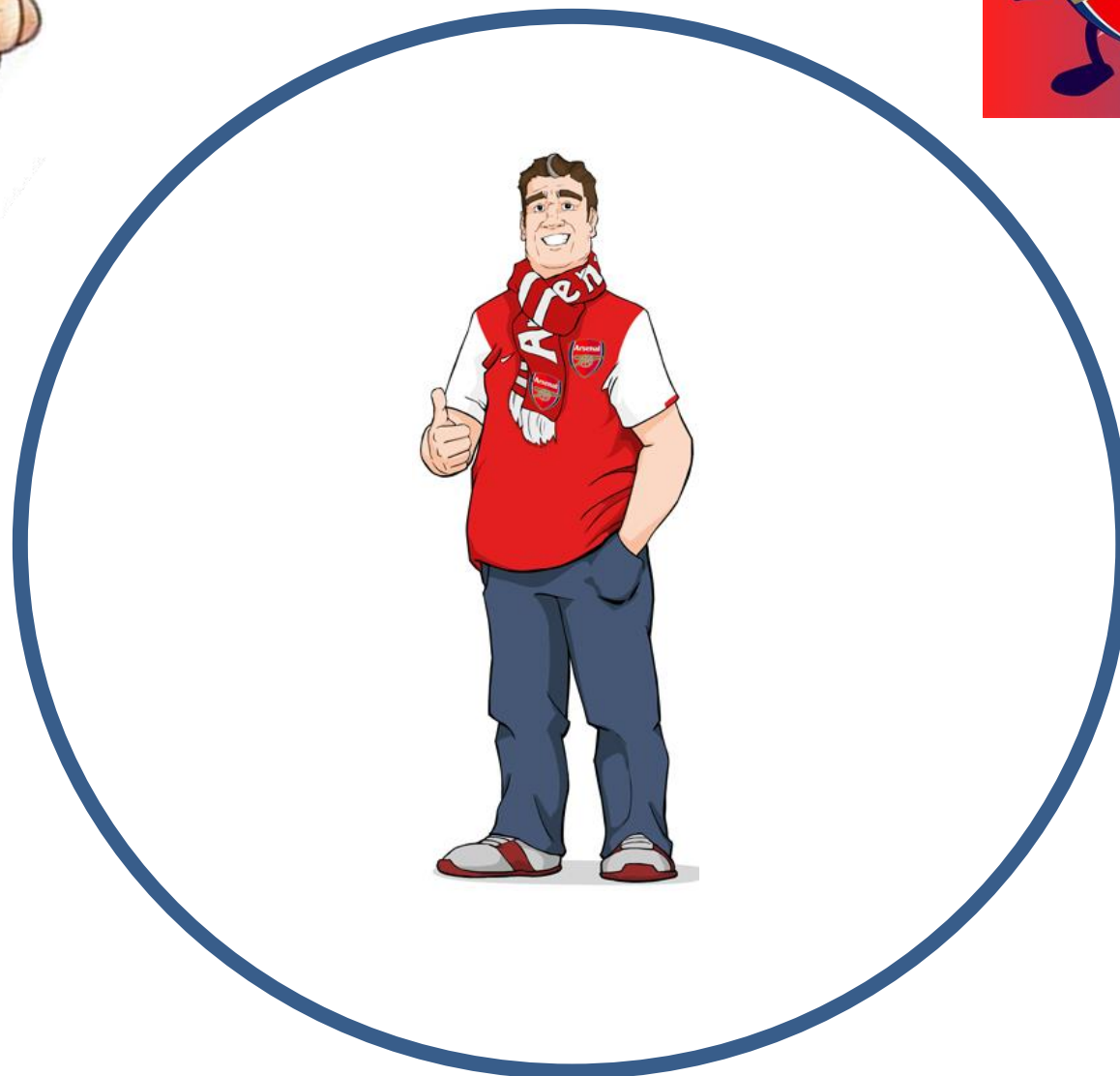
# Secondary Emotions

Guilt Enthusiasm Depression Pride Vulnerability Regret  
Anxiety Contentment Disappointment Happiness  
Hope Jealousy Frustration Shame Confusion  
Lonely Trust Satisfaction Peace Resentment  
Confidence Optimism

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## Primary Emotions

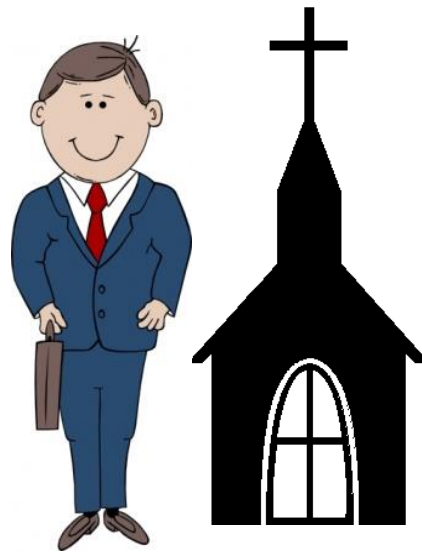




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Indicate the names, dates and times of the meetings

**>human**



**=human**



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# Infrahumanisation

- “They are ignorant – they don’t understand the world as we do”
- “They are more likely to be criminals – they are untrustworthy”
- “They will have less meaningful relationships”
- “They’ve contaminated their lives with drink, drugs, promiscuity... “



# Infrahumanisation



**Hypocrites  
Intolerant  
Judgmental  
Deluded  
Out-of-touch  
Archaic**



**“US”**

**Infrahumanisation**



**“THEM”**





**“US”**

**Infrahumanisation**



**“THE WORLD”**



**“US”**

**Infrahumanisation**



**“Non-SDA”**



**“US”**

**Infrahumanisation**



**Distance  
Isolation**



**“THEM”**



**“I must enhance  
humanness, not  
diminish it”**

## **CHALLENGE 2**





**“US”**

**Infrahumanisation**



**Distance  
Isolation**

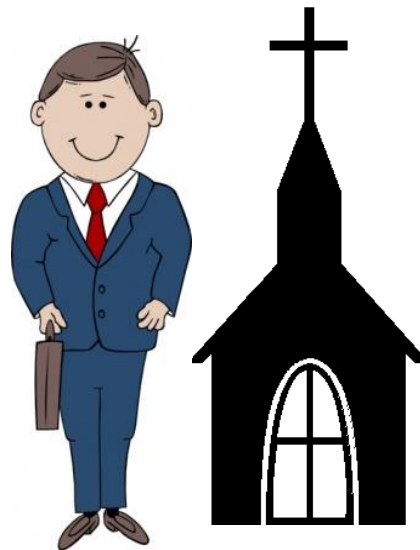


**“THEM”**

**‘...Christians must be like their neighbours in the food they eat and the clothes they wear, their dialect, general appearance, work life, recreational and cultural activities, and civic engagement. They participate fully in the life of their neighbours.’**

*Tim Keller*  
*Centre Church*  
*p. 352*

# Worldly culture

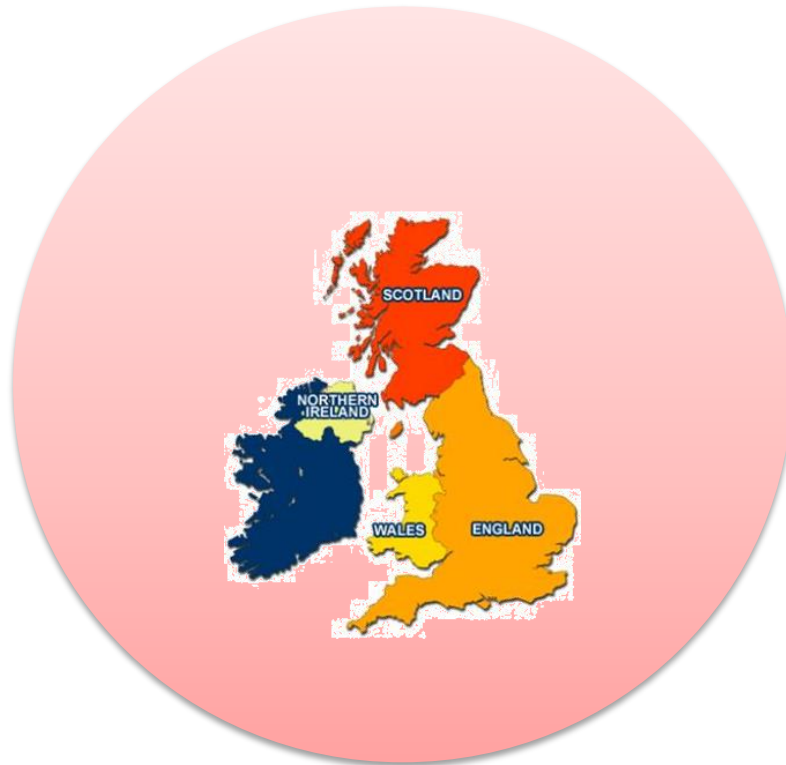


## SDA Culture





# UK CULTURE



# SDA CULTURE



# Unacceptable

# Acceptable



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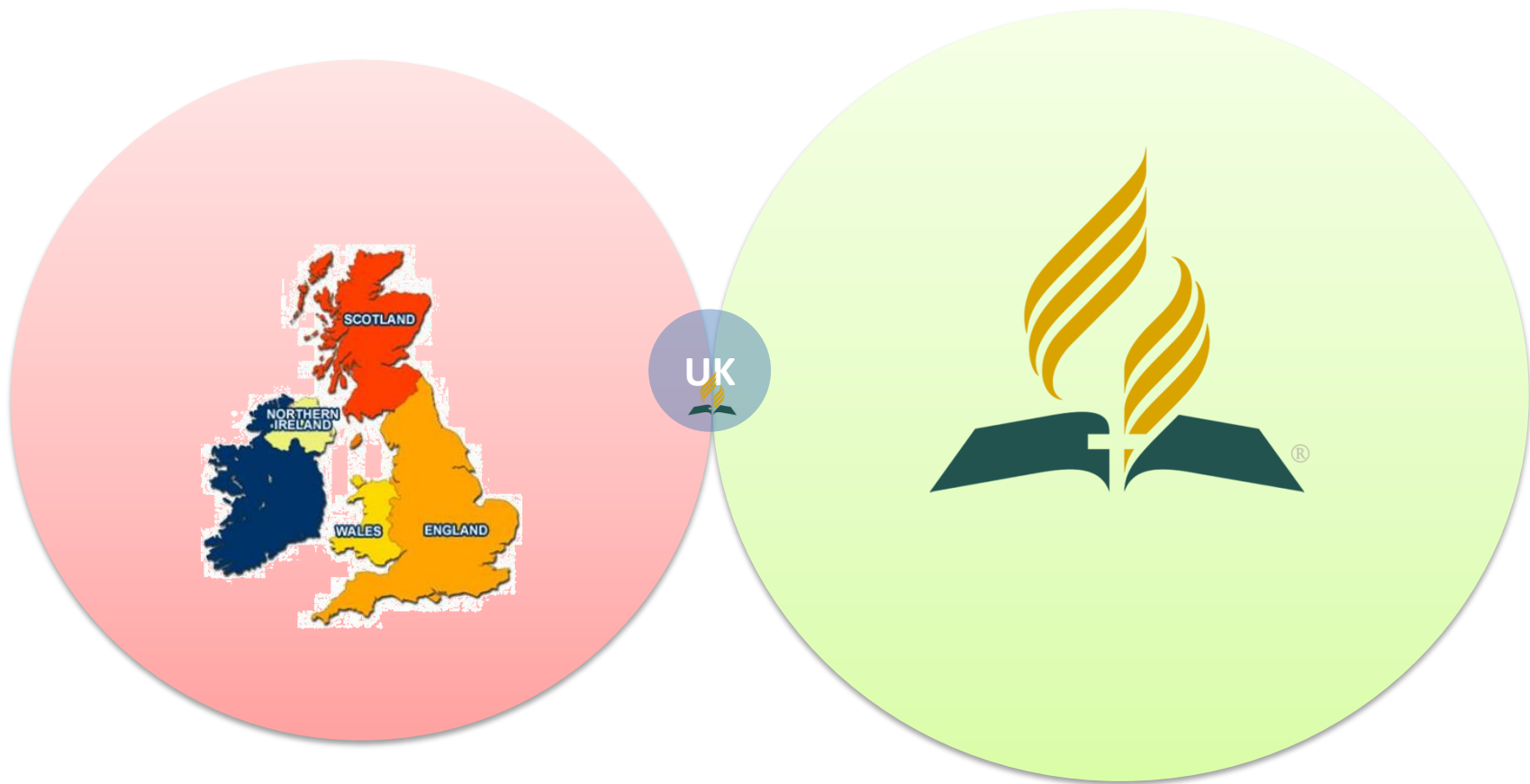
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# Global Culture

UK Culture



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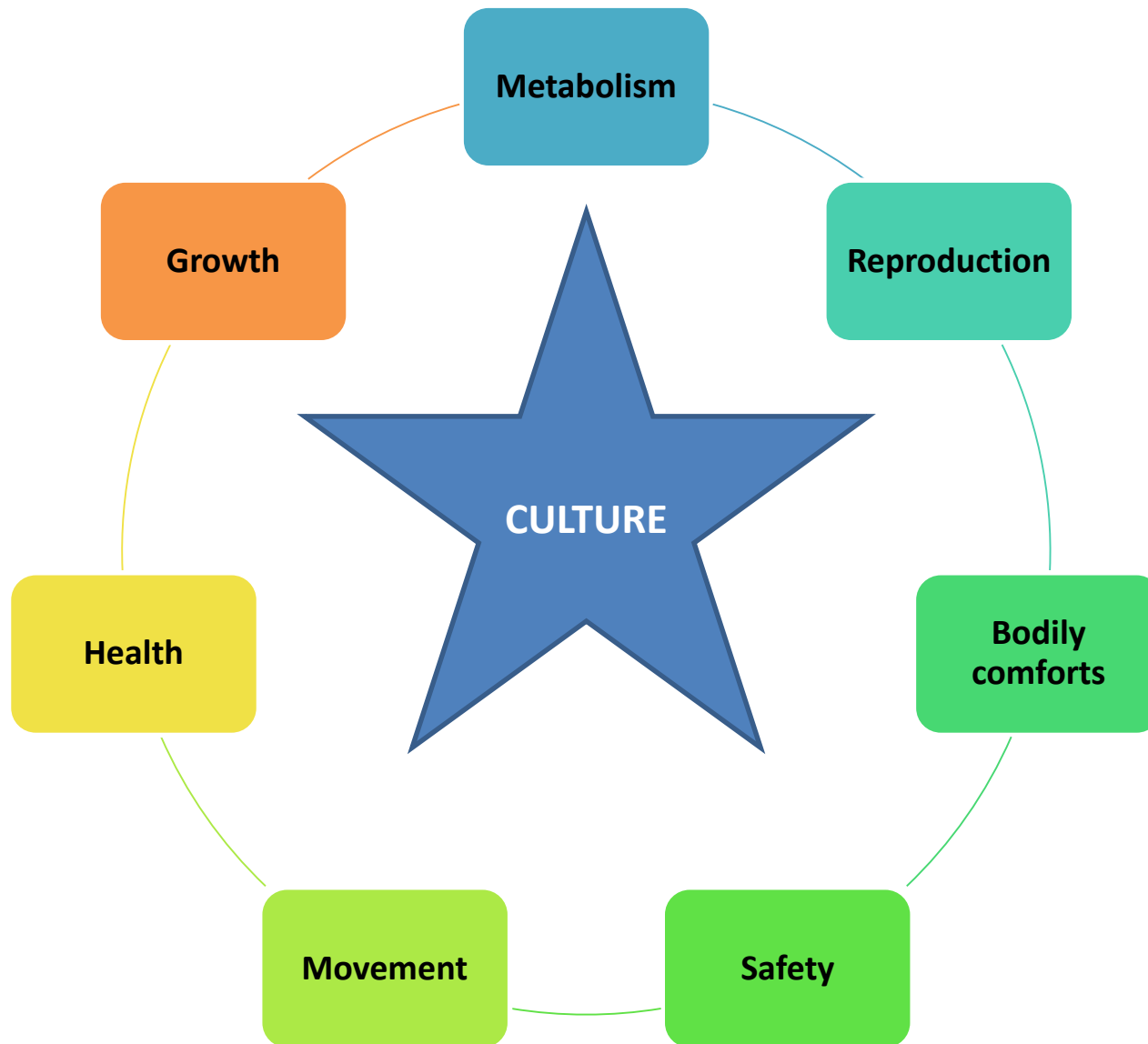


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**‘[T]he culture concept... denotes an historically transmitted pattern of meanings embodied in symbols, a system of inherited conceptions expressed in symbolic form by means of which men communicate, perpetuate, and develop their knowledge about and attitudes towards life.’**

*Clifford Geertz, The interpretation of Cultures (New York: Basic Books, 1973), 89*





# The iceberg concept of culture

## *Primarily in awareness*

Fine arts Literature  
Drama Classical music Popular music  
Folk-dancing Games Cooking Dress

## *Primarily out of awareness*

Notions of modesty Conception of beauty  
Ideals governing child raising Rules of descent Cosmology  
Relationship to animals Patterns of superior/subordinate relations  
Definition of sin Courtship practices Conception of justice Incentives to work  
Notions of leadership Tempo of work Patterns of group decision-making  
Conception of cleanliness Attitudes to the dependent Theory of disease  
Approaches to problem solving Conception of status mobility Eye behaviour  
Roles in relation to status by age, sex, class, occupation, kinship, etc. Definition of insanity  
Nature of friendship Conception of "self" Patterns of visual perception Body language  
Facial expressions Notions about logic and validity Patterns of handling emotions  
Conversational patterns in various social contexts Conception of past and future Ordering of time  
Preference for competition or co-operation Social interaction rate Notions of adolescence  
Arrangement of physical space Etc.

## CONFESSING

- We call people to conversion and incorporation
- We reject culture, with a few exceptions

## ACTIVIST

- I want to build a better society
- The church does not need reforming

## CONVERSIONIST

- We aren't concerned about society
- We focus on personal guilt and reconciliation

John Yoder

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Goheen, Michael W.. The Church and Its Vocation: Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology

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## **Tim Keller – Two Kingdoms model**

## **H. Richard Niebuhr – Christ and Culture in paradox**

**‘Believers must recognize the role that both kingdoms play in life, and learn how to live obediently in both simultaneously.’**

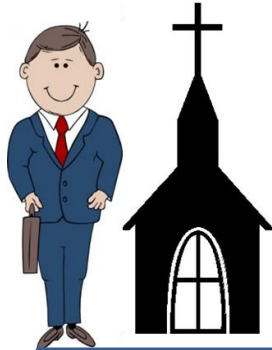
**Fredriks Bergimu**



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**Countercultural  
community**



**Member of the  
community**



- **Transformers**
  - **Fighters**
- **Collaborators**
  - **Opposers**
  - **Facilitators**



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**“What community needs can we meet?”**

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**“What is our role in our community?”**

**“What is the community  
experiencing that might inform our  
outreach?”**

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**“What are our shared experiences  
within community?”**

## **DIFFERENCE**

**What service(s) can we provide for the community?**

**Salesperson selling a product (set of beliefs)**

**What are the hardships and difficulties, joys and pleasures in people's lives?**

**What information do we have to give to others?**

**How can we make contacts?**

## **ACCEPTANCE**

**What role do we play in our community?**

**Fellow traveller on a journey of faith**

**What hardships and difficulties, joys and pleasures do we share?**

**What are the different perspectives from which we can learn and understand?**

**How can we build relationships?**

## **DIFFERENCE**

**How can we save the neighbourhood?**

**How can we use resources to build a great church in this location?**

**Consumers**

**Radically different from the community**

**Passionate disinterest**

**People to be won**

**Transformed talking to the conformed**

## **ACCEPTANCE**

**How can we have a reciprocal relationship with our neighbours?**

**How can we use the church's resources to seek a flourishing and great community?**

**Neighbours**

**Radically different from, yet radically committed to the community**

**Passionate identification**

**People to which to be related**

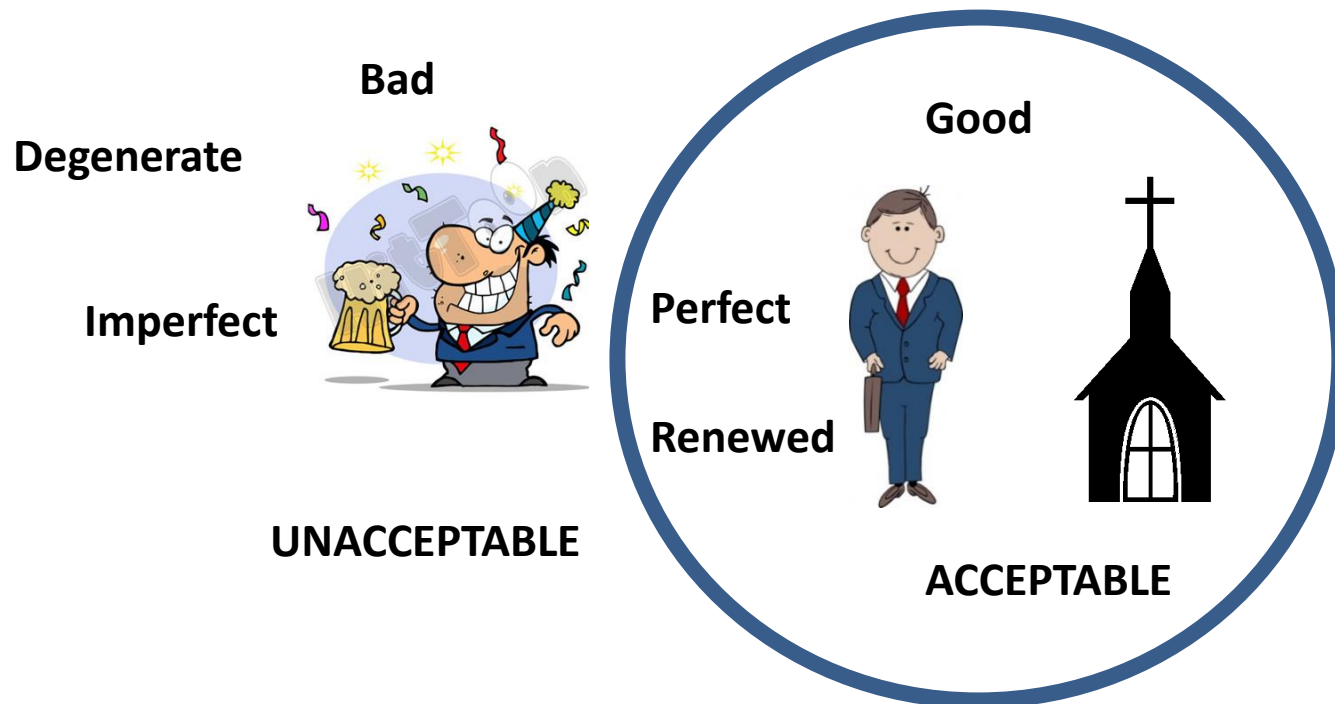
**Sharing in transformation**

**Are you a better  
person because you  
are a Christian?**

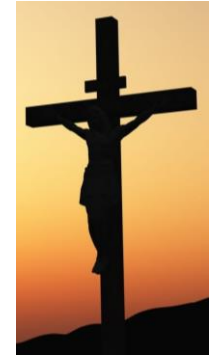


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*Romans 12.2*



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**Holy Spirit**



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# Unconditional positive regard



**"Before every session, I take a moment to remember my humanity. There is no experience that this man has that I cannot share with him, no fear that I cannot understand, no suffering that I cannot care about, because I too am human.**

**No matter how deep his wound, he does not need to be ashamed in front of me. I too am vulnerable. And because of this, I am enough. Whatever his story, he no longer needs to be alone with it.**

**This is what will allow his healing to begin."**

**- Carl Rogers**



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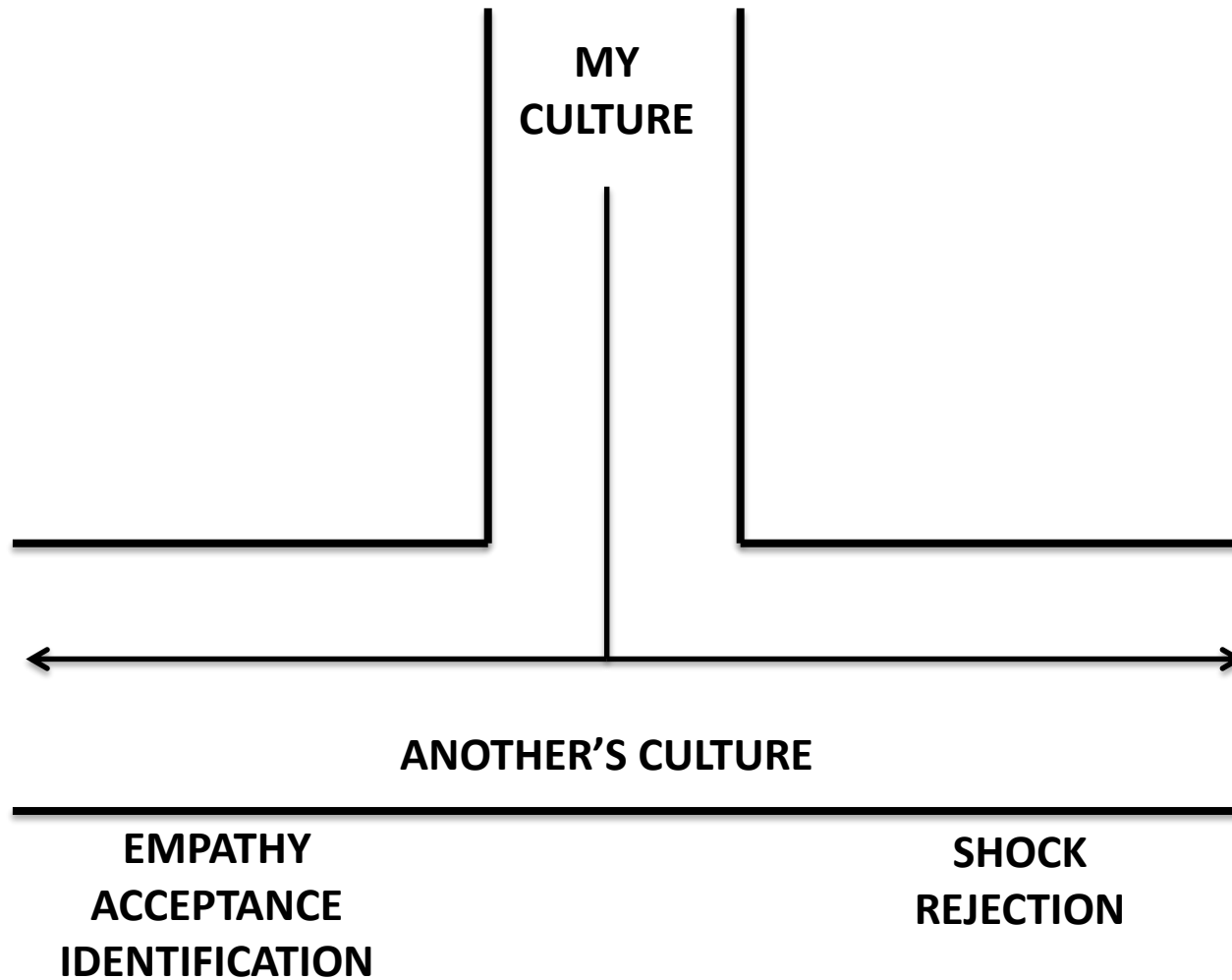


A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark jacket over a grey top, stands at a wooden podium. She is speaking into a microphone. Behind her is a large Union Jack flag. To her left, a man in a blue shirt is partially visible, gesturing with his hands. The background is dark.

**“They are us”**

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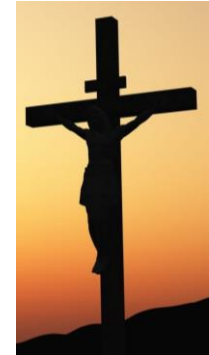
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**“I must seek to  
empathise and  
identify with others  
in my and their  
humanness”  
CHALLENGE 3**





**“I need to see people as people...  
persons made in the image of God”**

**“I must enhance humanness, not  
diminish it”**

**“I must seek to empathise and  
identify with others in my and their  
humanness”**

**‘Therefore, accept each other just as  
Christ has accepted you so that God  
will be given glory.’**

**Rom 15.7**



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