

Lecture 8- Asia (14, cont.); Africa (15); Money (16)

From what we know of this African Christian scholarship...we are now able to conclude quite firmly that we cannot understand the fortunes of Christianity in Africa if we ignore the impact of the continents primal religious background.

-Bediako, p.192

The book challenges us not to resignation, but, through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, to struggle to remove a dangerous contradiction from Western missionary endeavors. Dr. Bonk encourages us to adopt the incarnational model of mission, rejecting the easy power and prestige of affluence by an act of deliberate self-emptying.

-Zablon Nthamburi, Foreword from Wealthy Missionaries: An African Viewpoint. p.xvi.

Key Terms

Demographics; "indigenous" movements; Atlantic triangle; liberationist phase; colonial phase; decolonization & church; Christian duty; relation to "non-Christians;" Vietnam War; World War II; affluence

Lecture Objectives

- Describe the place Africa holds demographically and historically in the spread of the Christian gospel.
- Highlight key characteristics of the relationship between the Gospel and African primal religions.
- Outline the historical and cultural relationship between Western Christian missionaries and Christianity in Africa.
- Identify implications of today's discussion for your own self-understanding as a believer and as a minister of the Gospel.
- Briefly describe the history of the role of money in the Western missionary enterprise, especially as it relates to larger cultural, historical, and economic events.
- Identify significant implications of this discussion as they shape your philosophy of "missions" and missionary relationships.

Asia (cont.)

Continued from Lecture 7

I. Historical Progression (Moffett)

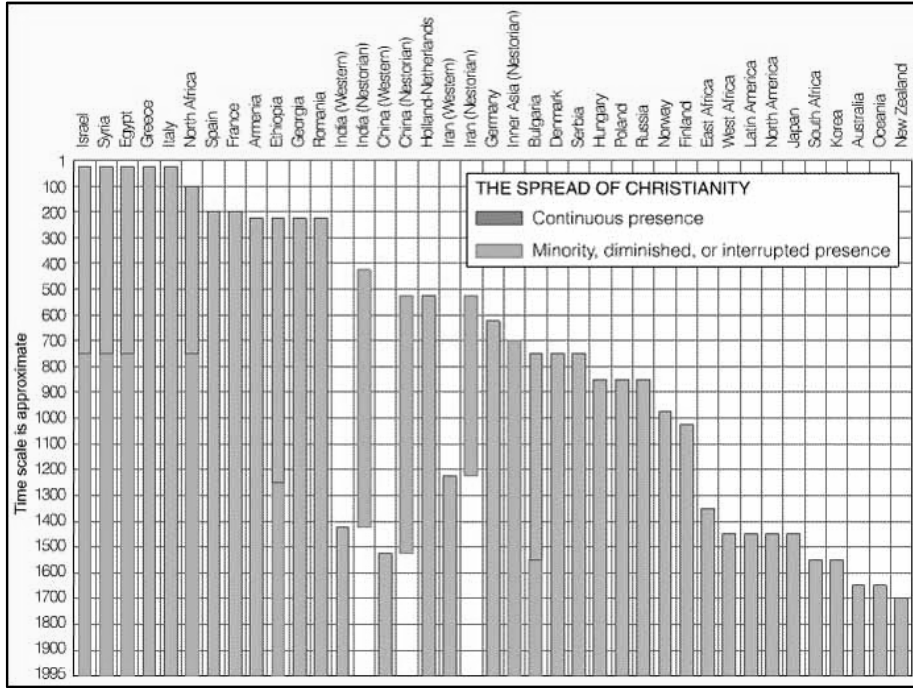
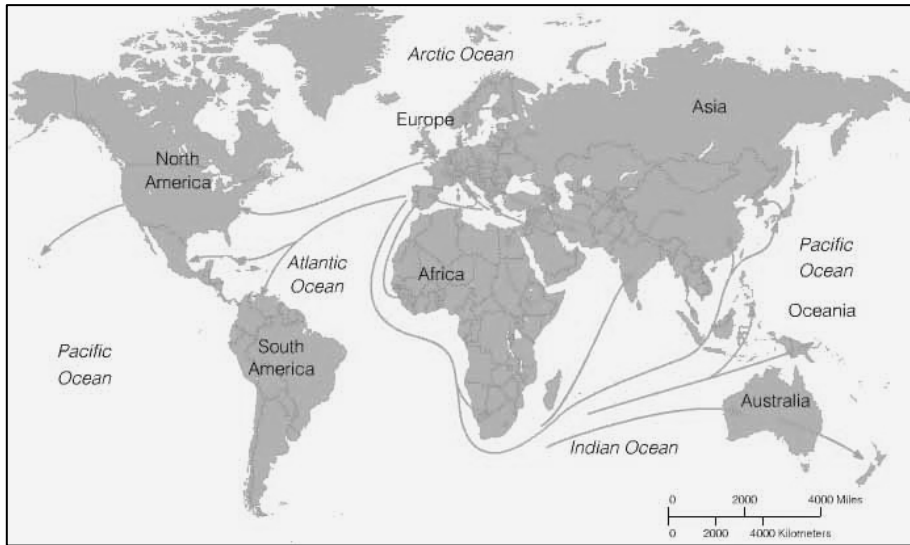
- A. "From the Apostles to Muhammad"*
- B. "From Alopen to the Crusades"*
- C. "From Ghengis Khan to Tamerlane"*
- D. The modern missions movement*

1. Phase I: Portugal, Protestants

2. Phase II: France, Russia, Protestants

II. Contemporary Christianity (Ramachandra) (GWM II)

- A. A gospel for the world (224-264)*
- B. Gospel praxis (265-284)*



Map & Chart from **Schmidt/Sager/Carney/ Jackson, Jr./Muller/Zanca's** *Patterns of Religion* (http://www.wadsworth.com/cgi-wadsworth/course_products_wp.pl?fid=M18&discipline_number=27)

Africa

(For an introduction to Africa, including charts and resources, see Appendix E)

I. Early Centuries (See Appendix E for charts)

II. Meeting Western Christians

III. The Slave Trade

IV. The Protestant Missionary Movement in Africa

A. Liberationist movement

V. The Missionary Movement in Africa

- A. Colonial phase
- VI. Decolonization and the Church
 - A. Things fall apart
- VII. Asian Relations
- VIII. Cross-Cultural Outreach/Missionary Activity within Africa

Money

- I. Nineteenth-/Twentieth-Century “Womb”
 - A. Cultural-social-historical environment
 - B. Eurocentric belief in progress
 - C. Sense of Christian duty regarding non-Christian peoples
- II. Post-World War (Europe) and Vietnam War (U.S.) Changes
 - A. War
 - B. Christian decline
 - C. Global realities
 - D. Perceptions
- III. Consumerism, Affluence and Missionary-Sending Church Relations
 - A. Is perpetual economic growth possible?
 - B. Life patterns
 - C. Mutual self-justification

The topic of money is addressed again in relation to technology in Lecture 13.