

A HUNDRED BOOKS ON MISSION AND EVANGELISM

A BIBLIOGRAPHY COMPILED BY KENNETH CRACKNELL

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This is a personal selection. A further selection of the ten most essential books is indicated by TOP TEN. Comments and suggestions to Kenneth Cracknell, Director of Global Studies and Research Professor in Theology and Mission, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, TCU Box 298130, Fort Worth, Texas, 76129. Email K.Cracknell@tcu.edu

100 Books for the Academic Study of Mission and Evangelism

- 1 Abraham, K.C., *Liberative Solidarity: Contemporary Perspectives on Mission*, Tiruvalla: Christava Sahiti Samithi, 1996.

K.C. Abraham is the current President of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) and Director of the South Asia Theological Research Institute, Bangalore, S. India. For Abraham, "Mission is a celebration of God's gift of life (John 10.10), and these essays are essentially an exploration of this theme, as we rediscover Jesus who lived in solidarity with the poor, the hungry, the forsaken and the subversive. For an insight into the work of EATWOT, see also K.C. Abraham's admirable anthology, *Third World Theologies: Commonalties and Divergence* (Maryknoll, Orbis, 1990).

- 2 TOP TEN Abraham, William J., *The Logic of Evangelism*, London: Hodder and Stoughton/Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989

An exceptionally important book, from an Irish Methodist minister who until recently has held the McCreless chair in Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX. Abraham argues that evangelism must include initiation into the Kingdom, i.e., "God's rule in history."

- 3 Allen, Roland, *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church and the Causes which Hinder It* (1927), London: World Dominion Press/Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1962

Allen (1868-1947) was a pioneering and crucial thinker about missionary strategy and planning, stressing the full authority of newly formed local church. He once suggested that his ideas would come to be understood around 1960, and so it proved. If *The Spontaneous Expansion* is unavailable, look for *Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours*, (1912) or *Missionary Principles*, or (a compilation) *The Compulsion of the Spirit*., edited by David Paton and Charles Long.

- 4 Amaladoss, Michael, *Making all Things New: Mission in Dialogue*, Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 1990.

'The aim of mission is to promote a dialogue between the Word of God and the human community to which that Word is addressed as a call to conversion -- metanoia. This mission is conditioned by the historical situation, the socio-economic circumstances and the cultural background of the community.' Thus Amaladoss begins this volume of his writings over several years. Important material here from one of the Vatican's most senior advisors on mission and dialogue.

- 5 Anderson, G.H. (ed.), *The Theology of the Christian Mission*, London: SCM Press/New York: McGraw, Hill Co., 1961

Take no notice of the date of this book, for Anderson seems to have been given a special kind of editorial gift -- to choose material that is of lasting value -- see for example Karl Barth's exegesis of Matt. 28:16-20, or Kraemer on syncretism, or A.C. Bouquet on Revelation and the Divine Logos.

- 6 Anderson, Gerald H. (ed.), *Witnessing to the Kingdom: Melbourne and Beyond*, New York: Orbis Books, 1982

The Melbourne CWME Conference in 1980 took place at the height of the influence of kingdom theology on ecumenical circles. This thrust of this collection of views and reactions may be compared and contrasted with that emanating from the Lausanne Consultation at Pattaya Thailand in the same year. See below under Lausanne, #46.

- 7 Anderson, Gerald H. and Stransky, Thomas F. (eds.), *Mission Trends No. 1: Crucial Issues in Mission Today*, New York: Paulist Press & Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974, *Mission Trends No. 2: Evangelization*, New York: Paulist Press & Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975, *Mission Trends No. 3: Third World Theologies*, New York: Paulist Press & Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976, *Mission Trends No. 4: Liberation Theologies*, New York: Paulist Press & Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979, Anderson, Gerald H. and Stransky, Thomas F. (eds.), *Mission Trends No. 5: Faith Meets Faith*, Ramose, NJ: Paulist Press & Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981

Though hard to come by now, these five paperbacks are valuable points of reference, with their well-chosen articles and statements from all parts of the church of Christ engaged in mission.

- 8 Anderson, G.H., Phillips J.M., and Coote, R.T., *Mission in the Nineteen Nineties*, New Haven: Overseas Ministries Study Center, 1991

Anything from the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, CT (hereafter OMSC) is going to be both scholarly and thoroughly committed to the missionary task of the Church, understood in a widely ecumenical sense. A valuable collection of articles by leading missiologists.

- 9 TOP TEN Anderson, Gerald H., Coote, Robert T., Horner, Norman T., and Phillips, James M., *Mission Legacies : Biographical Studies of the Modern Missionary Movement*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1995

A marvelous collection from the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, of studies of the work and thought of dozens of key figures in recent mission history.

- 10 Arias, Mortimer, and Johnson, Alan, *The Great Commission: Biblical Models for Evangelism*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1992

Arias writes powerfully and wisely, and this book is a tour de force in relating redactional and contextual exegesis to the evangelistic and missionary tasks of the church today. Johnson adds appropriate and relevant study material for individual reflection for discussion groups.

- 11 Arbuckle, Gerald, *Earthing the Gospel: an Introductory Handbook for the Pastoral Worker*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1990

Excellent anthropological approaches to questions of indigenization and inculturation, with very intriguing examples/case studies. Probably the easiest way into all the issues.

- 12 Armstrong, Richard Stoll, *The Pastor-Evangelist in Worship*, Philadelphia Westminster Press, 1986

There is some evidence that despite all the emphasis on the ministry of lay persons most people are brought to Christian commitment through the work of ministers and pastors. Hence the importance of Armstrong's book. Note also his previous books, *Service Evangelism* and *The Pastor as Evangelist* .

- 13 Bassham, Roger, *Mission Theology: 1948-1975 Years of Worldwide Creative Tension Ecumenical, Evangelical, Roman Catholic*. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1980

A very thorough, comprehensive study of the crucial period between 1948 and 1975, in which all the contemporary streams in missiology first found expression.

- 14 Blauw, Johannes, *The Missionary Nature of the Church: A Survey of the Biblical Theology of Mission*, McGraw-Hill/Lutterworth, 1962

A work which has not been superseded as a unitary survey of the Biblical teaching about mission, though its bibliographical references are now very dated.

- 14 Bonk, Jonathan J., *Missions and Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991

Of Mennonite background and now teaching in Winnipeg, Bonk gives us a penetrating discussion of the most serious problem that confronts western missionaries in their personal lives, and in the judgment of many why western missionaries are more hindrance than help in the evangelistic task in non Western churches. (Bonk has another work, *The Theory and Practice of Missionary Identification, 1860-1920* . Lewiston, Edwin Mellen Press, 1989 which is richly informative about the pattern of behaviour adopted by previous generations.)

- 15 Bosch, David, *Witness to the World: the Christian World Mission in Theological Perspective*, Atlanta: John Knox Press/London: Marshall, 1980

The best introduction to the theology of mission, for anyone coming new to the field. Bosch was able to hold together ecumenical and evangelicals in his large heart and mind. We still mourn his untimely death in 1992.

- 16 Bosch, David, *A Spirituality for the Road*, Scottdale: Herald Press, 1978
This invaluable little book is at once rare (both in type and availability) and unusual (not enough guidance is given to missionaries and evangelists about appropriate spiritual disciplines). Bosch expounds 2 Cor 1:1-4 for missionaries, seeing Paul's spirituality as not 'of the monastery but of the road.'

- 17 TOP TEN Bosch, David, *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991

Nearly 600 pages of passionate scholarship. Bosch discerns six paradigm changes, from the New Testament to the missionary paradigm of the eastern church, then the Medieval R.C. paradigm, then that of the Protestant Reformation, followed by those of the Enlightenment, and those in which we now live, the paradigm of the emerging 'postmodern era' and the 'emerging Ecumenical Missionary' paradigm. Marvelously well documented. Its only weakness is that it hardly deals at all with Multi-faith, interreligious issues.

- 18 Bowie, Fiona, Kirkwood, Deborah, and Ardener, Shirley, *Women and Missions: Past and Present, Anthropological and Historical Perceptions*, Berg, 1993

One of the two books listed that deal specifically with women in mission (see also Byrne at #23). Very important issues are raised by some very distinguished writers.

- 19 Bria, Ion, *Go Forth in Peace: Orthodox Perspectives in Mission*, Geneva: WCC, 1986

Bria, a Romanian, was the Orthodox specialist in missiology at the WCC in the eighties, so he knows how to put across the Orthodox point of view to Western Christians. Very useful.

- 20 Bühlmann, Walbert, *All Have the Same God: An Encounter with the Peoples and Religions of Asia*, Slough: St. Paul Publications, 1979 American version: *The Search for God, An Encounter with the Peoples and Religions of Asia*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1980

Bühlmann was a most influential Roman Catholic voice in the seventies and eighties, helping to widen and deepen RC missiological understanding very much in terms of his own Franciscan spirituality.

- 21 Burrows, William R., *Redemption and Dialogue, Reading 'Redemptoris Missio' and 'Dialogue and Proclamation'*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1994

Redemptoris Missio (1990) and *Dialogue and Proclamation* (1991) are the Vatican's central missiological texts. This book conveniently prints both texts in full, together with a mass of commentary from eleven theologians and missionaries. As Burrows (the managing editor of Orbis Books) says 'the two statements are not uncontroverted' and we are helped to see both the riches and the holes in the Vatican position. See also Shorter below #83.

- 22 Butler, Jonathan, *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling: Heaven and Hell in American Revivalism 1970-1920*, New York: Carlson, 1991

One consistent confusion in North Atlantic church is between revivalism and evangelism. The books by Butler, Johnson and Weisberger in this list can help us make some necessary distinctions. Butler's strength is his analysis of the decline of fear of hell-fire as a potent evangelistic tool, but he has other insights to offer about cultural factors and the evangelistic task.

- 23 Byrne, Lavinia, *The Hidden Journey: Missionary Heroines in Many Lands*, London: SPCK, 1993

Byrne has been engaged for many years on the recovery of what she calls the 'hidden tradition' of women's spirituality and theology in the church. In this work she certainly recovers the contribution of women missionaries. Vivid, fascinating and challenging.

- 24 Costas, Orlando E., *The Integrity of Mission: the Inner Life and Outreach of the Church*, San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1979

Costas (1942-87) was one of the ablest evangelical missiologists of this generation. He argued in this book that the true test of mission is not 'whether we proclaim, make disciples, or engage in social economic and political liberation, but whether are capable of integrating all three in comprehensive and dynamic wisdom.'

- 25 Costas, Orlando E., *Liberating News: a Theology of Contextual Evangelization*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989

Published posthumously, this book approaches the topic of contextual evangelization from the standpoint of the oppressed and the powerless, and was written in Costa's own words 'against the background of the radical evangelical tradition in dialogue with other streams of the larger ecumenical church.' Excellent.

- 26 Cracknell, Kenneth, *Justice Courtesy and Love: Theologians and Missionaries Encountering World Religions 1846-1914*, Epworth Press, 1995

The sub-title is self explanatory. Cracknell has looked at missionary and evangelistic attitudes toward the major world religious traditions in the nineteenth century and discovered that the old stereotypes do not apply across the board. There were

forerunners of interfaith dialogue as early as 1846 (F.D. Maurice) and the WMC Edinburgh 1910 has a positive attitude to other peoples' religions.

- 27 Dickson, Kwesi A., *Uncompleted Mission: Christianity and Exclusivism*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1991

An important contribution from Africa from none other than the scholarly President of the Methodist Church, Ghana. Dickson points out that the western mission has accepted African converts with rejoicing but has excluded the converts culture and traditions. To be **completed** mission has to overcome this exclusivism.

- 28 TOP TEN Donovan, Vincent A., *Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books/London: SCM Press, 1991

If a person were to have time only to read one book on contemporary mission and evangelism practice, this is it. Moving, exciting, intensely personal, full of illumination and insight - not just about Africa, but also with implications for North Atlantic youth culture.

- 29 TOP TEN Fung, Raymond, *Evangelistically Yours*, Geneva: WCC, 1992

A collection of writings from Fung's outstanding period of service at the Evangelism desk in the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the WCC. Helpful, insightful, exhilarating stuff here. Note particularly the correspondence about Church Growth and the letters from people like David Bosch and Willem Saayman in South Africa, offering a radical critique of McGavran and his theories.

- 30 Fung, Raymond, *The Isaiah Vision: An Ecumenical Strategy for Congregational Evangelism*, Geneva: WCC, 1992

A second book from the same period of Fung's service at the WCC. Based on the conviction that in the final analysis the task of witnessing to Jesus Christ to individual people and to neighborhood communities is the responsibility of the local congregation, Fung bases his 'ecumenical strategy' on Isaiah's vision of a restored community in Isa. 65:20-23.

- 31 TOP TEN Gittins, Anthony J., *Bread for the Journey: The Mission of Transformation and the Transformation of Mission*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1993

A wonderful book from a Holy Ghost father who has missioned in Africa and now is at work among the street people of Chicago. Breathes the same spirit as his colleague, Vincent Donovan. Evangelism is dialogue, and the evangelist is a primarily a listener.

- 32 Green, Michael, *Evangelism through the Local Church*, London: Hodder and Stoughton/Nashville: Oliver-Nelson, 1990

Extraordinary pot-pourri of a book, mixing apologetics and practical advice about running evangelistic events. There is a much sound advice embedded in these pages (578 of them) but Green's apologetic procedures win too easily and there really are too many exclamation marks!

- 33 Hesselgrave, David J. (ed.) *New Horizons in World Mission: Evangelicals and the Christian Mission in the 1980s*, Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1979

Papers given at a Consultation at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, in 1979 where such topics as 'Evangelicals and Totalitarian Governments,' 'Evangelicals and World Economics,' 'Evangelicals and Community Development,' 'Evangelicals and Contextualized Theology' and 'Evangelicals and Unity in Mission' were seriously addressed.

- 34 Hesselgrave, David J., *Today's Choices for Tomorrow's Missions: an Evangelical Perspective on Trends and Issues in Missions*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988

The title is self explanatory and few people are as well qualified to speak on behalf of the evangelical perspective as Hesselgrave.

- 35 Hoekendijk, J.C., *The Church Inside Out*, Philadelphia: Westminster/London: SCM Press, 1966

Something of a period piece now, but representative of the work of a most influential Dutch missiologist. Here are themes like the 'church as apostolate' and 'mission as shalomization.' In Hoekendijk's words: "evangelism and churchification are not identical, and very often they are each other's bitterest enemies."

- 36 Hrangkhuma, F., and Kim, Sebastian C.H., *The Church in India: Its Mission Tomorrow*, Pune: Centre for Mission Studies and Delhi, ISPCK, 1996

This admirable collection of papers and essays given at the Centre for Mission Studies at the Union Biblical seminary, Pune in 1994 and 5 deserves profound consideration by missiologists and students of mission operating outside the India context. Coming as it does primarily from Indian scholars who would regard themselves as evangelical rather than ecumenical, its wide ranging insights challenge all points of view. There is an outstanding essay (by Kareen Kim) on "Women's Partnership in Missions Tomorrow", and I shall value for a long time Siga Arles's formulation in his "Perspective on Theological Education" : 'mission should guide theological education and theology should educate the mission'.

- 37 Hunter, George G., III, *The Contagious Congregation: Frontiers in Evangelism and Church Growth*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1979

A Methodist professor of evangelism teaching Boston, MA, George Hunter has a vigorous and optimistic approach. In this work he confesses that his two spiritual mentors are Donald McGavran and Donald Soper. It seems likely that only a Methodist could have united these two opposites.

- 38 Hunter, George G., III, *To Spread the Power: Church Growth in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Nashville, Abingdon, 1987

Here we have Hunter's vigorous interpretation of John Wesley as church growth strategist, together with many practical applications for Methodist (and other) congregations today.

- 39 Johnson, Arthur, *World Evangelism and the Word of God*, Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, 1972

Immensely valuable material about the history of evangelism in this century, but Johnson's real concern is to demonstrate that the WCC and its related bodies have departed from the Word of God, as Johnson understands it.

- 40 Johnson, Charles A, *The Frontier Camp Meeting: Religion's Harvest Time*, Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1955

See the comments on Butler above. Johnson helps to locate the Camp Meeting in a particular cultural context, and to enable our own reflections in its later forms in e.g. Primitive Methodism or the work of D.L. Moody.

- 41 Jones, E. Stanley, *A Song of Ascents: a Spiritual Autobiography*, Abingdon, 1968

The first of the two autobiographies in this listing. Jones has some claim to being the greatest Methodist evangelistic missionary of this century. These pages are rich in stories of cross-cultural evangelism, together with an intense awareness of its problems.

- 42 Karotempel, Sebastian, *Following Christ in Mission: a Foundational Course in Missiology*, Nairobi, Paulines Publications Africa, 1995.

This book is intended to be a basic guide book (not a text book) for the teaching and study of missiology in Roman Catholic major seminaries, formation centers, and missiological and missionary institutes, at the instigation of the Congregation for the Evangelization of People in Rome. As chief editor the Indian missiologist Fr. Karotempel could call upon major figures in the Roman Catholic church to contribute chapters on their specialisms (we may note, e.g., Karotempel himself on christological and soteriological foundations of mission, Marcello Zago on interfaith dialogue, Arji Rest-Crollius on inculturation, Maurice Borrmans on Islam and Josef Ballong on traditional religions). The result is a authoritative work of reference which we can hope will soon be published on a wider basis.

43 Kraemer, H., *The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World*, London: 3rd edn, James Clarke, 1956 [first published 1938]

One of the most powerful and effective pieces of missiological writing ever published, and also one perhaps of the most misused and misunderstood. Compelling reading still.

44 Kritzinger, J.J., Meiring, P.G.A., and Saayman, W.A., *On Being Witnesses*, Johannesburg (?), Orion, 1994

This is a valuable text book from three major players in the South African missiological scene, all of them Afrikaners. I highly recommend this work, both for its intrinsic merits and because it brings a fresh perspective from outside our Anglo-American, English language dominated missiological circles.

45 Lande, Ausuly and Ustorf, Werner (eds.) *Mission in a Pluralist World*, Frankfurt am Main, Peter Lang, 1996

This is a very interesting collection of papers from a conference of Scandinavian with Anglican scholars. Just as my comments on the previous title suggest, it is most helpful to have missiological points of view from elsewhere in the world than the normal Anglo-American circles.

46 Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, *How Shall They Hear? Consultation on World Evangelization Official Report Volume, Thailand Reports*, London and Wheaton, IL, Lausanne Committee, 1983

The LWCE sponsored conference in Pattaya, Thailand, in June, 1980, marked a noticeable change in evangelical missionary theory and makes a reference point by which all later evangelical missiology measures itself. (see e.g., Bruce Nicholls, below #69). The volume itself is like gold dust. Treasure it if you find it in a second hand store.

47 Logan, James C., (ed.) *Theology and Evangelism in the Wesleyan Heritage*, Nashville: Kingswood Books, 1994

Papers given at a conference of Methodist evangelists in Atlanta in 1992, and ably edited by the E. Stanley Jones professor of evangelism at Wesley Seminary in Washington. The volume includes a 'dialogue of remembrances' from Stanley Jones's daughter and son-in-law, Eunice and James K. Mathews.

48 Luzbetak, Louis J., *The Church and Cultures: New Perspectives in Missionary Anthropology*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1988

This is a revised version of a book which first appeared in 1963, as Eugene Nida says in the foreword, "an excellent book made even better." Immensely detailed, with full notes, the text takes account of both Protestant and Catholic work in this field. It must surely be the standard text book in its field.

- 49 McGavran, Donald, *The Bridges of God: A Study in the Strategy of Missions*, New York: Friendship/London: World Dominion, 1955

Deeply influential book attempting to answer the question, how do peoples become Christian. In India McGavran was a follower of the Methodist evangelist Bishop J.W. Pickett (cf. J. Waskom Pickett, *The Dynamics of Church Growth*, Abingdon, 1963) and this is his first study of mass movements.

- 50 McGavran, Donald (ed.) , *The Conciliar-Evangelical Debate: the Crucial Documents 1964-1976*, Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1977

Aspects of the intense 'ecumenical/' 'evangelical' debate of the sixties and early seventies are covered in this collection: what is evangelism? are conversion missions outmoded? church growth and mission strategy; presence and proclamation as forms of mission; the Uppsala controversy on mission McGavran's famous paper "Will Uppsala betray the Two Billion?" is printed in full; and then the Frankfort Declaration on Mission, the Bangkok Assembly 1972, and the WCC Nairobi events (Liberation and Justice - and a little Evangelism?) are discussed. This volume replaces *The Eye of the Storm; the Great Debate in Mission*, Waco, TX, Word Books, 1972, which went only as far as the Frankfort Declaration.

- 51 McGavran, Donald, *Understanding Church Growth*, revised and edited by Peter Wagner, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, third edition 1990

A streamlined version of earlier versions with the same title by McGavran's foremost colleague and disciple. There is an excellent bibliography.

- 52 Margull, Hans Jochen, *Hope in Action*, Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1962

Intensely interesting historically - it belongs to the period when everything in the theology was 'eschatological' - including mission and evangelism. Not entirely irrelevant even today.

- 53 TOP TEN Messer, Donald E., *A Conspiracy of Goodness: Contemporary Images of Christian Mission*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1992

Even with missiology sometimes it's the onlooker who sees most of the game. Messer, President of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, is a truly gifted popularizer, and he presents a glittering collection of images for mission, like "A Collegiality of Bridge

Builders," "A Company of Star Throwers," and "A Community of Fence Movers." Those of you who enjoy the first one might enjoy: *Contemporary Images of Ministry*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1990. Again Messer uses a series of graphic images, this time to look at ministry in today's world, and since ministry is about mission it's relevant to this list.

54 Morris, George, *The Mystery and Meaning of Christian Conversion*, Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 1981

Too little attention is addressed to what is the meaning of conversion, even in evangelistic circles. Morris, long-time Professor of Evangelism at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, helpfully gets this discussion going.

55 Mott, John R., (ed.) *Evangelism for the World Today*, published for the IMC by Harper and Brothers, 1938

Extraordinarily valuable if you can find a copy. John R. Mott, a venerable figure in 1938, thought it worthwhile to write to missionaries all over the world asking for their definitions of evangelism and for their views of the best ways of carrying it out, as a contribution to the Tambaram discussions.

56 Nazir-Ali, Michael, *Mission and Dialogue: Proclaiming the Gospel Afresh in Every Age*, London: SPCK, 1995

Lucid and trenchant, this admirable work is, as befitting a bishop of the Church of England full of pastoral insight and guidance. But Nazir-Ali is also of Pakistani background and thus a missionary to the English. He is well placed therefore to illuminate both mission and dialogue. Here is one of his valuable comments: "But dialogue is not only preparatory to witness, it is also the means to witness ... I cannot see dialogue in its fulness without the opportunity for both sides to witness to their faith in trust that the partner's will recognize each other's integrity' (p.83).

57 Neely, Alan, *Christian Mission: A Case Study Approach*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1995

Alan Neely was until his recent retirement the professor of missiology at Princeton and these marvelous case studies are invaluable for all who teach or reflect in this field. I guarantee it would be impossible for even the most 'case-hardened' not to gain fresh insights by working through Neely's selection.

58 Neill, Stephen & Anderson, Gerald H. & Goodwin, John (eds.), *Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission*, London: Lutterworth Press, 1970

- Ignore the date on this, because it is a mine of information about the mission of the church, both past and present, since the issues that faced us in 1970 still confront us today.
- 59 Neill, Stephen, *A History of Christian Missions*, Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1964
- Immaculately done, and quite indispensable for a broad but accurately detailed sweep of the history of missions.
- 60 Neill, Stephen, *Colonialism and Christian Missions*, London: Lutterworth Press, 1966
- Some think that this is Neill's most perceptive book. Very valuable as we continue to take stock in what Marjorie Perham once called the 'colonial reckoning.'
- 61 Newbigin, Lesslie, *Foolishness to the Greeks: the Gospel and Western Culture*, Geneva: WCC, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986
- Newbigin pleads for, in his famous phrase, 'a missionary encounter with our [western] culture,' which he sees as much a mission field as any 'Third World' situation.
- 62 Newbigin, Lesslie, *The Open Secret*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, first publ in 1978, revised edition 1995
- Newbigin's own words make the best taster for this work: "The mystery of the gospel is not entrusted to the church to be buried in the ground. It is entrusted to the church to be risked in the change and interchange of humanity. It belongs not to the Church but to the one who is both head of the Church and head of the cosmos. It is within his power and grace to bring to its completion that long-hidden purpose the secret of which has been entrusted to the church in order that it may become the open manifestation of the truth to all the nations."
- 63 Newbigin, Lesslie, *Unfinished Agenda*, Geneva: WCC, London: SPCK, 1985
- The second of the two autobiographies on this list. Here is Newbigin's own account of the stirring times in mission and evangelism he lived through. Some most revealing passages about what made this most distinguished missionary thinker tick. We update this annotation in the days immediately following Lesslie Newbigin's death, and take this opportunity of saluting his memory.
- 64 Newbigin, Lesslie, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, Geneva: WCC/Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989
- Another contribution to Newbigin's claim on us for a 'missionary encounter' with modern society, which is 'secular,' 'humanist' and 'pluralist' in various proportions.

Newbigin argued that freedom of thought and expression must itself rest upon some firmly held beliefs about the origin, nature, and destiny of human life, and thus that we must reject the invitation to live in a society where everything is subjective and relative.

- 65 Newbigin, Lesslie, *A Word in Season: Perspectives on World Mission*, Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press and Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995

Some seventeen unpublished (in English at any rate) papers from Lesslie Newbigin. His editor, Eleanor Jackson suggests they might be read in the bath (!). Certainly, spanning as they do the years from 1963 to the early 90s, they give an impressive overview of Newbigin's thought.

- 66 Nicholls, Bruce (ed.), *In Word and Deed: Evangelism and Social Responsibility*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985

Some very helpful papers from the circles which produced the Lausanne, Thailand, statements referred to above, #46.

- 67 Outler, Albert, *Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Nashville: Tidings, 1971

This small volume could be nominated the a prize for the greatest amount of wisdom and acuity within the shortest amount of verbiage. Illumination on every page, and not for Methodists alone.

- 68 Phillips, James M., and Coote, Robert T., *Toward the 21st Century in Christian Mission*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993

Forward planning and thinking on grand and imaginative scales, from missionary thinkers of many different traditions. The problems and opportunities facing the world church are all assessed realistically -- and hopefully.

- 69 Pittman, Don A., Habito, Ruben L.F. and Muck, Terry C. (eds.), *Ministry and Theology in Global Perspective: Contemporary Challenges for the Church*, Eerdmans, 1996

An extremely useful, and probably absolutely invaluable, reader in missiological themes compiled by three scholars from mainstream Protestant, Roman Catholic and evangelical backgrounds. Intended to support the American Association of Theological School's drive toward 'globalization' or internationalization in theological education in the USA it contains excerpts from more than sixty sources together with helpful commentaries by the three editors. I have used this as the main text book in two classes in different seminaries with great success.

- 70 Pope-Levison, Priscilla, *Evangelization from a Liberation Perspective*, New York: Peter Lang, 1991

A most helpful piece of work from an American U.M. professor and former missionary in Latin America, assessing the implications of the work of both Catholic and Protestant liberation theologians for the evangelistic task.

- 71 Ramachandra, Vinoth, *The Recovery of Mission: Beyond the Pluralist Paradigm*, Paternoster Press, 1996.

Received with great acclaim by evangelical missiologists, Ramachandra (writing from Sri Lanka) offers useful critiques of and different perspectives on many of the major themes of current missiology.

- 72 Saayman, Willem and Kritzinger, Klippiers, (ed.) *Mission in Bold Humility: David Bosch's Work Considered*, Maryknoll, Orbis, 1996.

A collection of essays by friends and disciples of the great South African missiologist. Remarkably even in quality they form an effective basis for taking Bosch's thought further. Do not miss Frans Verstraelen on lesser known aspects of Bosch's thinking about the Gospel in an African context, William Burrows on a 'seventh paradigm -- a 'Catholic inculturation paradigm', and Dana Robert's modelling of how to study the neglected role of women in mission.

- 73 *The San Antonio Report*, edited by F.R Wilson, Geneva: WCC, 1990

The most recent ecumenical statement on mission. Of great significance for the WCC as it begins to take seriously in the evangelistic task the possibility that God has spoken to non-Christian peoples. Cf. the Melbourne report, #100 below.

- 74 TOP TEN Sanneh, Lamin, *Translating the Message: the Missionary Impact on Culture*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1989

Christianity from its origins identified itself with the need to translate out of Aramaic and Hebrew. This implies, say Sanneh, a commitment to the pluralist merit of culture within God's universal purpose. This outstanding work is full of suggestive lines of thought. On the one hand it is missionary history done in a new key, with the receivers rather than the donors (the missionaries) becoming the agents of radical indigenization, and on the other it puts an end to constant detraction from missionary achievement. Sanneh shows repeatedly that the growth of Christianity in the non-western world has brought cultural invigoration, social renewal, intercultural dialogue, and a moral courage for anti-colonialism.

- 75 Sanneh, Lamin, *Encountering the West: Christianity and the Global Cultural Process: the African Dimension*, London: Marshall Pickering, 1993

Sanneh demonstrates conclusively that mission was infinitely more complex than westerners supposed; and that always the freeing dynamic of the Gospel subverted rather than reinforced imperialist goals (conscious or unconscious of missionaries and colonialists alike). Local people were always active participants in shaping the message they received

76 Scherer, James A, *Gospel, Church and Kingdom: Comparative Studies in World Mission Theology*, Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1987

An excellent handbook covering all the ground, frequently used as an introductory text book in American seminaries and training centers.

77 Scherer, James A, and Bevans, Stephen B. (eds.), *New Directions in Mission and Evangelization, Basic Statements 1974-1991*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991

An indispensable collection consisting exclusively of basic statements on mission from conciliar, ecumenical, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Evangelical Protestant sources.

78 Scherer, James A, and Bevans, Stephen B., (eds.), *New Directions in Mission and Evangelization, Theological Foundations*, Maryknoll, Orbis, 1994

An equally splendid collection, this time of writings of people like Costas, Newbigin, Amaladoss, Bosch, Gittins, Pope-Levison, and the editors themselves. Scherer reprints his formidable defining essay, "Missiology as a Discipline and What it Includes."

79 Scott, Waldron, *Bring Forth Justice: a Contemporary Perspective on Mission*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980

This is a particularly fine study of the triangular relationship between mission, disciple making and social justice, and it was all the more important when it first appeared, coming as it did from the General Secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

80 Senior, Donald, and Stuhmuller, Carroll, *The Biblical Foundations for Mission*, Maryknoll: Orbis/London: SCM Press, 1983

The title is self-explanatory. Both Old and New Testament are covered with great thoroughness by two leading OT and NT scholars. There are many leads to following up trends of thought. Excellent bibliographical material.

81 Shenk, Wilbert R. (ed.), *Exploring Church Growth*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983

The most important critical evaluation of the Church Growth Movement. Seven of the twenty-two chapters point specifically to theological weaknesses in its theory. Some very valuable exegetical material, including David Bosch on Matt.28:16-20.

- 82 Shorter, Aylward, *Toward a Theology of Inculturation*, Maryknoll: Orbis, 1988

Roman Catholics like Arbuckle (see #11) Luzbetak (see #48) and Shorter use anthropological skills with a breadth and a profundity which is hard to parallel in Protestant missiology. Shorter offers here a theology of inculturation based on the best anthropological insights.

- 83 Shorter, Aylward, *Evangelization and Culture*, London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1994

Shorter pleads for an 'an evangelism which is does not dominate or alienate others culturally.' He borrows a phrase from *Redemptoris Missio*, (see #24 above) and speaks of a 'new or second evangelization' which will enable the language of faith to be that of genuinely evangelized culture. Very important.

- 84 Taber, Charles R., *The World Is Too Much With Us: "Culture" in Modern Protestant Missions*, Macon, GA: Mercer Univ. Press, 1991

An extremely worthwhile examination of a major missiological problem, which is the reverse side of the coin of 'inculturation,' see Shorter above, #83. Taber insists on the "perennial blindness to the fact that, in the West, syncretism has been a way of life for centuries."

- 85 Thomas, M.M., *The Church's Mission and Post Modern Humanism: A Collection of Essays and Talks, 1992-1996*, Turuvalla: Christava Sahitiya Samithi, and Delhi: ISPCK, 1996

One of India's greatest Christian laymen, one-time Moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and a former Governor of Nagaland, Thomas died just this year (1997). Here is a timely collection of essays and addresses, which show where mission is at after the break-up of socialism, the crisis of secularism and in India the rise of religious fundamentalism and communalism. Thomas's treatment of the relationship of social justice to eco-justice against the background of his profound and lasting commitment to 'the humanity of the Crucified Jesus as the foretaste and criterion of being truly human' is masterly.

- 86 TOP TEN Thomas, Norman, *Readings in World Mission*, London, SPCK, 1995, in USA *Classical Readings in Mission and World Christianity*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1995

Absolutely essential for the study of mission and evangelism, and essential for close reading of David Bosch's *Transforming Mission* (see #20). The quotations run from Augustine of Hippo to Mother Teresa, and from the Letter to Diognetus to the *SEDOS* statement on dialogue in 1991.

- 87 Tippett, Alan, *Introduction to Missiology*, Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1987

Tippet 'introduces' missiology by reprinting some forty of his articles and papers, arising from his forty year long career as a missionary anthropologist and professor at the Fuller School of World Mission. Very valuable material coming from with the "great commission" or "church growth" school of missiologists.

88 Verkuyl, Johannes, *Contemporary Missiology: an Introduction*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978

The Dutch text of this work was originally published in 1975, and it is likely that what Verkuyl has to say is nearing the end of its shelf-life. Nevertheless this has been a very influential book, in many ways definitive of the body of knowledge of missiology.

89 Verstraelen, Frans, A. Camps, L.A. Hoedemaker, and Marc R. Spindler, (eds.), *Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction. Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity*, Eerdmans, 1995

In the editorial term can be seen two highly distinguished Catholic missiologists and two equally able Protestant missionary scholars. In this up-dated and revised English translation of a widely used Dutch original first published in 1988, we have the evidence of the profound interactions now possible where ecumenical ideals and practice have really taken hold. Perhaps the greatest single contribution this rich and varied work makes is to recognize the rise of 'polycentric global Christianity'. Missiology is no longer (if it ever was) the study of Christian expansion from Europe and North America. Rather as the many contributors to this work demonstrate, missiology is to be seen as the 'initiator and mediator in dealing with the new challenge that theology will face on every side' (p.467).

90 Vicedom, Georg, *The Mission of God: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission*, St. Louis: Concordia, 1965

This is in many ways the book of the Willingen Conference of the old IMC, which declared that 'the missionary movement of which we are part has its source in the Triune God Himself.' Vicedom spells out the biblical foundations for such view.

91 Wallis, Jim, *The Call to Conversion: Recovering the Gospel for these Times*, San Francisco: Harper, 1981

Wallis's first and most effective book. It spells out the Biblical themes concerning repentance and discipleship to those who had made salvation otherworldly.

92 Warren, M.A.C., *I Believe in the Great Commission*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1976

Easy to read, full of rich perceptions, this work is selected as the one representative work from the pen of Max Warren - there are very many others still worth reading. As he spells out the significance of the 'Great Commission' at a time of failure of nerve, Warren does not feel it necessary to raise his tone of voice or to duck real issues (like religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue). In his closing pages Warren offers seven images of the missionary: an inquirer, a learner, a listener, a lover, a link, a disturber and, a 'sign of the end'.

- 93 Watson, David, *I Believe in Evangelism*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1976

David Watson was undoubtedly the greatest evangelist that the Church of England has produced this past half-century. Though not earth-shaking in its contents, the book breathes a joyful and confident spirit, and is genuinely inspiring.

- 94 Watson, David Lowes, *The Early Methodist Class Meeting*, Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 1985

The second David Watson in this list is a Welshman teaching in the USA, after a distinguished period of service with the U.M. Board of Discipleship in Nashville. This important work is necessary reading, showing on the one hand how much modern evangelistic methodology owes to Wesley's grasp of the discipling process, on the other how the methods worked out in 'covenant discipleship' could still renew and regenerate contemporary Methodist life.

- 95 Weisberger, Bernard A., *They Gathered at the River: the Story of the Great Revivalists and their Impact upon Religion in America*, Boston: Little, Brown, Co., 1958

See the remarks on Butler above #22. Weisberger's excellent journalistic skills recapture the techniques of revivalism (many of which are still in use today). He shows how the role of the 'professional' evangelist developed from c.1850 and thus contributes towards a series of vital distinctions between revivalism and evangelism.

- 98 Wilson, Henry, Mafokeng, Takatso, Poerwowidagdo, Judo, and Evans, Robert, Alice Frazer, *Pastoral Theology from a Global Perspective, : A Case Method Approach*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1996

Primary evangelism necessarily involves pastoral care as its next step. Issues like contextualization and indigenisation work themselves out in pastoral theology. This excellent collection of case studies may be commended not only to missiologists but to their colleagues in ministerial formation and Christian community development. It is worth noting that the authors come from India, South Africa, Indonesia and the USA.

- 99 TOP TEN Yates, Timothy, *Christian Mission in the Twentieth Century*, Cambridge and New York: C.U.P., 1994

Yates is a fine historian and this is an invaluable piece of work. His sense of the important and where the significant trends lay, is impeccable. The good news is that a paperback version from CUP has recently been made available.

100 *Your Kingdom Come: Mission Perspectives, Report on the World Conference of Mission and Evangelism, Melbourne, Australia, 12-25 May, 1980*, Geneva: WCC, 1980

To be compared with the Lausanne report (see #46 above), and with the last CWME findings in San Antonio (see #73). Note also the interpretative material edited by Gerald Anderson under the title *Witnessing to the Kingdom* at #6