

Seven trends in the theology of missions

Built on material in *Introduction to Missiology* by Alan Tippett

- **1. Taking a new look at the theology of God as creator**
 - **A clearly enunciated doctrine of Yahweh as creator is vital where people have worshipped other gods**
 - **Insistence that the Creator God is alive and is still creating and providing**

- **2. Developing a theology of “power encounter”**

- **3. Discovering new aspects of the theology of indigeneity**
 - **1840's: Henry Venn**
 - **A church is indigenous**
 - **When it is culturally a part of its own world**
 - **When its witness is relevant in meeting the needs of its congregation and the world around it**
 - **When its physical form and operating structures are suitable for the culture**
 - **When it acts on its own initiative by doing ministries arising from local needs and crises and in missionary outreach**
 - **When it is aware of its own theological identity**

- **4. Formulating a theology of social change**
 - **Culture clash versus culture contact**
 - **Change processes**
 - **Modernization**
 - **Urbanization**
 - **Mobility / Immigration**

- **5. Rediscovering a theology of the corporate group**
 - **Western individualism and competitiveness**

- **6. Allowing a theology of contextualization to emerge**
 - **Levels in which contextualization takes place**
 - **Communication of the Gospel**
 - **Processes of conversion / discipleship**
 - **Church formation**
 - **Leadership selection and styles**
 - **Christian ethics**

- **7. Demanding a new theology of missionary training**
 - Implications of our ecclesiology
 - Recognition of globalization / glocalization issues

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