

What now?



Case Studies - a unique
teaching tool

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What's a case study?

- **An open-ended actual story**
 - No ending given
 - Brings chunks of reality into the classroom
- **A difficult problem, a dilemma without an obvious solution**
- **Pioneered by Harvard business school**
- **Forces us into a real situation where we have to answer: "What do we do now?"**

LEVEL ONE
Dilemma



LEVEL TWO
Values



LEVEL THREE
Principles



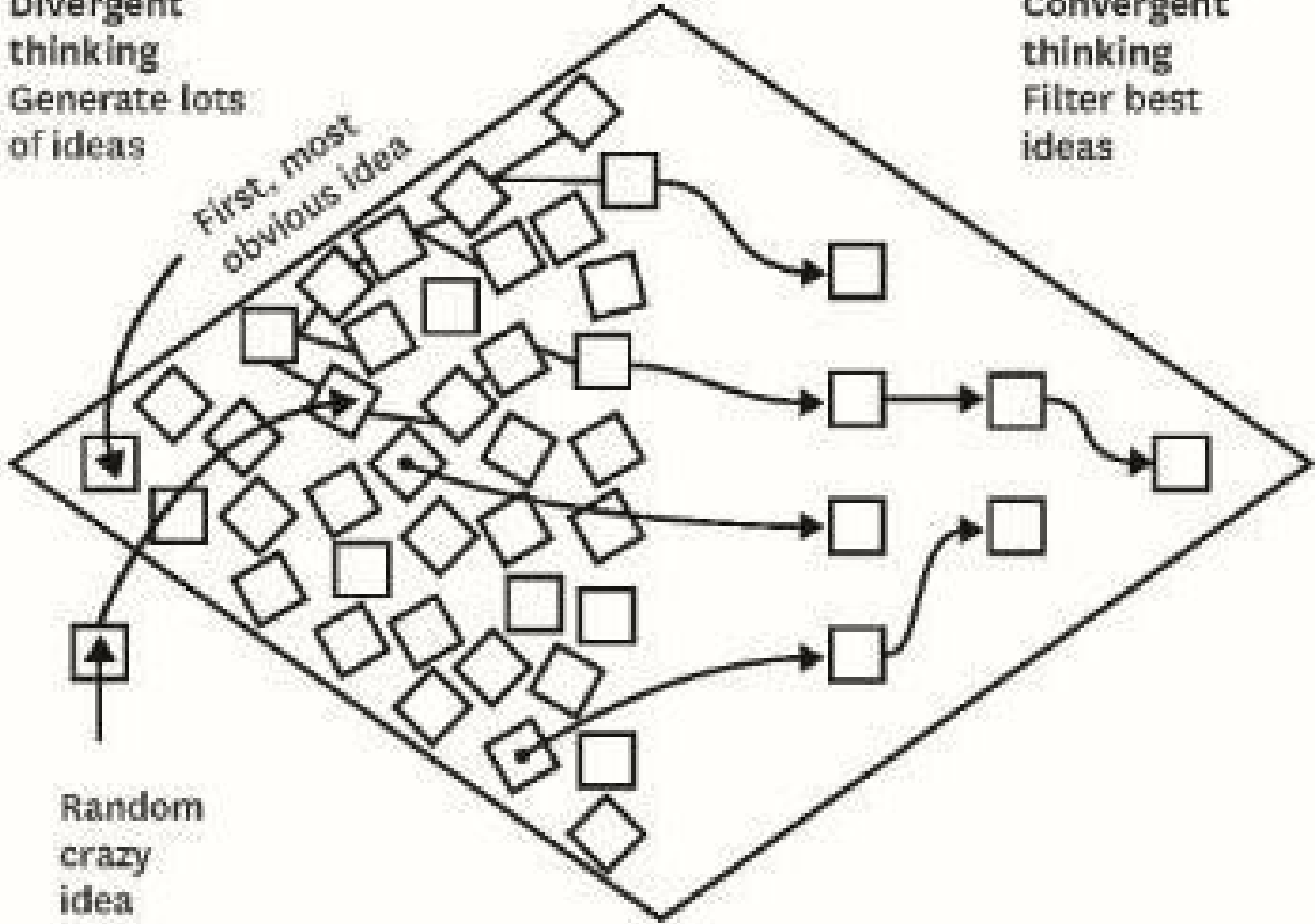
LEVEL FOUR
Loyalties



Possible Options

Divergent thinking
Generate lots of ideas

Convergent thinking
Filter best ideas



Case studies in MCS

- “Drink or not to drink”
 - When values you cherish are at odds with the expectations of those around you
- “Racism in the church”
 - A local church gripped by unbiblical attitudes and actions
- “Youth group sponsors and a stripper”
 - When church members may have made bad judgments in attempts at humor
- “He walked away”
 - An attempt at sharing one’s faith doesn’t turn out like expected

Case Study #1: To drink or not to drink

- Young American believer in France

- <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert.fs/drinking.htm>

When we are puzzling to non-believers

- Alcoholic beverage is not key issue
 - This is not a “temperance” lesson
- Key issue: A believer in a situation where others do not share, and perhaps are even puzzled by his lifestyle positions

The question for us

- Question: *What do I do in situations where my convictions are in direct opposition to other people's expectations?*

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