

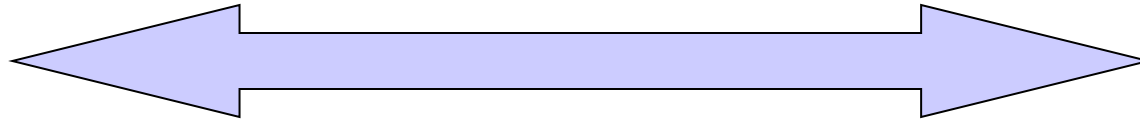
Viewing Other Cultures: The Attitude Spectrum

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Attitudes toward other cultures

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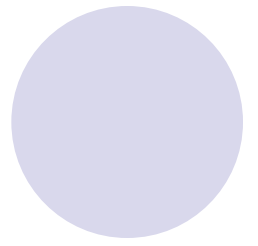
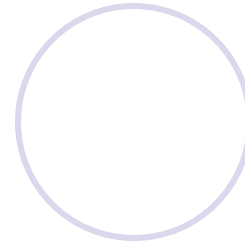
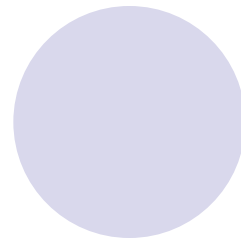
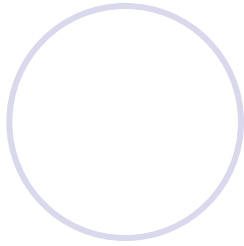


Words to Keep in Mind



- Ethnocentrism
- Assimilation / acculturation
- Syncretism / contextualization

Ignoring

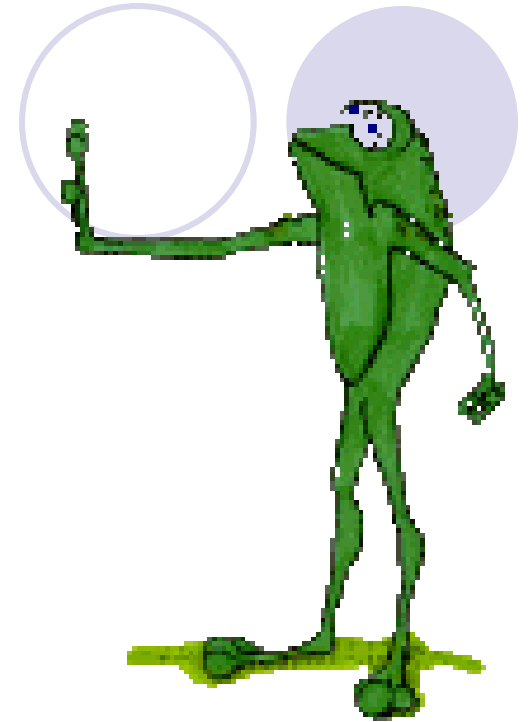
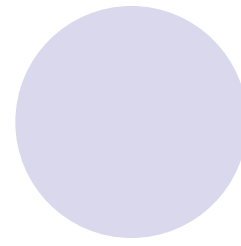
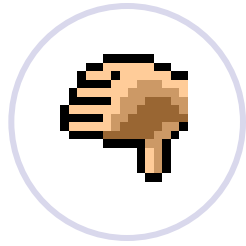




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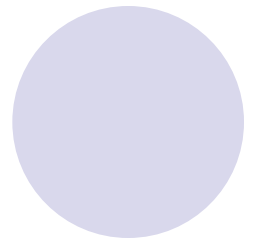
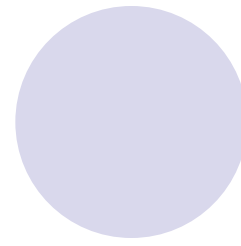
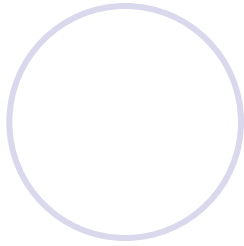
- Active or passive denial: “It may exist, but I don’t want to hear about it.”
- Disdain or disregard for anything different
 - Example: American GI’s who never leave military bases in foreign country

Reject



- Thinks in stereotypes
- Feelings of repulsion
- Rebuff and repel on contact
 - Examples?
- Any overtures are spurned

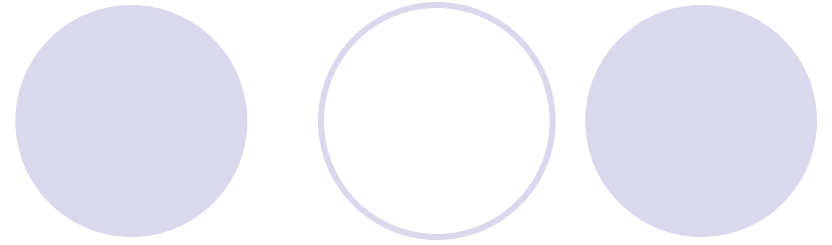
Tolerate



- Adjectives used:
 - Irrational, rude, ignorant
- How it's managed
 - "I can survive this."
 - "I don't like it, but I can bear it."
 - "It's awful, but I will stomach it."

Understand

- Accept
- Appreciate
- Empathize with . . .



Embrace



- “I love you for who you are.”
- Welcome and even adopt
 - Integration
 - Incorporate

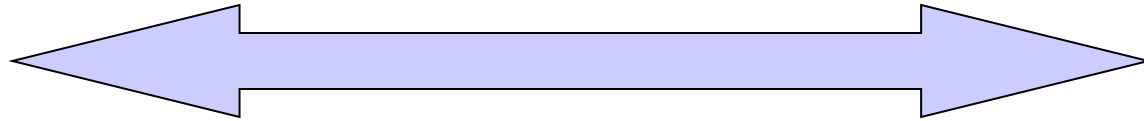


Question

- How do we deal with those things in a culture which we think go against biblical principles?

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