

Introduction

1. A brief "Reader's Digest" of Christian History.
2. The Church "bumps up against" culture.
3. A "cyclical pattern" is found in history.

Crisis : WWII

Stable : 50's

Revolution : 60's & 70's

Unraveling : 80's & 90's

Crisis : 2000

I. The Church and contemporary worship bumps up against culture during the time of revolution and unraveling (1970-2000).

- A. Secularism
- B. Narcissism
- C. New Age spirituality
- D. A critique

II. The Present Crisis: The church and its worship in a postmodern culture.

1. Relativism (where the church and its worship cannot go).

Relativistic religion

Relativistic spirituality

Relativistic ethics

2. The current cultural revolutions (what the church and its worship may embrace)

Science (machine to web)

Philosophy (reason to mystery)

Globalization (mono-culture to multi-cultural)

Historical (historical to nostalgia)

Language (propositional to performative)

Communication (print-broadcast-internet)

Technology (word to image)

Social (individual to community)

Terror (stability to vulnerability)

III. Where to we go from here? Transforming the Future.

1. The twenty-somethings and millennials
2. Movements to watch
 - The "Let's go back" movement
 - The "Let's be eclectic" movement
 - The "Let's be real" movement

Conclusion

Questions?

1. What did he say?
2. What did I hear him say?
3. How does this material apply to my ministry?

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