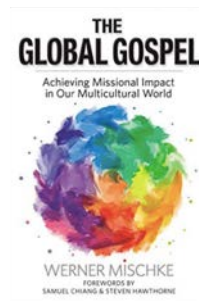
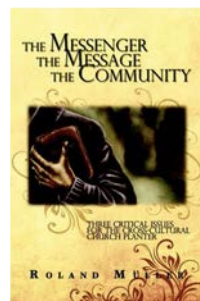


The Good News through New Eyes

**How the Bible speaks to every
culture on Earth**

Session 1: Introduction





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Overview

Does a fish know
that it's wet?

Goals

Understand how the “majority world” thinks

Develop a “mental toolbox” for thinking cross-culturally

Ask ourselves “What are we blind to in the gospel that others see?”

Read our Bibles differently

Does a fish know
that it’s wet?

Definitions

Guilt

Guilt is a state of being brought on by failing to live up to a standard.

Focused what you have DONE

Highly individualistic

Its opposite is *innocence*

Shame

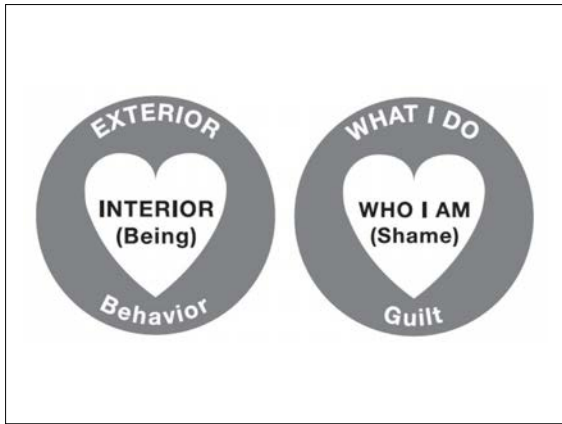
Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of receiving love and belonging to your community.

Shame has a *public* character to it

Its opposite is *honor*

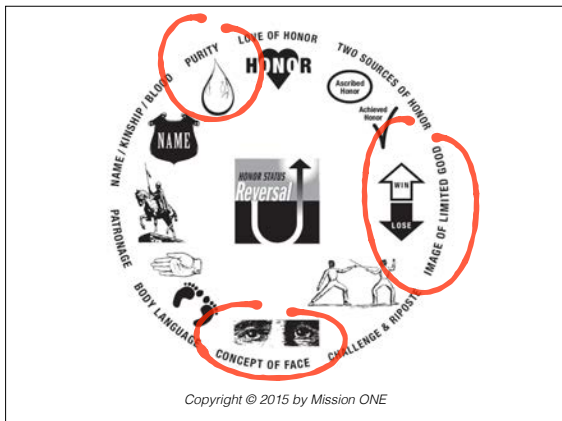
	SHAME	GUILT
Focus of evaluation	Global self: "I did that horrible thing"	Specific behavior: "I did that horrible <i>thing</i> "
Degree of distress	Generally more painful than guilt	Generally less painful than shame
Phenomenological experience	Shrinking, feeling small, feeling worthless, powerless	Tension, remorse, regret
Operation of "self"	Self "split" into observing and observed "selves"	Unified self intact
Impact on "self"	Self impaired by global devaluation	Self unimpaired by global devaluation
Concern vis-à-vis the "other"	Concern for others' evaluation of self	Concern with one's effect on others
Counterfactual processes	Mentally undoing some aspect of self	Mentally undoing some aspect of behavior
Motivational features	Desire to hide, escape, or strike back	Desire to confess, apologize, or repair

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Shame
Guilt
Fear

Honor
Innocence
Power



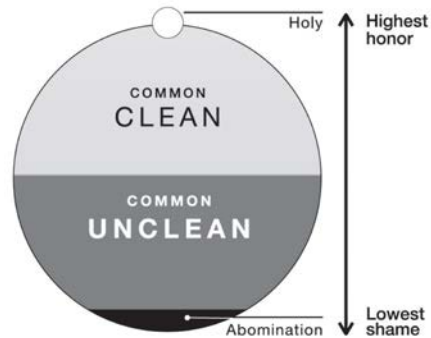
Guilt/Innocence World (primarily the West)	Honor/Shame World (primarily Majority World)
North America, Northern Europe, Australia, and New Zealand	Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Southern and Eastern Europe
Generalizations about culture: What societies tend to value	
More guilt-based	More shame-based
EQUALITY More likely to measure worth of a person based on individual merits and performance	HIERARCHY More likely to measure worth of a person based on age, position, title, rank, or tradition
DIRECT More likely to communicate in a direct manner, face to face—to “out to the chase”	INDIRECT More likely to communicate indirectly (especially in conflicts) through stories or a mediator in order to “save face”
INDIVIDUAL More likely to value the uniqueness of each person, individual human rights, “my own destiny”	GROUP More likely to value the opinion of the family, harmony in the community, welfare of the group
TASK More likely to value work accomplished, efficiency in “getting the job done”	RELATIONSHIP More likely to value personal relationships; social harmony trumps efficiency
RISK More likely to venture forth rapidly, experiment with new ideas, not knowing how things will work out	CAUTION More likely to proceed cautiously, slowly, to keep what one has gained, even though it may be small

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The idea of “Limited Good”

The concept of “Face”

The value of “Purity”



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“Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants...

Leviticus 18:24–30 and following

...But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you...

Leviticus 18:24-30 and following

For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God."

Leviticus 18:24-30 and following

Outside guilt-oriented societies, the vast majority of people do NOT go through life burdened by a load of guilt for their sinfulness,

but they DO go through life carrying the heavy burden of living in A NEAR CONSTANT STATE OF DEFILEMENT.

Worldview Consequences

Guilt can lead to a desire to make
amends

Shame often leads to more
destructive behavior

These consequences have a tendency
to characterize their respective cultures.

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