

A Bibliography of Holistic or Integral Mission.

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Introduction

Snowdon [Yr Wyddfa] is Wales' highest mountain and we have a proverb that says, 'It is easy to point to the mountain and say, 'There's Snowdon', but you climb over it very slowly!' Saying that I would put together a bibliography for holistic or integral mission was very easy at the consultation in Limuru, Kenya in February 2003 but it has taken rather longer to put something together. It was clear to me from the beginning that there was a need of categories and that a long, continuous list would not be satisfactory. Creating categories was difficult but I eventually came up with the following:

History

Debate

Missiology

Kingdom Theology

Biblical Ethics

General Descriptions

Divisions:

Church

Politics/Advocacy

Ethnicity

Economics

Gender

Environment

I'm sure that others would do it differently and I am very open to suggestions on how to divide the field more satisfactorily.

I have completed the list with a section on 'Journals/Periodicals' and on 'Websites' that I think could be useful.

This is not an exhaustive list. I see it as a first draft and will welcome any suggestions that will make it a better resource for anyone interested in this crucial topic. My e-mail address for comments and suggestions is dewi.hughes@tearfund.org Much of the time taken in preparing this list was spent in reading. I wish I could say that I have read everything that is included but I cannot – although I have been through a good proportion of the material at some time or other. Finally, this is almost entirely a list of evangelical literature. [The rare book from a non-evangelical source is pointed out.] I find it very encouraging that there is so much available on holistic/integral mission in this noble Christian tradition, which I believe has much to offer yet for the glory of God and the blessing of humankind.

Definitions

[1] I have called this a bibliography of holistic or integral mission. Both 'holistic' and 'integral' imply that the gospel task of the church has an impact on the whole of human life as it is lived out on this God-created earth. This means that what we proclaim and demonstrate as Christians cannot be divorced from each other – they are **integral** aspects of our message. The Micah Declaration on Integral Mission puts it like this:

Integral mission or holistic transformation is the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel. It is not simply that evangelism and social involvement are to be done alongside each other. Rather, in integral mission our proclamation has social consequences as we call people to love and repentance in all areas of life. And our social involvement has evangelistic consequences as we bear witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. If we ignore the world we betray the word of God which sends us out to serve the world. If we ignore the word of God we have nothing to bring to the world. Justice and justification by faith, worship and political action, the spiritual and the material, personal change and structural change belong together. As in the life of Jesus, being, doing and saying are at the heart of our integral task.¹

¹ Tim Chester [ed], *Justice, Mercy and Humility: Integral Mission and the Poor*, (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2002), p. 19.

I know that some were uneasy about the reference to structural change at Limuru but it is difficult to deny that sin is embedded in communal customs, habits or traditions as well as in the human heart. What the definition asserts is that the gospel is able to root out individual and communal sin – for example, to reject personal corruption through the power of the gospel and deny that corrupt systems or structures can be changed by the power of the same gospel is to lose much of the gospel's impact on human life.

[2] We have had Third World, Two-Thirds World, South, [as opposed to North/West], to describe that part of the world where there is a greater prevalence of poverty. I have recently come across 'majority world' as another alternative and have adopted it because it seems to have no pejorative connotations.

Bibliography

History

David Bebbington, 'Evangelicals, Theology and Social Transformation' in David Hilborn [ed], *Movement for Change: Evangelical Perspectives on Social Transformation*, (Carlisle: Paternoster/ACUTE, 2004), pp. 1-19.

Focused mainly on the United Kingdom this is a good survey of the traditional evangelical approach to social transformation.

David W. Smith, *Transforming the World? The Social Impact of British Evangelicalism*, (Carlisle: Paternoster, 1998).

The focus is on Britain but this book provides invaluable insight into the holistic evangelicalism that drove the first wave of missionaries inspired by William Carey and others.

Jacob Thomas, *From Lausanne to Manila: Evangelical Social Thought: Models of Mission and the Social Relevance of the Gospel*, (Delhi: ISPCK, 2003).

Joe Kapolyo, 'Social Transformation as a Missional Imperative: Evangelicals and Development since Lausanne' in David Hilborn [ed], *Movement for Change: Evangelical Perspectives on Social Transformation*, (Carlisle: Paternoster/ACUTE, 2004), pp. 133-146. This paper contains a sobering section on the problem of development that every NGO should consider carefully. It argues that development often benefits the developer more than those that are perceived to be in need of development.

John Wolffe, 'Historical Models of Evangelical Transformation', in David Hilborn [ed], *Movement for Change: Evangelical Perspectives on Social Transformation*, (Carlisle: Paternoster/ACUTE, 2004), pp. 20-37.

Shows that evangelical social transformation has historically been affected by churches/committed Christian communities, individuals and pan-evangelical agencies.

Tim Chester, *Awakening to a World of Need*, (Leicester, IVP 1993).

A history of the awakening of social responsibility among British evangelicals since 1950 by Tearfund's Research and Policy Director from 1993-99.

Wayne Bragg 'From Development to Transformation' in Vinay Samuel and Chris Sugden eds. *The Church in Response to Human Need*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans/Oxford, Regnum 1987).

Debate

Bruce Bradshaw, *Bridging the Gap: Evangelism, Development and Shalom*, (Monrovia, MARC 1993).

A stimulating attempt to bridge the gap between evangelism and development.

Change Across Cultures: A Narrative Approach to Social Transformation, (Grand Rapids, Baker Academic 2002).

A stimulating book focusing on bringing about transformation through the biblical narrative of redemption. Some of the biblical exposition is thought provoking but unconvincing.

Bruce Nicholls ed. *In Word and Deed, Evangelism and Social Responsibility*, (Paternoster 1985).

The papers of the World Evangelical Fellowship/Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization Consultation on the Relationship between Evangelism and Social Responsibility held at Grand Rapids in June 1982.

Jim Wallis, *The Call to Conversion: Recovering the Gospel for these Times*, (San Francisco: Harper 1992).

This is a prophetic book.

Ronald Sider, [1] *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, 2nd ed. (London: Hodder, 1997)
With over 250,000 copies sold this is **the** classic statement of the case for integral mission.

[2] *Evangelism and Social Action in a Lost and Broken World*, (London: Hodder, 1993).
[Published by Zondervan in the US with the title *One-Sided Christianity: Uniting the Church to Reach a Lost and Broken World*].

[3] *Lifestyle in the Eighties: An Evangelical Commitment to Simple Lifestyle*, (Exeter, Paternoster 1982).

The principles of this work are still relevant at the beginning of the 21st century.

Tim Chester. *Good news to the poor: Sharing the gospel through social involvement*, (Leicester: IVP, April 2004).

A powerful case for integral mission.

Vishal Mangalwadi, *Truth and Social Reform*, (London: Hodder [Spire], 1989).

A convincing argument for holistic/integral mission from an Indian who has been intimately involved in serving the poor in Christ's name.

Missiology

In one sense any discussion of integral or holistic mission is a discussion of the mission or task of the church and, therefore, missiological. However, it may be helpful to include just a few texts that are specifically focused on the theology of mission:

Bruce J. Nicholls and Christopher S. Raj, *Mission as Witness and Justice: An Indian Perspective*, (New Delhi: TRACI, 1991).

This is published by The Theological Research and Communication Institute, New Delhi [Address: TRACI Publications, E-537 Greater Kailash II, New Delhi-110 048]. The volume is divided into 3 sections – 'Mission and the Spiritual Realities' [6 essays], 'Mission and Evangelism' [6 essays] and 'Mission and Justice' [12 essays]. Section 3 deals with issues very relevant such as shalom, power, human rights, corruption and dowry.

Chris Sugden, *Gospel, Culture and Transformation*, (Oxford, Regnum, 2000)

This book 'explores the practice of mission especially in relation to transforming cultures and communities.'

David Bosch, *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, (New York: Orbis Books, 1991).

This remains one of the standard texts for understanding the broad sweep of what has happened to mission theology since New Testament times.

Howard Peskett and Vinoth Ramachandra, *The Message of Mission: The glory of Christ in all time and space*, (Leicester: IVP, 2003).

This is a volume in the Bible Themes series of IVP's 'The Bible Speaks Today'. It presents a thoroughly biblical and integral view of mission. I found it very inspiring in parts.

Samuel Escobar, *A Time for Mission: The Challenge for Global Christianity*, (Leicester: IVP 2003).

This is a volume in the Global Christian Library that is published by a partnership of IVP [UK] and Langham Literature, which is a programme of Langham Partnership International. David Smith is the series editor and John Stott the consulting editor. The aim of the series is to publish work by authors from the majority world so as to reflect the dramatic shift in the centre of gravity of the church that took place in the twentieth century. This concise and very helpful book by Samuel Escobar comes from one of the key advocates of integral/holistic mission in the last 40 years. Chapter 11 contains a very useful annotated bibliography.

Vinay Samuel and Chris Sugden [eds], *A.D. 2000 and Beyond: A mission Agenda*, (Oxford: Regnum, 1990).
A collection of essays mainly by majority world theologians presented to John Stott on his 70th birthday.

Kingdom Theology

A.P. Johnstone, 'The Kingdom in Relation to the Church and the World' in Bruce Nicholls ed. *In Word and Deed, Evangelism and Social Responsibility*, (Paternoster 1985) represents the branch of Evangelicalism that is suspicious of social action. Rene Padilla responds powerfully to this chapter.

G.R. Beasley-Murray, *Jesus and the Kingdom of God*, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/Carlisle: Paternoster 1986).
The most comprehensive evangelical examination of the New Testament teaching on the kingdom.

H. Ridderbos, *The Coming of the Kingdom*, (Philadelphia, Presbyterian and Reformed 1962/ Canada: Paideia 1979, ISBN 0888150326)
A classic work on the kingdom from a Reformed perspective. Something of the flavour of Ridderbos' approach can be found in his article on 'Kingdom of God' in *The New Bible Dictionary*, (Leicester: IVP, 1996).

Ken Gnanakan, *Kingdom Concerns*, (Bangalore, Theological Book Trust/Leicester, IVP 1990)
A good introduction to the meaning of the kingdom from a Majority World perspective.

Rene Padilla, *Mission Between the Times*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans 1985).
An excellent collection of essays on the kingdom by one of the key advocates of integral mission.

Roy McCCloughry, *The Eye of the Needle*, (Leicester, IVP 1990) Chap. 9, 'The Signpost to the Kingdom'.

Biblical ethics

Integral mission involves living in obedience to God's word in the whole of life, therefore, we need to understand the biblical theory that conditions the way we should live, [biblical ethics], as well as the advice, commands and insights on how we should behave in specific circumstances, [biblical morality].

Christopher J.H. Wright [Chris Wright], [1] 'Bibliography on biblical ethics', *Transformation* vol. 10 no 3 (Jul/Sept 1993).
A very comprehensive survey of relevant literature from 1980-1992.

[2] *Walking in the ways of the Lord. The ethical authority of the Old testament* (Leicester, Apollos 1995).

[3] *God's people in God's land* (Carlisle, Paternoster 1997).

[4] 'The Ethical Authority of the Old Testament: A Survey of Approaches Parts 1 & 2 in *Tyndale Bulletin* vol. 43.1 & .2 May & Nov. 1992.

[5] *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*, (Leicester: IVP, 2004)

Many of us that have become convinced that integral mission is biblical were helped on our way by Chris Wright's book on OT ethics entitled *Living as the People of God* (Leicester: IVP 1982). Wright has now reworked the material of that book and greatly expanded it and incorporated much of the material from *Walking in the Ways of the Lord* in this volume. It is a magnificent achievement and should become the standard text on OT ethics in evangelical theological institutions.

Glen H Stassen & David P Gushee, *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context*, (Grand Rapids, InterVarsity Press 2003)

The kingdom ethics of this very fine book is built on the Sermon on the Mount.

Hetty Lalleman, *Celebrating the Law: Rethinking Old Testament Ethics*, (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2004)

A straightforward introduction to OT ethics using Chris Wright's approach in the main. Contains a good bibliography.

Richard Bauckham, *God and the Crisis of Freedom: Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives*, (Louisville/London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002).

Not sure whether this is the best place to include this volume of very insightful biblical and Christian reflections on one of the key mottoes of our modern and post-modern worlds – 'freedom'.

Richard B. Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction to New Testament Ethics*, (New York: HarperCollins/Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1996).

A fairly demanding but very helpful book on the process of making moral judgements on the basis of the authoritative text of the New Testament. While Hays does not view the NT text from a conservative evangelical standpoint he does respect its unity and authority.

Stephen Charles Mott, 'The use of the New Testament in Social Ethics' Parts I & II, *Transformation*, vol 1, no 2 April/June 1984, pp. 21-26 & vol 1 no 3 July/Sept 1984, pp.19-26.

Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., [1] *Toward Old Testament Ethics*, (Zondervan 1983)

[2] "New Approaches to Old Testament Ethics," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 35.3 (1992): 289-297.

Grove Books have published many booklets on a whole range of ethical issues that are usually very helpful introductions. For a full list of their Ethics Series see www.grovebooks.co.uk The following are some examples:

Rene Padilla and Chris Sugden (eds), [1] *Texts on Evangelical Social Ethics 1974-1983*

[2] *How Evangelicals Endorsed Social Responsibility*

Transformation-The Church in Response to Human Need, Edited by the IFECOR Training Unit, India

Roy McCloughry and Carol Bebawi, *Aids-A Christian Response*

Keith Innes, *Caring for the Earth-The Environment, Christians and the Church*

Chris Sugden and Oliver Barclay, *Kingdom and Creation in Social Ethics*

Justin Welby, *Can Companies Sin? 'Whether', 'How' and 'Who' in Company Accountability*

Simon Robinson, *Serving Society-The Social Responsibility of Business*

Roy McCloughry, *Population Growth and Christian Ethics*

Colin Hart, [1] *The Ethics of Jesus*

[2] *The Ethics of the Gospels*

Richard Evans, *Corporate Ethical Accounting-(How) Can Companies Tell the Truth?*

General Descriptions

Bruce J. Nicholls & Beulah R. Wood eds, *Sharing the Good News with the Poor: A Reader for Concerned Christians*, (Carlisle: Paternoster/Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1996).

An attempt to 'discern the theology of evangelization that is expressed in the practice of Christian ministries among the poor.' There are three sections to this multi-author volume – 'The Poor in Biblical Story', 'Reflections on Good News as Word and Deed' and 'Sharing the Good News as mission and Witness'. Theoretical chapters are interspersed by case studies.

Bryant L. Myers, [1] *Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development*, (World Vision/ New York: Orbis Books, 1999).

This is the most comprehensive attempt to date to marry a thoroughly evangelical theology and best practice in development. A must for anyone wishing to understand contemporary development theory and how it can be utilised and critiqued by evangelicals working with the poor.

[2] ed. *Working with the Poor: New Insights and Learnings from Development Practitioners*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1999).

Darrow Miller with Stan Guthrie, *Discipling Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures*, (Seattle: YWAM Publishing, no date).

Makes a sustained case for locating change for the better [development] in the way people think as embodied in their worldview. There is a lot of truth in this thesis but at times the author seems to confuse what can only be described as right wing ideology, which ignores the profoundly social consequences of sin, and its gospel antidote.

Dewi Hughes with Matthew Bennett, *God of the Poor: A Biblical Vision of God's Present Rule*, (Carlisle, OM Publishing 1998).

'This book argues that the church, as the visible community of God is given the task of blessing the poor. Asserting that what people do flows from what they believe, Hughes explores the place of religion in perpetuating poverty. From this foundation, kingdom principles are applied to the world of economics, politics, ethnic identity, population growth and gender.'

Duane Elmer and Lois McKinney, eds, *With an Eye on the Future: Development and Mission in the 21st Century*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1996).

The chapter by Stephen T.Hoke entitled 'The Art of Facilitating Change' is particularly helpful.

F.Hrangkhuma & Sebastian C.H.Kim, eds. *The Church in India: Its Mission Tomorrow*, (Delhi:CMS/ISPCK, 1996).

The fruit of 2 consultations held by the Centre for Mission Studies of Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India.

John M.Perkins *Beyond charity- The Call to Christian Community Development* (Grand Rapids, Baker Books 1993).

An inspiring book by one of the great elder statesman of Christian social action in our day.

John Stott, *Issues Facing Christians Today*, (London, Marshall Pickering 1990).

A magisterial volume on the many aspects of Christian social responsibility. A completely new edition is in preparation.

Maurice Sinclair, *Green Finger of God*, (Exeter, Paternoster 1980).

A theology of development based on Bishop Sinclair's experience of working among the Indians of the Argentinian Chaco. Sadly out of print but still one of the best books on the subject.

Melba Maggay, *Transforming Society*, (Oxford, Regnum Lynx 1994).

A powerful testimony from a Philippino on the relevance of the gospel in the political upheavals that her country has passed through in recent years.

Orlando Costas, [1] *Christ Outside the Gate*, (Maryknoll: Orbis, 1984)

[2]. *Liberating News*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1989)

Peter Batchelor, *People in Rural Development*, (Carlisle, Paternoster 1993, 2nd ed.).

A beautiful book full of wisdom, grace and practical advice flowing from 40 years experience of working with the rural poor in Africa.

Ray Bakke, *A Theology as Big as a City*, (Downers Grove: IVP, 1997).

A book from one of the key contemporary advocates of urban holistic/integral ministry in the US.

Sebastian C.H.Kim & Krickwin C.Marak, *Good News to the Poor: The Challenge to the Church*, (Delhi: CMS/ISPCK, 1997)

The papers from a consultation specifically on holistic/integral mission convened by the Centre for Mission Studies of Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India.

Samuel Jayakumar, *Mission Reader – Historical Models for Wholistic Mission in the Indian Context*, (Delhi: ISPCK 2002/Oxford: Regnum, 2003).

'This work is written from an evangelical point of view revalidating and reaffirming the Christian commitment to 'wholistic mission'... a bold and fearless effort to revitalize the evangelizing spirit of the church...'

[Sulaiman Z Jakonda, *Your Kingdom Come: A Book on Wholistic Christian Development*, \(Jos, RURCON 2001\)](#)

[An excellent resource where content is concerned but presentation is poor.](#)

Tetsunao Yamamori et al eds, [1] *Serving with the Poor in Africa: Cases in Wholistic Mission*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1996).

[2] *Serving with the Poor in Asia: Cases in Wholistic Mission*, (Monrovia: MARC 1996).

[3] *Serving with the Poor in Latin America: Cases in Wholistic Mission*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1997).

The Grand Rapids Report, Evangelism and Social Responsibility, (Exeter: Paternoster, 1982).

The conference report of the Consultation sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization and the World Evangelical Fellowship, [now called the World Evangelical Alliance], on the Relationship between Evangelical and Social Responsibility, Grand Rapids 1982. Though not totally satisfactory this report stands as a very significant and historic document on the evangelical understanding of the relationship between evangelism and social responsibility.

Tim Chester ed, *Justice, Mercy and Humility: Integral Mission and the Poor*, (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2002).

The papers of the Micah Network International Consultation on Integral Mission and the Poor, Oxford 2001. The meaning of integral mission and its implications for the poor, the church, advocacy and lifestyle is discussed by some of the key figures in the movement such as Rene Padilla, Archbishop Donald Mtetemala and C.B.Samuel.

Tokunboh Adeyemo [ed], *A Christian Mind in a Changing Africa*, (Nairobi: The Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar [AEAM], 1993).

A multi-authored fruit of a consultation on 'A Christian Worldview in a Changing Africa' convened by the AEAM Commission on Ethics Peace and Justice. There are 5 sections to the report – Bible and Culture, Marriage and Family Life, Economics, Judiciary and Society. This is Africans grappling with major issues that face evangelical Christians in the post-colonial situation. The Consultation Statement expresses strong commitment to integral/holistic mission.

Vinay Samuel and Chris Sugden eds. [1] *The Church in Response to Human Need*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans/Oxford, Regnum 1987).

The revised proceedings of a conference held at Wheaton in 1983 under the auspices of the World Evangelical Fellowship [now the World Evangelical Alliance]. The papers consider 'whether the Bible indicates any method for ministry among the poor; the place of the poor in God's plan; God's purpose and the movement of human history; the nature of the gospel of the kingdom; and the interrelation of the gospel and human culture'. It also contains the statement produced by the consultation entitled 'Transformation: The Church in Response to Human Need'.

[2] *Mission as Transformation: A Theology of the Whole Gospel*, (Oxford: Regnum, 1999).

This is a very helpful book of articles, mainly from the periodical *Transformation*, reflecting the development in thinking about integral mission from 1985 to 1999. Its three parts are 'Biblical and Theological Foundations', 'Missiological Expressions' and 'Transformation and Praxis: Practical Issues from the Perspective of Wholistic Mission'.

Viv Grigg, [1] *Companion to the Poor*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1990)

A challenging book based on an experience of living as a missionary in the squatter community of Tatalon, a slum district of Manila.

[2] *Cry of the Urban Poor*, (Monrovia: MARC, 1992).

Develops the main themes of *Companion to the Poor*. The central thesis is that forming communities of believers in the slums is key to going on to address the injustices that keep the poor in the slums.

Divisions:

Church

David Evans and Mike Fearon, *From Strangers to Neighbours: How you can make the difference in your community*, (London: Hodder, 1998).

David Evans was founding director of Tearfund's UK Action programme. 'Using the principles of Christian community development learnt through Tearfund's 30 years of overseas experience, the authors argue that churches are in a unique position to bring lasting change for the better.'

David Evans with Kathryn Scherer, *Creating Space for Strangers: Thinking Afresh about Mission and the Church*, (Leicester, IVP 2004)

A book of inspiring stories showing how churches can impact their societies for good.

David Watson *I Believe in the Church* (London, Hodder Arnold 1999).

A good introduction to the subject of the church from a holistic perspective.

John Perkins, *A Quiet Revolution*, (London, Marshalls 1985).

Contains a wonderful description of a real/holistic church coming into being in the midst of the black struggle for justice in the USA. Unfortunately out of print but appears in Amazon's used book list.

Resurrecting Hope: Powerful Stories of how God is Moving to Reach our Cities, Ventura, Ca: Regal Books, 1995).

Though very American the stories in this book provide a vision of the possible scope of holistic/integral mission in an urban context. It also shows clearly that there is a link between holistic mission and church growth. Most of the churches whose story is told are linked to the Christian Community Development Association in the US founded by John Perkins [Address: 3877 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60623, Tel. 312-762-0944].

Peter Kuzmic, 'The Church and the Kingdom of God' in Bruce Nicholls ed. *The Church, God's Agent for Change*, (Exeter, Paternoster 1985).

Ronald J. Sider, Philip N. Olson & Heidi R. Unruh, *Churches that Make a Difference: Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002).

This book is based on a careful analysis of 15 urban churches committed to holistic/integral mission. Most of the churches are in Philadelphia. Though obviously American many of the principles for helping a church to 'move into a life-changing outreach of holistic ministry' can be applied anywhere.

Tetsunao Yamamori & Rene Padilla, *The Local Church, Agent of Transformation: An Ecclesiology of Integral Mission*, (Buenos Aires: Kairos, 2004)

A welcome translation of some of the excellent material on church and development/social transformation that has been published in Spanish.

Politics/Advocacy

Alan Storkey, *Jesus and Politics: Confronting the Powers*, (Grand Rapids, Baker Academic 2005)

This is a substantial and convincing challenge to the idea that Jesus and politics have nothing to do with each other.

Bob Moffitt, *If Jesus were Mayor*, Phoenix, AR: Harvest, 2004

Craig Bartholomew, Jonathan Chaplin, Robert Song & Al Wolters, *A Royal Priesthood: The Use of the Bible Ethically and Politically. A Dialogue with Oliver O'Donovan*, (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2002).

The book with which this multi-authored book dialogues is included below. Very academic and at times very arid but there are gems to be mined as well.

David Hilborn, 'Church, Society and State: Romans 13 in Evangelical Practice' in David Hilborn [ed], *Movement for Change: Evangelical Perspectives on Social Transformation*, (Carlisle: Paternoster/ACUTE, 2004), pp. 113-132.

A historical and exegetical summary of the way evangelicals have understood a crucial text for our understanding of the relationship between church and state with concrete examples of how the text came to be interpreted by evangelical dissidents in Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and in South Africa under apartheid.

Gary Haugen, *Good News about Injustice: A Witness of Courage in a Hurting World*, (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1999).

On the basis of strong biblical exposition and historical precedent this book provides practical help with involvement in justice issues on the side of the weak and vulnerable.

Gideon Githiga, *The Church as a Bulwark against Authoritarianism: Development of Church-State Relations in Kenya, with Particular Reference to the Years after Political Independence 1963-1992*, (Oxford: Regnum, 2003).

Graham Gordon, *What if you got involved? Taking a stand against social injustice*, (Carlisle: Paternoster Press 2003).

'A practical book for those who want to go beyond merely having an opinion on injustice and want to do something about it.' Gordon was a Public Policy Officer at Tearfund for 5 years and now works with an evangelical human rights organisation called Peace and Hope in Peru.

J. Howard Yoder, *The Politics of Jesus*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans/ Carlisle, Paternoster 1994 2nd ed)

This is now a historically significant volume. It convincingly demolishes the once common evangelical belief that Jesus had nothing to do with politics.

Jim Wallis, *The Soul of Politics, A Practical and Prophetic Vision for Change*, (London, Fount 1994)

An attempt to find a biblically motivated political route that transcends the sterile conflict of Left and Right.

Michael Schluter & David Lee *The R Factor*, (London, Hodder 1993).

This book makes a case, in a Western secular context, for a politics that is built around relationships. It could help those in the majority world to see what they are in danger of losing.

Paul Marshall, *Thine is the Kingdom. A Biblical Perspective on the Nature of Government and Politics Today*, (London, Marshalls 1984).

Oliver O'Donovan, *The Desire of the Nations: Rediscovering the Roots of Political Theology* (Cambridge University Press: 1996).

At the very heavy end of the academic scale by a resolute advocate of biblical and evangelical truth in the rarefied circles of academia.

Richard Bauckham, *The Bible in Politics, How to Read the Bible Politically*, (Westminster; John Knox Press: 2002).

This fine book is not 'a summary of the political teaching of the Bible nor a programme for Christian political action, but a guide to *how* to read the Bible politically.' This is a skill that Christian leaders desperately need if they are not to be sucked in to unthinking partisan politics.

Robert Aboagye Mensah, 'Socio-Political Mission of the Church in Ghana' in Vinay Samuel and Chris Sugden [eds], *A.D. 2000 and Beyond: A mission Agenda*, (Oxford: Regnum, 1990) pp. 82-96.

The Christian Council of Ghana [P.O. Box 919, Accra] have published a series of useful booklets on how the church can foster democracy:

[1] *The Church and Ghana's search for a new democratic system, a study material for Christians* (Accra, The Christian Council of Ghana, Dec. 1990)

[2] *Report of the Church Leadership Seminar on the Church, Ecumenism and Democracy*, (Accra: The Christian Council of Ghana, Jan.1993).

[3] *Report of the Workshop on the Role of Local Councils of Churches in the Promotion of Ecumenism and Democratic Culture in Ghana*, (Accra: The Christian Council of Ghana, Oct. 1993).

[4] *Report of the Follow-up Workshop on the Church, Ecumenism and Democracy*, (Accra: The Christian Council of Ghana, Nov. 1993).

[5] *Democratic culture, Constitution and Free and fair elections; a study material for Christians* (Accra, The Christian Council of Ghana 1995)

Transformation: An International Dialogue on Mission and Ethics

No less than 9 whole issue of this key journal have been devoted to political themes. The following are representative examples:-

Vol. 14 no 1 (Jan/Mar 1997), 'Gospel to the Nations: Reflections on Christian Political Praxis'.

Vol. 12 no 1 (Jan/Mar 1995), 'Sex, Money and Politics'.

Vol. 6 no 3 (Jul/Sept 1989), 'Asian perspectives on Church and State and Nation Building'.

Vol. 1 no 3 (Jul/Sept 1984), 'Focus on Human Rights'.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity/ethnic identity is a topic in need of urgent Christian and biblical consideration in many countries.

Alan Nichols, 'Ethnicity and conflict: implications for mission and development', in *Transformation* vol. 12, April/June 1995, pp. 9-11.

C.B. Samuel, 'Building a Nation', *Transformation*, vol. 16, no. 4, 1999, pp. 141-144.

Dewi Hughes, *Castrating Culture: A Christian Perspective on Ethnic Identity from the Margins*, (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2002).

The author argues 'in this powerful book that ethnic identity is not the cause of violent conflict but rather a gift from our creative God that needs to be preserved and nurtured.'

Journal of African Christian Thought vol. 5 no. 1, June 2002, 'The Challenge of mother tongue for African Christian thought'.

A whole issue on a topic that is central to ethnic identity.

Michael W. Payne, 'Mission and Global Ethnic Violence', *Transformation*, 19/3 July 2002, pp. 206-216

Argues for the gospel as the way to transcend exclusive ethnicity but leaves one wondering whether there is any meaning to an inherited identity – especially if one does not belong to the globalising Anglo-American identity.

Miroslav Volf, [1] 'Exclusion and Embrace: Theological Reflections in the Wake of "Ethnic Cleansing"' in William A. Dyrness (ed), *Emerging Voices in Global Christian Theology*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), pp. 19-40.

[2] 'The social meaning of reconciliation', *Transformation*, vol 16, no. 1, (1999), pp. 7-12.

[3] *Exclusion and Embrace. A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness and Reconciliation*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.

A book length development of the theme of [1] by a Croat theologian who is intimately acquainted with ethnic conflict.

Rhiannon Lloyd with Kristine Bresser, *Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict. The Role of the Church in Healing, Forgiveness and Reconciliation*, 2000, [available from Mercy Ministries EMA, Geneva. Website for information about this ministry www.lerucher.org]

This booklet is the content of a seminar run by Rhiannon Lloyd and partners that has brought healing and blessing to many people that have suffered as a result of ethnic conflict particularly in Rwanda and South Africa.

Robert Abogaye-Mensah, 'The church, ethnicity and democracy' in *The Church, Ethnicity and Democracy*, David A. Dorsey and Vesta Nyarko-Mensah (eds), (Accra, Christian Council of Ghana, 1995).

Roger Bowen, 'Revivalism and ethnic conflict: questions from Rwanda', in *Transformation* vol. 12, April/June 1995, pp.15-18

Sam G. Amoo, *The Challenge of Ethnicity and Conflict in Africa. The Need for a New Paradigm*, (Emergency Response Division, UN Development Programme, 1997).

This booklet is not theological but contains a lot of wisdom from an African perspective.

Tharcisse Gatwa, 'Revivalism and Ethnicity: The Church in Rwanda', in *Transformation* vol. 12, April/June 1995, pp. 4-8.

The Bible in Focus, The Challenge of Ethnicity, (Nairobi: FOCUS, 1999).

A very helpful booklet published by the Christian student movement in Kenya

Themelios Vol. 21 No.3 (April 1996)

This whole issue is devoted to nationhood, language and ethnic identity in the light of the Bible.

Economics

There seems to have been more interest in economics from a Christian perspective in the eighties than the nineties and the beginning of the 21st century:

Alan Storkey *Transforming Economics*, (London, SPCK 1986)

This book is still a good way in to some of the key economic issues from a Christian perspective. It was marketed as 'a new radical Christian understanding of markets, capitalism, finance, the welfare state and many of the important categories of economic thought.'

Carl Kreider, *The Rich and the Poor: A Christian Perspective on Global Economics*, (Scottsdale, Herald 1987)

Craig Bartholomew & Thorsten Moritz eds, *Christ and Consumerism: A Critical Analysis of the Spirit of the Age*, (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2000)

A timely and challenging multi-author volume as consumerism spreads its deadly tentacles all over the world.

David Bussau & Russell Mask, *Christian Microenterprise Development: An Introduction*, (Oxford: Regnum, 2003).

The objective of this handbook is to provide information to help Christian Microenterprise Development [MED] practitioners and donors better understand how to apply Christian MED in ways that build Christ's kingdom. The book draws from literature on secular MED and undertakes eight case studies of Christian MED programs from around the world. It then compares the findings from both to identify the strengths and weaknesses of Christian MED.

David Westlake & Esther Stansfield, *Lift the Label: The Hidden Cost of our Lifestyle*, Milton Keynes, Spring Harvest/Authentic 2004

A biblical, passionate case for economic living in obedience to God.

Deryke Belshaw, 'Poverty-Reducing Development Strategies: Accepted and Neglected Challenges' chap. 3 of P. Johnson & Chris Sugden, *Markets, Fair Trade and the Kingdom of God: Essays to celebrate Traidcraft's 21st birthday*, (Oxford: Regnum, 2001), pp. 39-65.

This chapter focuses on sub-Saharan Africa and contains a helpful bibliography.

E. Calvin Beisner, *Prosperity and Poverty*, (Westchester, Illinois, Crossway Books 1988).

Beisner contains a lot of good biblical material that is combined with a very blinkered commitment to the free market as if there had never been a fall.

Fred Catherwood, *The Creation of Wealth: Recovering a Christian Understanding of Money, Work and Ethics*, (Cambridge: Crossway Books, 2002)

Paul Mills, 'The Ban on Interest: Dead Letter or Radical Solution?' *Cambridge Papers* vol. 2 no 1 (Mar 1993).

For further information about the Cambridge Papers see www.jubilee-centre.org/cambridge_papers/

Peter Heslam ed. *Globalization and the Good*, (London, SPCK 2004)

A collection of papers delivered in events organized by the Capitalism Project of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. 'Although the authors represent a variety of perspectives, all are agreed that ethical and economic concerns cannot and should not be separated.'

Robin K.Klay, *Counting the Cost: The Economics of Christian Stewardship*, (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans 1986).

Transformation: There is a lot of relevant material, e.g.:

Vol. 17 no 2 (April/June 2000) 'Christian Faith and Economics Revisited'.
Vol. 12 no 2 (Jul/Sept 1995) 'The impact of the market economy on the poor'.
Vol. 9 no 1 (Jan/Mar 1992) 'Work, Employment and Economics'.
Vol. 7 no 2 (Apr/Jun 1990) 'Christian Faith and Economics' and
vol. 4 no 3 & 4 (Jun/Sept & Oct/Dec 1987). A double issue on 'Christian Faith and Economics'.

See also in *Transformation*:

Chinedu Nebo, 'International debt and Christian responsibility', vol. 15, no. 2 (April/June 1998).

Deryke Belshaw, 'Socio-economic theology and ethical choices in contemporary development policy', vol. 14, no. 1 9Jan/March, 1997).

Donald Hay 'Three Statements on Christian Faith and Economic Life' vol. 10 no 1 (Jan/Mar 1993).

Makonen Getu, 'Poverty alleviation and the role of microcredit in Africa', vol. 17 no 4 (Oct/Dec 2000).

Raj Patel, 'Micro-finance development in the service of the kingdom', vol 18 no 3 (July 2001).

There are a number of associations of Christian economists at least 2 of which publish journals:

Faith and Economics

Journal of the Association of Christian Economists in North America. Some articles are available online.

For further information see www.gordon.edu/ace

UK Association of Christian Economists Journal

For further information see <http://users.aber.ac.uk/arh/ace.html> or contact andrew.henley@aber.ac.uk

A search for "UK Association of Christian Economists" will also get to the site.

Gender

Elaine Storkey *What's right with feminism?* (London, SPCK 1989).

An analysis of the merits and problems of feminism from an evangelical perspective.

Footsteps No. 24 (Tear Fund September 1995).

Articles by development workers on women's health issues in the Third World, with useful resources section Available online in www.tilz.info

Judy Mbugua (ed.) *Our Time has come; African Christian Women address the issues of today* (Published on behalf of the World Evangelical Fellowship by Grand Rapids, Baker Book House, and Carlisle, Paternoster 1994).

An excellent introduction written by African Christian women to the problems and opportunities they face. Their situation has many similarities with that faced by women all over the world.

Linda Tripp 'A Voice for women' in *Transformation* Vol. 6 No. 2 (Jan/March 1992) pp. 21-25. Concise, accurate introduction.

Mary J Evans *Women in the Bible* (Carlisle, Paternoster 1984).

A Biblical defence of the 'Equal Status, Different Function, No Hierarchy' approach.

John Piper and Wayne Grudem (eds.) *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (Wheaton, Crossway Books 1991).

A Biblical defence of the 'Equal Status, Different function' approach.

Roy McCloughry *Men and Masculinity* (London, Hodder and Stoughton 1992) provides a perceptive analysis of how men should react to the changing roles of women in society.

Sakhi Athyal, 'Women in Mission', chap 5 of S.Sumithra & F.Hranghkuma eds., *Doing Mission in Context*, (Bangalore: Theological Book Trust/Pune: Centre for Mission Studies, UBS, 1995) pp. 61-82.

Simon Batchelor *Transforming the slums by relationships* (Tear Fund Case Study series 1996).

A case study showing Christian and non-Christian women fighting poverty in hostile circumstances

Environment

Chris Seaton, *Whose Earth?*, (Cambridge: Crossway Books, 1992)

A popular and passionate introduction to Christian responsibility for the care of creation.

David J. Evans, Ronald J. Vos & Keith P. Wright [eds], *Biblical Holism and Agriculture: Cultivating our Roots*, Pasadena CA: William Carey Library, 2003

Footsteps For articles on:

General Environmental issues including a focus on MOPAWI Honduras, see No.20 (Sept. 1994)

Soil Erosion and Water Conservation, see No.5(Dec. 1990), No.7(June1991),

No.13(Dec.1992), No.15(June 1993), No.25(Dec. 1990)

Available from www.tilz.info

Francis Schaeffer *Pollution and the Death of Man; The Christian View of Ecology* (London: Hodder and Stoughton 1970/Wheaton: Crossway Books1992).

A prophetic book that is yet to be surpassed in terms of the contrast it draws between Christian worldviews and non-Christian worldviews in relation to nature. It also contains useful articles on common non-Christian perceptions of the Christian attitude to nature; L.White 'The Historical roots of our ecologic crisis' and R.L Means 'Why worry about nature?'

James Jones, *Jesus and the Earth*, (London: SPCK, 2003).

A strong biblical case for the care of creation by the current Bishop of Liverpool.

Ken Gnanakan, [1] *God's World*, (London: SPCK, 1999)

'A study guide on creation and environment in the contemporary context with practical responses.'

[2] *Responsible Stewardship of God's Creation*, World Evangelical Alliance – Theological Commission, 2004.

Krickwin C. Marak & Atul Y. Aghamkar, *Ecological Challenge and Christian Mission*, Delhi: ISPCK, 1998

Richard Bauckham, 'Human Authority in Creation' in Richard Bauckham, *God and the Crisis of Freedom: Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives*, (Louisville/London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002, pp. 128-177.

A brilliant historical study of how Christians have viewed their relationship to the rest of creation and how the Christian view is related to the modern view. Shows the inadequacy of Lynn White's famous thesis that the modernist exploitation of creation has its roots in Christianity. The section on the evidence of love and respect for creation in the lives of the saints from the 4th to the 14th century is fascinating.

R.J.Berry, *The Care of Creation*, (Leicester: IVP, 2000).

Ron Elsdon *Greenhouse Theology* (Tunbridge Wells, Monarch 1992).

Written by a scientist with a good grasp of theology and the Bible.

Ruth Valerio, *L is for Lifestyle: Christian Living that doesn't cost the earth*, (Leicester, IVP 2004)

An A-Z of how we can consume in a way that is honouring to God.

Tim Cooper *Green Christianity* (London, Spire [Hodder and Stoughton] 1990).
Detailed, scientifically credible evangelical framework for engagement with ecological issues, including useful biblical engagement with other worldviews.

Transformation

Vol. 10 No.2 (April/June 1993) focuses on 'Biblical Faith and the Environment'. The issue contains the following articles:

Loren and Mary Ruth Wilkinson 'The Depth of the Danger'

John Drane, 'Biblical theology of the Creation and the New Age'

Cal De Witt, 'A scientist's theological reflection on creation'

A.M.J. Robbins, 'Deforestation in Nepal'

J.K.Sheldon, 'Select bibliography on Christians and the Environment'

Chris Seaton, 'The environment and youth'

Thomas Alpine 'Case Study in wholistic mission: A Catholic parish in Mexico'

Vol 16 No 3 July/September 1999 is another whole issue devoted to the environment:

Sam Berry 'A Christian Approach to the Environment'

Hugh Montefiore 'Why aren't more church people interested in the environment?'

Alister E. McGrath 'Recovering the 'Creation': A response to Hugh Montefiore'

Chris Wright 'Theology and Ethics of the Land'

Gordon Wenham 'The OT and the environment: A response to Chris Wright'

Ernest Lucas 'The New Testament Teaching on the environment'

Richard Bauckham 'The NT teaching on the environment: A response to Ernest Lucas'

Michael Northcott 'Christians, environment and society'

Chris Sugden 'Christians, environment and society: A response to Michael Northcott'

John Houghton Epilogue

William B. Badke *Project Earth* (Oregon: Multnomah Press 1991).

A stimulating, surprising and plausible treatment of biblical material on nature.

W. Dayton Roberts *Patching God's garment. Environment and Mission in the 21st Century* (Monrovia, MARC 1994).

A mix of Biblical teaching and case studies outlining how Christians should react to ecological problems.

Journals/Periodicals

There is more work to be done on this section. What follows is the fruit of some initial research done while compiling this bibliography:

Faith and Economics

The journal of the North American Association of Christian Economists. They have an increasing number of articles on-line that can be accessed via www.gordon.edu/ace

Footsteps

This a very practical networking type of magazine that has been published by Tearfund since 1986. It is translated and printed in 7 languages – English, French (Pas a Pas), Spanish (Paso a Paso), Portuguese (Passo a Passo), Chinese, Bangla and Hindi with Burmese soon to start. To be added to the mailing list contact footsteps@tearfund.org . All the issues are available in English on-line at www.tilz.info

Journal of African Christian Thought

This is the journal of the Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre for Mission Research and Applied Theology, P.O.Box 76, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana. I have not seen many issues but the commitment to holistic/integral mission is clear. E-mail: akrofi@africaonline.com.gh

Journal of the UK Association of Christian Economists

Information about the content of this journal is available via a search for "UK Association of Christian Economists" or <http://users.aber.ac.uk/arh/ace.html> E-mail contact can be made with the editor via andrew.henley@aber.ac.uk

Prism

The journal of Evangelicals for Social Action, 10 East Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19606, USA. E-mail prism@esa-online.org I must confess that I have never seen a copy of this journal but with Ron Sider as editor it is very likely to contain good material.

Transformation: An International Evangelical Dialogue on Mission and Ethics

Since 1984 this invaluable journal has been at the cutting edge of applying biblical faith to the world with a particular emphasis on the majority world. The journal's website can be found at www.ocms.ac.uk

Websites

Grove Books - for a full list of their Ethics Series see www.grovebooks.co.uk
They are beginning to develop online material as well.

Food for the Hungry International – www.fhi.net

They have a series of training modules in preparation entitled 'The Vision of a Community Tree' that will be freely available on the website.

Jubilee Centre – www.jubilee-centre.org

The goal of this UK centre is Christians inspired and equipped to shape social and political life according to biblical principles and its task is research into and promotion of the biblical vision for society and its contemporary relevance. They have a number of resources including some Cambridge Papers free online.

Langham Partnership International – www.langhampartnership.org

In the context of this resource list the Langham Literature section of the Langham Partnership is most relevant. Langham Literature incorporates the Evangelical Literature Trust that supports the provision of good evangelical books at reasonable prices for majority world church leaders. Information about their various schemes is available on this site. The relevant site can be accessed directly via www.piquant.net/Langham.html

Micah Network – www.micahnetwork.org

A network of agencies, churches and colleges involved in holistic/integral mission. It has held a number of consultations and many of the papers are available on the site e.g. a consultation on HIV/AIDS held in 2002.

Oxford Centre for Mission Studies [OCMS]– www.ocms.ac.uk

OCMS is the research and study centre of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Mission Theologians [INFEMIT]. It is the home of *Transformation* journal and the Institute for Development Research and provides links to the many resources of Mission Scholarship – which can also be accessed directly via www.missionscholarship.org

Sojourners – www.sojo.net

Founded in 1971 Sojourners is a Christian ministry whose mission is to proclaim and practice the biblical call to integrate spiritual renewal and social justice. They publish *Sojourners* magazine and have an e-magazine called sojonet.

Tearfund – www.tearfund.org

The address above is for Tearfund's general website. However, the most useful Tearfund site for theological educators is The International Learning Zone [TILZ] – www.tilz.info . The TILZ site contains a whole range of useful material much of which can be downloaded.

World Vision – www.wvi.org

Not the easiest website to negotiate and I have found it impossible to get information about MARC publications from it. With perseverance it is possible to find some useful reports that can be downloaded – the best site for this that I found was at www.wvi.org/wvi/publications/publications.htm