

## Documentation

# VISUALIZING THE GLOBAL TASK

■ What is evangelization? What are some of the multi-faceted meanings of this word? How is the world segmented and what is the present status of the unreached? Look carefully through the next 6 pages for the answers.

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World evangelization is a very complex subject. It helps in understanding it if visual images can be introduced. What follows here are 4 diagrammatic presentations of our globe and the task of world evangelization. This is part of a long series of 33 global diagrams, each dealing with a different topic. Related global statistics are then added to fill in the details. Much of the material was compiled by members of the Global Statistics Task Force.

The whole series of 33 diagrams can be seen in the context of a discussion and analysis of the whole subject of world evangelization that has just been published by New Hope press, Birmingham, Alabama, USA. The book's title is *Our Globe and How to Reach It*, written by D.B. Barrett and T.M. Johnson.

The 4 diagrams chosen for this documentary section are as follows, numbered as in the book.

Global Diagram 3. *THE ORIGINAL TASK IN AD 33: 210 kaleidoscopic New Testament Greek Verbs overlapping in meaning with euangelizo (evangelize)*. This diagram takes us to the heart of the Great Commission itself. In the Greek New Testament there are 6 separate accounts of its institution. There are a large number of distinct emphases standing out both in Greek and eventually in English also. Here, these have been grouped into 7 Mandates based on the 7 dominant Greek verbs and their corresponding 7 English imperatives: Receive! Go! Witness! Proclaim! Disciple! Baptize! Train! These are elaborated into 7 distinct varieties of evangelization ("7-P Evangelization"). The human role related to these commands produces 7 different varieties of evangelism ("7-P Evangelism"). The diagram

then adds detail statistics concerning the usages of all these key words.

This diagram therefore looks in detail into the New Testament Greek commission itself. Anyone professing to know what the English word "evangelize" means must therefore first have studied the prior Greek evidence presented on this diagram.

In the published book, the diagram is followed by a glossary of the 160 major verbs occurring in the Greek New Testament which are synonyms of the verb *euangelizo*, with their multiple English translations.

Global Diagram 4. *EVANGELIZATION IN 300 KALEIDOSCOPIC DIMENSIONS: 700 English meanings of New Testament Greek verbs related to euangelizo*. This diagram does for English usage what the preceding diagram does for Greek usage. It describes the 300 English verbs which are distinct dimensions of the English word "evangelize". In the published book, there follows a full listing of most of its 700 facets or synonymous verbs in English. Again, anyone claiming to understand the meaning of "evangelize" or related terms like "world evangelization" must certainly make sure he knows what he is talking about in terms of the data on this diagram.

Global Diagram 10. *SEGMENTIZING THE KALEIDOSCOPIC HUMAN MOSIAC: over 18 million homogeneous segments, including nations, countries, languages, cultures, races, peoples, minipeoples, micropeoples, sociopeoples, metropeoples*. This diagram is the result of many hours of discussion among researchers and missiologists who have specialized in segmentizing the kaleidoscopic human mosaic in order to understand it

and to organize appropriate Christian response. It is surprising the large number of logos of organizations, secular as well as Christian, which place segmentized globes at their center. Three typical examples are shown on this diagram. Below them, 5 columns depict the range of colorful terminology used by secular agencies and scholars. Much of this is directly valuable to Christian endeavors and enterprises.

Global Diagram 13. *TODAY'S UNFINISHED TASK: the unevangelized world segmentized into 3,030 major unevangelized population segments*. This diagram segmentizes the unevangelized world into some three thousand segments. Again, the diagram represents terminological closure after months of discussion and communications among specialists. Published lists and descriptions of all of these unreached peoples, metropolises, and countries are being published now. They should make today's task of planning Christian world mission considerably easier.

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Global Diagram 3 **THE ORIGINAL TASK IN AD 33: 210 KALEIDOSCOPIC NEW TESTAMENT GREEK VERBS OVERLAPPING IN MEANING WITH EUANGELIZO (EVANGELIZE).**

The *Modern Concordance to the New Testament* (ed M. Darton, 1976) lists 4,900 Greek keywords (out of the NT's total of 5,600 Greek words) with each's frequency of usage (word count), and 4,700 English keywords, all classified under 341 distinct Greek/English key group-themes and 800 English single-word themes. One of these major keywords is the Greek verb *euangelizo*. This is grouped under the key group-theme "Tell-Preach-Proclaim" together with 10 variants and 4 other closely-synonymous Greek verbs. An additional 55 other key group-themes set out some 19 Greek and English synonyms and near-synonyms to *euangelizo*, with hundreds of other related verbs.

The diagram below portrays schematically the relationship to *euangelizo* of all these 140 New Testament Greek synonyms and near-synonyms. Our central word is portrayed by the heavy, central circle. All verbs on the diagram are given in the shorter form (the first person singular), such as *euangelizo* (active voice for "I evangelize", with the much more common middle voice, *euangelizomai*) instead of the infinitives *euangelizein* or *euangelizesthai*. (English meanings of all Greek words are given in Table 1).

Size of adjoining circles is stylized, related approximately to the frequency of their related words: the number following each word gives the usages or number of times the word occurs in the Greek New Testament. Eight separate but overlapping categories or concentric zones of proximity can therefore be distinguished, as follows:

1. **euangelizo**, the key word itself (used 56 times in New Testament).

2. **The 10 close variants** of *euangelizo* all based on the root *angello* (shown at the center of the bold circle inside the box under this heading).
3. **kerysso** (proclaim as a herald), the closest biblical synonym to *euangelizo*.
4. **The 4 closest synonyms** of *euangelizo* (including *kerysso*; shown in bold capitals inside the bold circle).
5. **The Big Seven** (shown in bold italic capitals, asterisked thus\*): the 7 Mandates of the Great Commission. These 7 verbs and their immediate cognates occur a total of 1,251 times in the Greek New Testament.
6. **The 19 major synonyms and near-synonyms** related to *euangelizo*: these are the 19 verbs shown in capitals.
7. **The 140 synonyms** (including the above 10, 4, 7, and 19; these are shown here either as capitals or in boxes in smaller medium type. For complete listings see Table 1; also *Modern Concordance to the New Testament*; for discussion, see *Evangelize! a historical survey of the concept*, 1987).
8. **The 210 related New Testament Greek verbs** overlapping in meaning with *euangelizo* (including the above 10, 4, 7, 19, and 140; the 70 others are not shown here but are detailed in the *Modern Concordance*).
9. **The 500 close cognates** (including nouns like *euangelion*, *kerygma*, *mathetes*, *martys*, *didache*, *apostole*, *dialogismos*, *baptismos*; not enumerated here).

**WORLD (Cosmos) of AD 33**

170 million persons  
6 million births a year  
Life expectancy 28 years

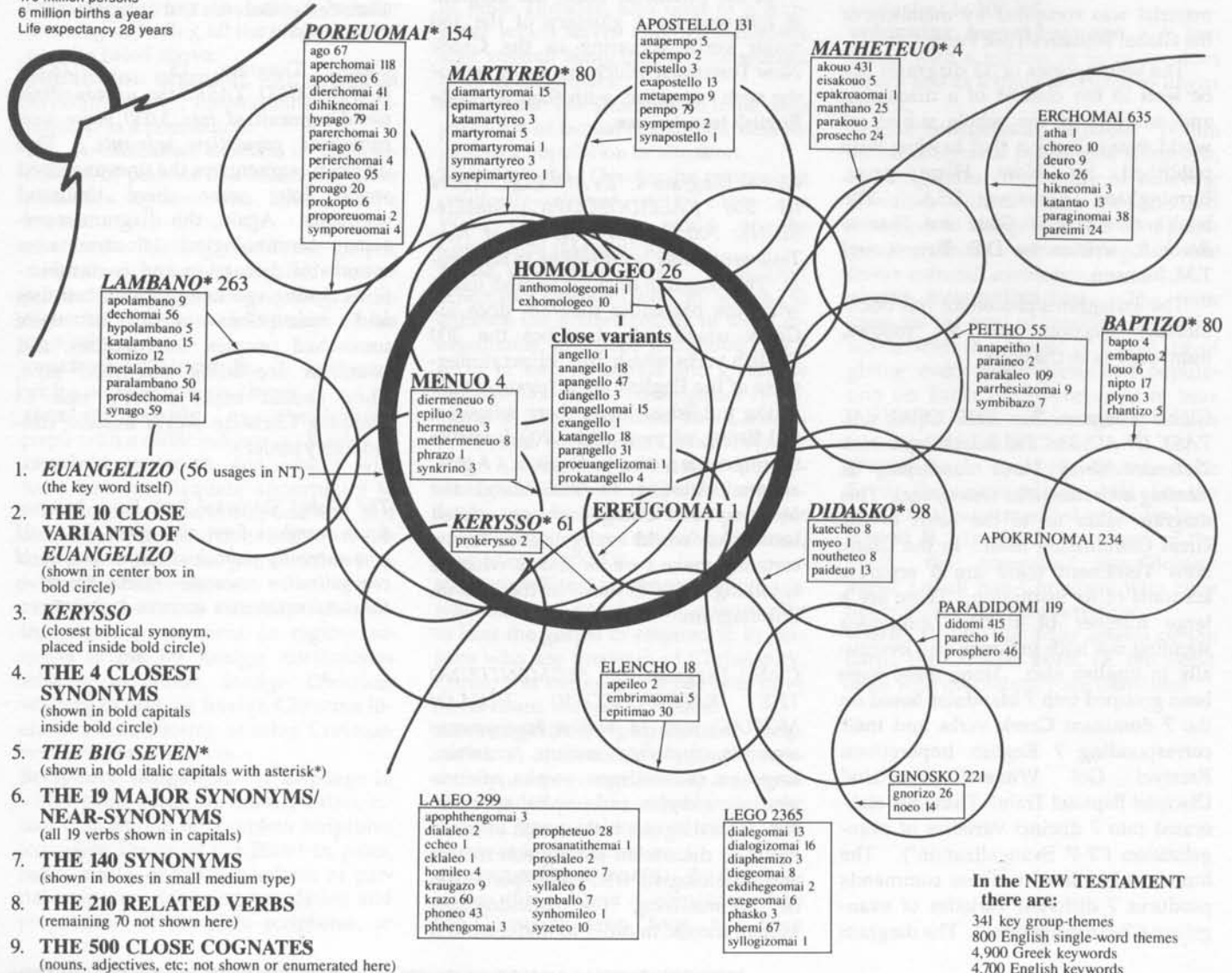


Table 1. GLOSSARY OF 160 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK WORDS RELATED TO EUANGELIZO.

This is a word list translating into English every Greek and Latin verb or noun shown on Global Diagrams 2 and 3. These number 160 biblical words. All occur in the original Greek New Testament, with 5 words from the Latin New Testament. All are synonyms of the verb *euangelizo*. Their closeness to *euangelizo* is explained in Global Diagram 3. They are given here transliterated from Greek letters into roman letters. They are shown listed in alphabetical order, each followed by its meanings in English.

Almost all of these words are verbs, with a sprinkling of nouns. Each word is followed by its English translation. Sometimes this is a single word. More usually, it is a range of several words. Each range is the full list of all English meanings, in the priorities shown in *A Greek-English lexikon of the New Testament and other Early Christian literature* (W.F. Arndt & F.W. Gingrich, 2nd edition, University of Chicago, 1958). Transliterated spellings follow M. Darton, ed, *Modern concordance to the New Testament*, 1976.

<b>ago.</b> Lead, bring, take along, guide.	<b>kraugazo.</b> Cry, cry loudly, scream, utter a loud sound.
<b>akouo.</b> Hear, listen to.	<b>krazo.</b> Cry out, scream, shriek, call, call out, cry.
<b>anangelo.</b> Report, disclose, announce, proclaim, teach.	<b>labete.</b> Receive! (imperative of <i>lambano</i> ).
<b>anapellho.</b> Persuade.	<b>labeo.</b> Speak, express oneself, sound, assert, proclaim.
<b>anapempo.</b> Send.	<b>lambano.</b> Take, take hold, grasp, find opportunity, take away, remove, receive, accept, take up, choose, select, apprehend, comprehend, get, obtain.
<b>angelo.</b> Announce.	<b>lego.</b> Utter, say, tell, speak, express, mean, answer, order, command, enjoin, direct, recommend, assure, assert, maintain, declare, proclaim, report, call, name.
<b>anthomologomal.</b> Praise, thank publicly.	<b>leitourgia.</b> Service, priestly service.
<b>apangelo.</b> Report, announce, tell, proclaim.	<b>louo.</b> Wash, bathe.
<b>apelleo.</b> Threaten, warn.	<b>manthano.</b> Learn, come to know, find out, understand.
<b>aperchomal.</b> Go away, depart, go, go out and spread, follow.	<b>martyreo.</b> Bear witness, testify, declare, confirm, witness unto death, be a martyr.
<b>apodemeo.</b> Go on a journey, be away, be absent.	<b>martyres</b> (plural of <i>martyr</i> ). Witnesses.
<b>apokrnomal.</b> Answer, reply, speak up.	<b>martyria.</b> Testimony, attestation, martyrdom.
<b>apolambano.</b> Receive, recover, get back, take a person aside, welcome.	<b>martyromal.</b> Testify, bear witness, affirm, insist, implore.
<b>apologia.</b> Defense.	<b>martyr.</b> Witness, martyr.
<b>apophthengomal.</b> Speak out, declare boldly, declare loudly.	<b>mathetes.</b> Disciple, learner, pupil, apprentice, adherent.
<b>apostello.</b> Send out, send away.	<b>matheteuo.</b> Be instructed, become a pupil/disciple, make disciples, teach, train, instruct.
<b>apostole.</b> Apostleship, office of apostle.	<b>matheteusate.</b> Make disciples!
<b>aiha.</b> Come.	<b>menuo.</b> Make known, reveal, report, give information.
<b>baptisma.</b> Baptism.	<b>metalambano.</b> Share, receive, receive one's share.
<b>baptismos.</b> Dipping, washing, baptism.	<b>metapempo.</b> Summon.
<b>baptizo.</b> Dip, immerse, wash, baptize.	<b>methemeneuo.</b> Translate.
<b>baptizontes.</b> Baptizing.	<b>missio</b> (Latin). Sending, mission.
<b>bapto.</b> Dip.	<b>myeo.</b> Initiate, learn.
<b>choreo.</b> Go, go out, go away, go forward, make progress, grasp, accept, comprehend, understand.	<b>nipto.</b> Wash.
<b>dechomal.</b> Take, receive, welcome, grasp, tolerate, approve, accept.	<b>noeo.</b> Perceive, apprehend, understand, gain insight into, observe, comprehend, consider, take note of, think over, imagine.
<b>deuro.</b> Come, follow.	<b>noutheteo.</b> Admonish, warn, instruct.
<b>diakonia.</b> Service, office, aid, support, distribution.	<b>olkodome.</b> Building, construction, edification, upbuilding.
<b>dialaleo.</b> Discuss.	<b>olkoumene.</b> Inhabited earth, world, humankind.
<b>dialeomal.</b> Discuss, conduct a discussion, converse, speak, preach.	<b>paldeuo.</b> Teach, discipline.
<b>dialogiamos.</b> Thought, opinion, reasoning, design, dispute, argument.	<b>paradidomi.</b> Hand over, give, deliver, entrust, turn over, give over, commend, commit, hand down, pass on, transmit, relate, teach, allow, permit.
<b>dialogzomal.</b> Consider, ponder, reason, discuss, argue.	<b>paraginomal.</b> Come, arrive, be present, appear, stand by, come to the aid of.
<b>dfamartyromal.</b> Charge, warn, adjure, testify, bear witness.	<b>paraineo.</b> Advise, recommend, urge.
<b>dfangelo.</b> Proclaim far and wide, give notice, announce.	<b>parakaleo.</b> Summon, invite, call upon, appeal, urge, exhort, encourage, request, implore, entreat, comfort, cheer up, console, conciliate.
<b>dfaphemizo.</b> Spread the news about, spread widely, disseminate.	<b>paraklesis.</b> Encouragement, exhortation, appeal, request, comfort, consolation.
<b>didache.</b> Teaching, instruction.	<b>parakletos.</b> Mediator, intercessor, helper, paraclete.
<b>didasko.</b> Teach, instruct.	<b>parakouo.</b> Overhear, ignore, refuse to listen.
<b>didaskontes.</b> Teach! teaching.	<b>paralambano.</b> Take, take along, take over, receive, accept.
<b>didomi.</b> Give, grant, bestow, impart, speak plainly, give a sign, give out, hand over, hold out, entrust, yield, pay, make an effort.	<b>parangello.</b> Give orders, command, instruct, direct, forbid.
<b>dieomal.</b> Tell, relate, describe, recount.	<b>paracheo.</b> Offer, present, grant, show, give up, cause, bring about, get.
<b>dierchomal.</b> Go through, pierce, come, go, review.	<b>pareimi.</b> Be present.
<b>diermeneuo.</b> Translate, complain, interpret.	<b>parerchomal.</b> Go by, go through, pass, pass by, pass away, disappear, neglect, come.
<b>dihikneomal.</b> Pierce, penetrate.	<b>parrhesiazomal.</b> Speak freely/openly/fearlessly, deal openly.
<b>dynamis.</b> Power, might, strength, force, ability, capability, miracle, wonder, meaning.	<b>pax</b> (Latin). Peace.
<b>echeo.</b> Sound, ring out, roar, thunder.	<b>pempo.</b> Convince, persuade, appeal, conciliate, pacify, assure, obey, follow.
<b>elsakouo.</b> Listen to, obey, hear.	<b>pempo.</b> Send, write.
<b>ekdhegomal.</b> Tell in detail.	<b>perifago.</b> Lead around, go around, take along, accompany, travel.
<b>ekklesia.</b> Assembly, congregation, church.	<b>perferchomal.</b> Go around, circumambulate.
<b>eklealeo.</b> Tell.	<b>peripateo.</b> Go about, walk, walk around.
<b>ekpempo.</b> Send out, send away.	<b>phasko.</b> Say, assert, claim.
<b>elencho.</b> Bring to light, expose, set forth, convict, convince, reprove, correct, punish, discipline.	<b>phemi.</b> Say, affirm, mean.
<b>embapto.</b> Dip.	<b>phoneo.</b> Call, cry out, speak loudly, emphasize, summon, invite.
<b>embrimaomal.</b> Scold, censure.	<b>phrazo.</b> Explain, interpret.
<b>epakroomal.</b> Listen.	<b>phthengomal.</b> Speak, utter, proclaim, call out loudly.
<b>epangellomal.</b> Announce, proclaim, promise, offer, profess.	<b>plyno.</b> Wash, free from.
<b>eplluo.</b> Explain, interpret, set free, release, decide, settle.	<b>pneumatikos.</b> Spiritual, Spirit-related, filled with the Spirit, pneumatic.
<b>epimartyreo.</b> Bear witness.	<b>poreuomal.</b> Go, proceed, travel.
<b>epistello.</b> Inform, instruct by letter, write.	<b>poreuthentes.</b> Go! going.
<b>epitimaio.</b> Rebuke, reprove, censure, speak seriously, warn, punish.	<b>praesentia</b> (Latin). Presence.
<b>erchomal.</b> Come, appear, appear in public, deal with, go.	<b>proago.</b> Lead, bring out, lead forward, go before, precede, lead the way, walk ahead.
<b>ereugomal.</b> Utter, proclaim.	<b>proeuangelizomal.</b> Proclaim good news in advance.
<b>euangelion.</b> Good news, gospel.	<b>prokatangelo.</b> Announce beforehand, foretell.
<b>euangelizo</b> ( <i>euangelizomal, euangelizesthai</i> ). Evangelize: bring or announce good news, proclaim, preach.	<b>prokerysso.</b> Proclaim publicly, proclaim beforehand.
<b>eucharistia.</b> Thankfulness, gratitude, thanksgiving, eucharist, Lord's Supper.	<b>prokopto.</b> Go forward, progress, make progress, advance, prosper.
<b>evangelizatio</b> (Latin). Evangelization.	<b>promartyromal.</b> Predict, bear witness beforehand.
<b>exangelo.</b> Proclaim, report.	<b>propheteuo.</b> Prophecy, proclaim revelation, reveal, foretell.
<b>exapostello.</b> Send out, send away.	<b>proporeuomal.</b> Go before.
<b>exegeomal.</b> Explain, interpret, tell, report, describe, bring news.	<b>prosanatthomal.</b> Contribute, add, consult.
<b>exhomologeo.</b> Promise, consent, confess, admit, acknowledge, praise.	<b>prodechomal.</b> Take up, receive, welcome, deal with, wait, expect.
<b>exousia.</b> Ability, capability, might, power, authority, warrant, government.	<b>prosecho.</b> Follow, give heed to, turn one's mind to, pay attention to, be alert, notice, care for, be concerned about, devote oneself to.
<b>ginosko.</b> Know, come to know, learn, ascertain, find out, understand, comprehend, perceive, notice, realize, acknowledge, recognize.	<b>prosaleo.</b> Address, speak with.
<b>gnorizo.</b> Make known, reveal, know.	<b>prosphero.</b> Bring, offer, present, meet, deal with.
<b>heko.</b> Be present, have come.	<b>prosponeo.</b> Call out, address.
<b>hermeneuo.</b> Explain, interpret, translate.	<b>rhantizo.</b> Sprinkle, cleanse, wash, purify.
<b>hikneomal</b> (aphikneomal, sphikneomal). Reach, come to.	<b>semeia kai terata.</b> Signs and wonders.
<b>homileo.</b> Speak, converse, address, talk with.	<b>syllaleo.</b> Talk, converse, discuss.
<b>homologeo.</b> Promise, assure, agree, admit, confess, declare, acknowledge, praise.	<b>sylogizomal.</b> Reason, discuss, debate.
<b>hypago.</b> Go, go away, leave, go home, return.	<b>symballo.</b> Converse, confer, consider, ponder, draw conclusions about, compare, meet, engage, help, assist.
<b>hypolambano.</b> Take up, receive as guest, support, assume, think, believe, suppose, be of the opinion.	<b>syμβιβazo.</b> Bring together, unite, conclude, infer, demonstrate, prove, instruct, teach, advise.
<b>justitia</b> (Latin). Justice.	<b>symmartyreo.</b> Testify with, bear witness with, confirm, testify in support.
<b>katalambano.</b> Seize, win, attain, make one's own, catch, detect, grasp, find, understand.	<b>sympempo.</b> Send with.
<b>katamartyreo.</b> Bear witness against, testify against.	<b>symporeuomal.</b> Go along with, come together.
<b>katantao.</b> Come, arrive, attain.	<b>synago.</b> Gather, bring, call together, reconcile, lead, advance, move.
<b>katangelo.</b> Solemnly proclaim, direct one's proclamation to.	<b>synapostello.</b> Send with, send at the same time.
<b>katecheo.</b> Make oneself understood, report, inform, teach, instruct.	<b>synepimartyreo.</b> Testify at the same time.
<b>katechumenos.</b> Instructed in.	<b>synhomileo.</b> Talk, converse with, live with.
<b>keruxate.</b> Preach! (imperative of <i>kerysso</i> ).	<b>synkrino.</b> Bring together, combine, compare, explain, interpret.
<b>kerygma.</b> Proclamation, announcement, preaching.	<b>syzeteo.</b> Discuss, dispute, debate, argue, reflect, meditate.
<b>kerysso.</b> Announce, make known, herald, proclaim aloud, mention publicly, praise publicly, spread widely, preach, preach against.	<b>therapeia.</b> Healing, treatment.
<b>kolonia.</b> Association, communion, fellowship, close relationship, generosity, participation.	<b>thermosos.</b> Harvest, crop.
<b>komizo.</b> Bring, carry off, get, receive, get back, recover.	

Global Diagram 4. **EVANGELIZATION IN 300 KALEIDOSCOPIC DIMENSIONS: 700 ENGLISH MEANINGS OF NEW TESTAMENT GREEK VERBS RELATED TO EUANGELIZO.**

This diagram portrays relationships and clusterings among English verbs related to the English word "evangelize". This verb is portrayed below by the heavy, central circle. Around it are circles depicting the major English synonyms and near-synonyms, almost all of which are used in English Bible versions. These are described and analyzed in 2 recent monographs, *Evangelize!*, and *Evangelize in 300 dimensions*.

Relationships of these circles are schematically proportional to frequency of use of each word in English versions of the New Testament. The number following each word gives the number of times the word (the verb and its closest cognates) occurs in the English New Testament (Good News Bible). Further details, for the King James Version and the New International Version, are given in Box A. Although the 2 key verbs "evangelize" and "disciple" do not occur in these versions, totals for the related nouns, "gospel (good news)" and "disciple", are added to give the totals shown.

Eleven separate but overlapping categories or roughly concentric zones of proximity can be distinguished, as follows:

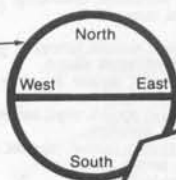
1. **"Evangelize"**, the key verb (shown by heavy circle), not used in English Bibles (except occasionally in 5 obscure versions) and so never listed in English Bible concordances.
2. **The Big Six** (in bold capitals, inside the heavy circle, portrayed by lighter continuous-line circles): the 6 closest English biblical translated synonyms, being the 6 verbs used most often to translate *euangelizo* in English Bible use. These 6 are: preach, bring, tell, proclaim, announce, declare. These verbs and their closest cognates occur a total of 993 times in the English New Testament (Good News Bible).
3. **The 30 exact biblical translations** (in lowercase letters, in Box A), being English verbs actually used (including the Big Six) to translate *euangelizo* in one or more versions of the English Bible. Of these, 28 are shown on the diagram.
4. **The 70 biblical near-translations**, being the above 30 English verbs used to translate *euangelizo* plus another 20 verbs (not shown here) used to translate

the 10 close variants of *euangelizo* all based on the root *angello* (see Global Diagram 3, item 2), plus another 20 used to translate the 4 closest synonyms of *euangelizo* (Global Diagram 3, items 3 and 4).

5. **The Big Seven** (in bold italic capitals asterisked thus\*, with broken-line circles): biblical verbs related to "evangelize" which are part-synonyms and concepts but which are particularly significant because they are the main verbs used in the 6 biblical Great Commission narratives in English. These 7 are: Receive! Go! Witness! Proclaim! Disciple! Baptize! Train!
6. **The 110 closest biblical synonyms**, being the above 70 plus another 40 verbs used to translate the 19 major Greek synonyms and near-synonyms of *euangelizo* (Global Diagram 3, item 6). A selection of these, all used in English Bible versions, is shown on this diagram.
7. **The 300 dimensions**: this covers all the above plus all other verbs (not shown here) which contribute semantically or conceptually to "evangelize".
8. **The 350 definitions**: this covers all other related verbs used in the over 350 printed definitions of "evangelize" (not shown here; most are listed in the book *Evangelize!*).
9. **The 400 biblical synonyms** (not shown here): these English verbs related to "evangelize" occur in English Bible versions. They are listed and classified under 56 key group-themes set out in the *Modern Concordance to the New Testament* (1976).
10. **The 700 facets or near-synonyms** (not shown here, but listed in Table 2): this covers all English verbs (including all described above) which are synonyms, near-synonyms, part-synonyms, dimensions, aspects or facets of "evangelize" in written or spoken use, either used in Bible versions (see item 9 above) or not so used.
11. **The 2,000 cognates of synonyms** (nouns and adjectives cognate to these 700 verbs; not shown here).

The overall deduction from this analysis is of the overwhelmingly kaleidoscopic nature of the biblical concept *Evangelize!*

**THE MODERN WORLD**  
5.3 billion persons (souls)  
141.6 million new souls a year



BOX A. Verbs translating *euangelizo* in English New Testaments

Note:  
The last 3 columns refer to word counts in a single English version each. The first column "Rank" refers not to word counts but to numbers of versions using the verb shown; thus "1" means "used in more English versions for *euangelizo* than any other English word".

	Rank	NT word frequencies KJB-NIV	GNB	NIV
<i>Most frequent</i>				
preach	1	108	139	110
bring	2	90	250	
tell	3	75	505	459
proclaim	4	2	55	90
announce	5	0	25	5
declare	6	38	19	38
give	7	222	650	440
spread	8	8	45	28
hear*	9	263	360	350
publish	10	7	0	0
evangelize	11	0	0	0
carry	12	18	67	51
take	13	280	320	260
to be present with	14	0	0	0
receive*	15	330	194	185
<i>Less frequent</i>				
bear tidings	2	0	0	0
come with		280	9	
deliver		103	3	17
get		70	0	118
go with		140	180	
have for		230	100	
make appeal to		4	18	18
make known		490	580	505
present		11	140	
show		105	325	104
speak		260	310	
state		10	1	8
talk over		16	180	

**1. EVANGELIZE**

(not used in KJB, GNB, or NIV but with cognates 'gospel' 56 times in NT, 'Good News' 85 times)

**2. THE BIG SIX**

(shown inside the bold circle in large bold capitals)

**3. THE 30 EXACT BIBLICAL TRANSLATIONS**

(28 are shown on right in Box A)

**4. THE 70 BIBLICAL NEAR-TRANSLATIONS**

**5. THE BIG SEVEN\***  
(shown in bold italic capitals, with asterisk\* and broken-line circles)

**6. THE 110 CLOSEST BIBLICAL SYNONYMS**  
(not shown here)

**7. THE 300 DIMENSIONS**  
(the main 136 are shown in Global Diagram 2, column 11)

**8. THE 350 DEFINITIONS**  
(not shown here)

**9. THE 400 BIBLICAL SYNONYMS**  
(not shown here)

**10. THE 700 FACETS OR NEAR-SYNONYMS**  
(shown partially enumerated in Global Diagram 2, column 12, and fully enumerated in Table 2)

**11. THE 2,000 COGNATES OF SYNONYMS**  
(nouns, adjectives, etc: not shown here)

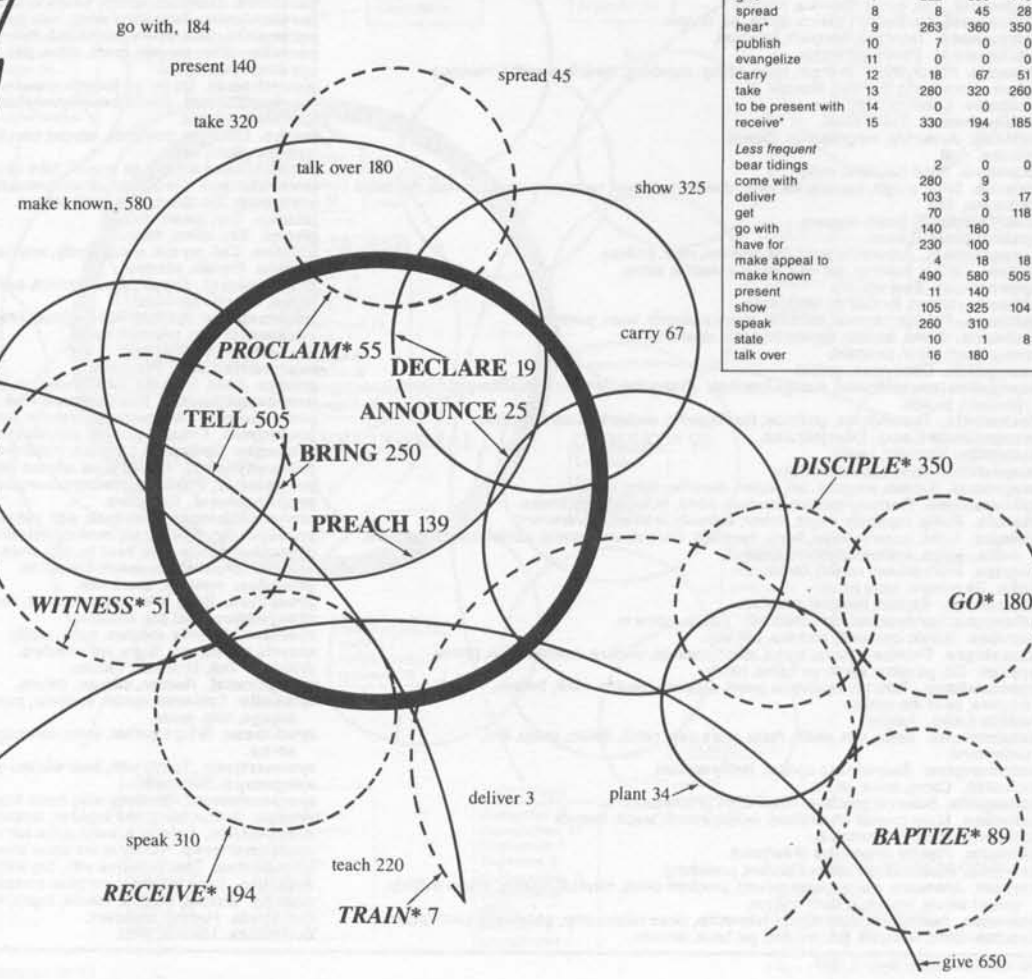


Table 2. 300 DIMENSIONS AND 700 FACETS OR ASPECTS OF EVANGELIZE, EVANGELIZATION, AND EVANGELISM, ARRANGED BY 7 MANDATES OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

This listing presents a majority of the 700 English verbs which are facets or aspects of the verb "evangelize". All are arranged below under 7 Mandates of the Great Commission (shown in boldface capitals). Words in boldface lowercase form a majority of the total of 300 dimensions of the verb "evangelize". All these words are English synonyms of the overall mandate of the Great Commission, namely the word "Evangelize!" Each contributes something unique to the full-orbed meaning of the word.

<b>I. RECEIVE!</b>	86. love	172. describe	260. tell	346. set before	432. make receive	518. minister
1. accompany	87. make available	173. dialogue	261. tell at a cost	347. shout	433. make repent	519. multiply
2. be devoted to	88. make aware	174. diffuse	262. testify	348. show	434. make respond	520. partner
3. be empowered	89. move	175. disclose	263. thunder	349. show up	435. make understand	521. pastor
4. be faithful	90. note	176. discuss	264. uncover	350. state	436. offer	522. plant
5. be filled	91. number	177. disperse	265. unveil	351. threaten	437. order	523. pledge
6. be holy	92. observe	178. disseminate	266. utter	352. translate	438. overcome	524. pour out
7. be renewed	93. occupy	179. distribute	267. witness	353. write	439. overtake	525. praise
8. breathe	94. pass	180. evangelize	268. yell		440. perceive	526. produce crop
9. continue	95. pay attention	181. expose		<b>V. DISCIPLE!</b>	441. persuade	527. reaffirm
10. cooperate	96. penetrate	182. express	<b>IV. PROCLAIM!</b>	354. accept	442. plead	528. reconcile
11. dwell	97. permeate	183. extol	269. acclaim	355. accuse	443. polarize	529. regulate
12. expect	98. pity	184. foretell	270. address	356. adjure	444. prescribe	530. remember
13. follow	99. plan	185. forewarn	271. advertise	357. agree	445. press	531. reproduce
14. inhabit	100. precede	186. get	272. alert	358. ambush	446. pressurize	532. sacramentalize
15. intercede	101. prepare	187. give access	273. announce	359. appeal	447. prevail upon	533. secure
16. keep	102. proceed	188. give account	274. appoint	360. apprehend	448. proffer	534. serve
17. live	103. prolong	189. give evidence	275. argue	361. apprentice	449. prosecute	535. shepherd
18. lodge	104. protest	190. give news	276. blanket	362. ask	450. put right	536. sing
19. meditate	105. provide	191. give out	277. broadcast	363. assure	451. realize	537. soak
20. participate	106. pursue	192. give report	278. caution	364. attract	452. reap	538. sprinkle
21. persevere	107. reach	193. go on record	279. clarify	365. be bold enough	453. rebuke	539. sprout
22. persist	108. record	194. gossip	280. confer	366. beg	454. recruit	540. strengthen
23. pneumatize	109. register	195. hand down	281. contend	367. beseech	455. redoem	541. support
24. ponder	110. relieve	196. hand over	282. credit	368. bestow	456. remonstrate with	542. tend
25. pray	111. research	197. hand to	283. cry out	369. blame	457. reprove	543. thank
26. receive power	112. search	198. have for	284. cure	370. bring back	458. request	544. validate
27. reflect	113. seek	199. hold	285. debate	371. call	459. rescue	545. wait upon
28. remain	114. select	200. howl	286. declare	372. call out	460. restore	546. wash
29. rest	115. send	201. illuminate	287. deduce	373. capture	461. retain	547. welcome
30. settle	116. send out	202. illumine	288. defend	374. catch	462. return	548. worship
31. spend time	117. set free	203. imply	289. demonstrate	375. cause	463. save	
32. slay	118. set out	204. indicate	290. detail	376. censure	464. seize	<b>VII. TRAIN!</b>
33. wait	119. show mercy	205. inform	291. dictate	377. challenge	465. set right	549. admonish
	120. speak out	206. introduce	292. discourse	378. change	466. snare	550. advise
<b>II. GO!</b>	121. start	207. invoke	293. dispute	379. charge	467. snatch	551. agonize
34. access	122. strategize	208. know	294. do miracles	380. choose	468. submit	552. approve
35. act	123. stretch out	209. lay bare	295. emphasize	381. comfort	469. summon	553. ascertain
36. add	124. study	210. lift the veil	296. endorse	382. command	470. sympathise with	554. celebrate
37. advance	125. supply	211. light	297. entrust	383. compel	471. take by force	555. compare
38. aid	126. survey	212. light up	298. exalt	384. comprehend	472. trap	556. conciliate
39. aim at	127. take	213. litter	299. exorcise	385. condemn	473. triumph over	557. conclude
40. allot	128. take pity on	214. maintain	300. explain	386. confront	474. turn	558. contribute
41. approach	129. target	215. make known	301. expound	387. conquer	475. understand	559. correct
42. arrive	130. touch	216. manifest	302. familiarize	388. consent	476. urge	560. cultivate
43. assist	131. transmit	217. mean	303. fill	389. consider	477. vanquish	561. discipline
44. attain	132. travel	218. mention	304. forbid	390. convert	478. warn	562. edify
45. calculate	133. visit	219. name	305. give a message	391. convince	479. win	563. educate
46. care	134. write to	220. narrate	306. give chance	392. criticize	480. win over	564. exercise
47. certify		221. noise abroad	307. give notice	393. dare		565. followup
48. come	<b>III. WITNESS</b>	222. open	308. give opportunity	394. deal with	<b>VI. BAPTIZE!</b>	566. fight
49. come with	135. account for	223. pass news on	309. heal	395. decide	481. administer	567. form
50. commission	136. acknowledge	224. place	310. hear	396. defeat	482. affiliate	568. heed
51. concern	137. acquaint	225. point out	311. herald	397. demand	483. attend	569. imagine
52. contact	138. admit	226. profess	312. interpret	398. denounce	484. balance	570. indoctrinate
53. count	139. advocate	227. propagate	313. lay out	399. direct	485. baptize	571. infer
54. cut	140. affirm	228. prophesy	314. lift high	400. disciple	486. bear fruit	572. instruct
55. deliver	141. allege	229. put	315. lift up	401. divide	487. bless	573. make learn
56. depart	142. answer	230. put in mind	316. listen	402. encourage	488. bud	574. mediate
57. develop	143. appear	231. put in place	317. make a speech	403. enjoin	489. build	575. mobilize
58. devote	144. apprise	232. radiate	318. make clear	404. entreat	490. care for	576. notice
59. do	145. assert	233. recall	319. make evident	405. excite	491. catechize	577. nurture
60. encounter	146. asseverate	234. reckon	320. make hear	406. exhort	492. chant	578. pastoralize
61. engage	147. attest	235. recognize	321. make listen	407. fish	493. cleanse	579. progress
62. enumerate	148. be here	236. recommend	322. make obvious	408. force	494. confirm	580. prosper
63. explore	149. be present	237. recount	323. make well	409. forgive	495. congregationalize	581. ready
64. extend	150. bear	238. regard	324. make whole	410. gather in	496. console	582. renew
65. fetch	151. bear tidings	239. relate	325. notify	411. give	497. dedicate	583. review
66. find	152. bear witness	240. remind	326. preach	412. grant	498. dip	584. strive
67. focus	153. bring	241. reply	327. predict	413. grasp	499. enrol	585. struggle
68. free	154. carry	242. report	328. present	414. guide	500. establish	586. take note
69. get to	155. carry back	243. respond	329. proclaim	415. harvest	501. feed	587. teach
70. go	156. cast a net	244. reveal	330. promise	416. have dealings with	502. fellowship	588. think
71. go about	157. chat	245. roar	331. promulgate	417. hunt	503. firm	589. tolerate
72. go with	158. chatter	246. say	332. prove	418. impart	504. fix	590. train
73. happen	159. circulate	247. scatter	333. publicize	419. implore	505. gain	591. unite
74. help	160. claim	248. scream	334. publish	420. induce	506. glorify	
75. identify	161. collect	249. share	335. put before	421. insist	507. grow	<b>SUMMARY</b>
76. impact	162. commend	250. shine	336. raise	422. invite	508. guarantee	592. discharge
77. implement	163. communicate	251. shriek	337. read	423. involve	509. herd	593. fulfill
78. incarnate	164. confess	252. sound	338. reason	424. lead	510. implant	594. make accountable
79. influence	165. consult	253. sow	339. receive news	425. make	511. incorporate	595. make responsible
80. inscribe	166. converse	254. speak	340. recite	426. make acknowledge	512. initiate	596. obey
81. irradiate	167. convey	255. speak in tongues	341. recover	427. make appeal to	513. live out	
82. itinerate	168. corroborate	256. spread	342. refute	428. make choose	514. look after	
83. journey	169. cry	257. strew	343. repeat	429. make concede	515. make confess	
84. liberate	170. dazzle	258. talk	344. resuscitate	430. make decide	516. make peace	
85. look for	171. depose to	259. talk over	345. saturate	431. make realize	517. meet	

**Global Diagram 10. SEGMENTIZING THE KALEIDOSCOPIC HUMAN MOSAIC: OVER 18 MILLION HOMOGENEOUS SEGMENTS, INCLUDING NATIONS, COUNTRIES, LANGUAGES, CULTURES, RACES, PEOPLES, MINIPEOPLES, MICROPEOPLES, SOCIOPEOPLES, METROPEOPLES.**

This is entirely a secular diagram without Christian data superimposed. (For the latter, see Global Diagram 13). Here, we describe how secular analysts (scholars, academics, United Nations agencies, et alia) have segmentized the one world of mankind. The Christian world needs to understand all this before it can plan and implement its own world mission.

Secular analysts use 4 main approaches, set out in columns 1-4 below. These in turn are divided vertically with some 17 progressively smaller units, which are roughly parallel horizontally. All these segments can be, and have been, enumerated and quantified. Note also that the prefix "mega-" is used below to denote, not a separate category of segment, but any segment with over 1 million population (thus megapeople, megaculture, megalanguage, megacity, mega-unit, et alia). Thus a macropeople is not necessarily a megapeople, nor vice versa.

**Key. Column 1. Geopolitics.** In the main this is UN terminology and practice, dividing the world into exactly-quantified statistical categories over the period AD 1950-2025. **Column 2. Language.** Based on the new Dalby-Barrett lexicostatistical taxonomy, World Language Classification. **Column 3. Culture.** Terminology developed by cultural anthropologists, HRAF, et alia. **Column 4. Race, color, ethnicity.** Terminology developed in *New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, UN, WCE, et alia. **Column 5. Segments.** Lastly, this column answers

the question: What shorthand terms could the Christian world mission standardize on to describe the progressively smaller population segments involved in each level of this schema?

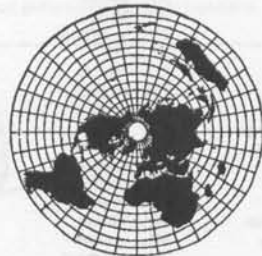
*Christian commentary on this schema.* The human race is portrayed throughout the Bible as God's harvest field, in which Israel in the Old Testament and the New Israel in the New are God's harvesters or harvest force. The harvest field is an enormous mosaic of vast diversity. Dividing this mosaic into segments is somewhat artificial, but is essential in order to comprehend and enumerate this vast complexity and to properly appreciate its kaleidoscopic nature. The first known enumeration of the world by segments is The Table of Nations, in Genesis 10, where 70 peoples (72 in the Septuagint) are enumerated.

Note that the biblical Greek word *ethnos* (plural *ethne*) cannot be said to refer only to one single type or category of population today. Instead, it is best translated "segment"—it refers to each and every type of segment (or homogeneous subdivision) of the one species *Homo Sapiens*, mankind. Likewise, "segment" in English can apply to each and every type of subdivision.

Names in bold type below are the major recommended usages developed here and supported by detailed listings in the World Evangelization Database. Names in medium type are alternates or less widely-used terms.



a.



b.



c.

How 3 logos segmentize the globe:

a. The United Nations' logo shown at left depicts the globe for whose peace and safety it is responsible, shown segmented into 33 segments or zones when viewed from geostationary orbit above the North Pole. The UN's range of varieties of segmentation is listed in the first column below.

b. The middle logo, of the State University of New York, depicts the world in 505 segments.

c. From the Christian point of view, segmentizing the world helps Christians and churches to understand its multitudinous needs and therefore how to support, assist, and pray for the world's kaleidoscopic populations. (A logo of SBC Foreign Mission Board).

GEOPOLITICS 1	LANGUAGE 2	CULTURE 3	RACE, COLOR, ETHNICITY 4	SEGMENTS 5
1 globe	Speech	Mankind ( <i>Homo Sapiens</i> )	1 species, Human race	SPECIES
2 developed worlds: more/less; North/South; rich/poor	2 categories: literate/illiterate	2 worlds: civilized/uncivilized	2 words: White/Non-White	DICHOTOMIES
3 political worlds	4 macrophyla	20 civilizations	5 major races (macroraces)	RACES
3 megacontinents	24 phyla (stocks)	6 culture regions	7 stylized colors (megaraces)	COLORZONES
7 continents	10 macrozones	20 culture zones (major culture areas)	13 geographical races (miniraces) 4 subraces (major culture areas)	MACROZONES
9 macro regions (continental areas)	100 microzones (families)	70 culture areas (culture provinces)	71 ethnolinguistic families (local races, microraces)	MICRORACES
25 regions	1,000 language sets (branches)	430 culture clusters	432 macropeoples (major peoples or subfamilies)	MACROPEOPLES
180 nations 251 countries	5,500 languages: 5,000 language units 500 subunits 3,000 sequences	8,000 cultures (societies, culture units)	11,500 peoples (ethnolinguistic peoples), 440 being megapeoples	PEOPLES
20,000 districts (counties)	15,000 idioms 30,000 dialects 16,000 audio languages	24,000 minicultures (Kulturkreis)	60,000 minipeoples (people groups, tribes, unimax groups)	MINIPEOPLES
1 million administrative units	320 megalanguages	250,000 microcultures (clans, culture complexes) megalocultures	250,000 micropeoples	MICROPEOPLES
330 megacities	700 trade languages 320 vehicular megalanguages	urbanocultures	330 megacities, 45 supercities, 12 supergiants	MEGALOPOLISES
50,000 cities over 10,000	100 lingua francas	metrocultures	7,000 metropolises over 50,000 3,450 metropolises over 100,000	METROPOLISES
5 million specialist groups	800 literary languages 70 international languages 80 computer languages		100,000 urban people groups 100,000 variant ethnic names	METROPEOPLES VARIANTS
10 million villages 1.2 billion families (homes)	100,000 sociolects	sociocultures	2,000,000 sociopeoples (social people groups/subgroups, castes, occupations, age-groups, sociopolitico-religious or socioeconomic groups, bridge peoples)	SOCIOPEOPLES

**Global Diagram 13. TODAY'S UNFINISHED TASK: THE UNEVANGELIZED WORLD SEGMENTIZED INTO 3,030 MAJOR UNEVANGELIZED POPULATION SEGMENTS.**

For purposes of rapid overview, the globe is divided here into some 15,000 distinct population segments, of 3 major varieties: ethnolinguistic peoples, metropolises (mother cities of over 100,000 population), and countries. (These major or macro segments in turn can be divided and subdivided, as described in Global Diagram 10, into smaller and smaller overlapping subgroupings or minor or micro segments, notably, 60,000 minipeoples (people groups, unimax groups), or 250,000 micropeoples, or several million sociologically defined groupings valuable as bridges in evangelism; all these are described and diagrammed elsewhere).

This 3-fold macro segmentization is shown symbolically in our developing logo (the smaller of the 2 globes below). The 3 varieties of segment overlap because they are 3 different ways of dividing up the same one world. This segmented globe in turn can be subdivided into our 3 categories of world—Worlds A, B, and C. This superimposing of one schema (segments) on another (3 worlds) is done for purposes of illustration only, since most segments are composed each of a mixture of unevangelized persons, evangelized non-Christians, and

Christians. For purposes of illustration also, we name a few segments below: a few megapeoples (in lowercase letters), and a few megacities (in capital letters), placing these segments where the majority of their individuals are located. In this schema, therefore, "evangelized non-Christian population segments", defined as segments with church members under 50%, are listed for convenience under World B; and "christianized population segments", defined as all segments with church members of 50% or over, are listed for convenience under World C.

The larger globe below therefore gives a detailed representation of the nature of the unfinished Christian task. This task's main secular feature ought to be to rectify the grossly disproportionate spread of life's blessings—health, wealth, shelter, food, rights, justice—around the world. This disproportion is briefly sketched here in this series in Global Diagrams 6, 12, and 14. From the Christian point of view, the major unfinished task is to spread the blessings of Christ throughout the segments of World A, the unevangelized world, here shown shaded gray for emphasis.

**THE SEGMENTIZED GLOBE**

- 5.3 billion inhabitants
- INDIVIDUALS (rounded totals)
- 4.0 billion evangelized persons
- 3.5 billion reached persons
- 1.8 billion unreached persons
- 1.3 billion unevangelized persons
- MACRO SEGMENTS
- 15,000 major population segments:
- 11,500 ethnolinguistic peoples
- 3,450 metropolises
- 251 countries (119 closed/restricted-access)
- including:
- 440 megapeoples (shown below in lowercase)
- 330 megacities (shown below in CAPITALS)
- MICRO SEGMENTS
- 60,000 minipeoples (people groups)
- 250,000 micropeoples
- 2 million sociopeoples (bridge peoples, social people groups)



Our logo: stage 2

VERTICAL SCALE: Evangelization in Worlds A,B,C

**A. THE UNEVANGELIZED WORLD**

1,253 million unevangelized persons (all being also unreached persons)

**MACRO SEGMENTS**

3,030 unevangelized population segments:

- 2,000 unreached peoples (1.0 billion population)
- 1,000 unevangelized metropolises
- 30 closed countries increasing by 2 a year

including:

450 completely unreached peoples (with no churches)

150 unreached megapeoples

85 anti-Christian megacities

**MICRO SEGMENTS**

- 17,000 unreached people groups (minipeoples) in 1974, decreasing to 12,000 by 1990
- 50,000 unreached micropeoples
- 300,000 unreached sociopeoples

**B. THE EVANGELIZED NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD**

2,280 million evangelized non-Christians (of whom 0.5 billion are unreached, and 1.7 billion reached)

**MACRO SEGMENTS**

4,870 evangelized non-Christian population segments:

- 4,000 peoples
- 800 metropolises
- 76 countries (50 closed/restricted-access)

including:

70 non-Christian megacities

**MICRO SEGMENTS**

- 150,000 micropeoples
- 700,000 sociopeoples

**C. THE CHRISTIAN WORLD**

1,759 million Christians (all reached)

**MACRO SEGMENTS**

7,100 christianized population segments:

- 5,500 peoples
- 1,450 metropolises
- 145 countries over 60% Christians (39 restricted-access, 10 closed)

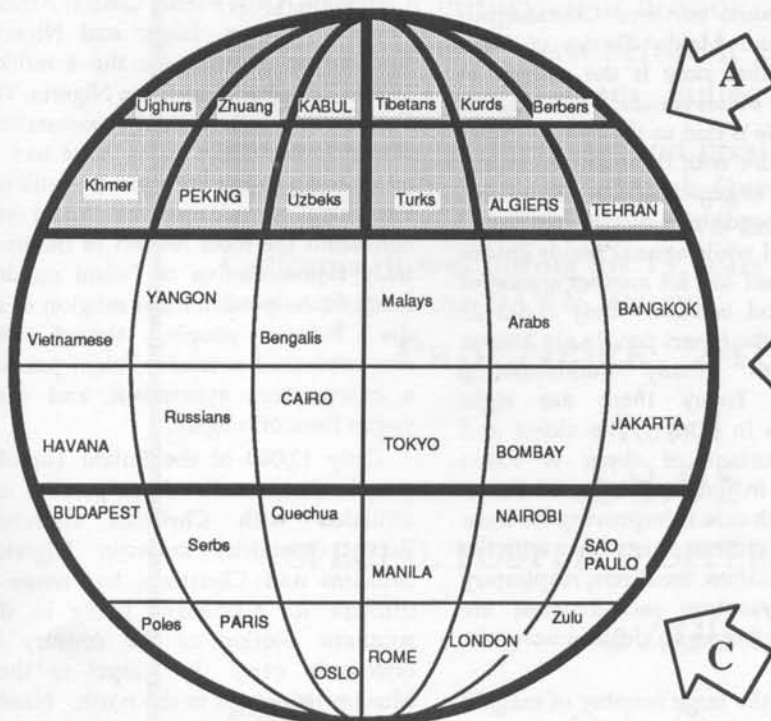
including:

167 mainly-Christian megacities

9,500 reached peoples (with own churches) in Worlds B and C

**MICRO SEGMENTS**

- 50,000 micropeoples
- 1 million sociopeoples
- 48,000 reached minipeoples, now coalesced into 12,000 agglomerated christianized minipeoples



HORIZONTAL SCALE: Geopolitical Ideology  
 (Left inside) Communist world (Center) Western world (Right inside) Third World  
 WORLDS

## GLOBAL PEOPLE PROFILES: Greater Kabyle of Algeria, Megahi Bihari of India, and Fulani of Nigeria

—V. David Garrison

### *Greater Kabyle of Algeria*

Berbers are a widely dispersed Muslim ethnic group of more than 14 million people living in North Africa, the Sahara Desert and Sahelian West Africa. Aside from other identifying factors which apply unevenly to them, the unit of identification is that of the tribe. Other common group indicators, such as social behavior, life-style, occupations, language and forms of communication, differ widely from tribe to tribe and within tribes as well. As the earliest identifiable, indigenous ethnic stock in North Africa, the Berbers have common cultural traditions, beliefs and legends that set them apart from other peoples, including their various conquerors. Though there are several distinct berber languages, there is no common Berber language, for example and tribal dialects tend towards mutual unintelligibility even within the same country or region. The only dialect which exists in written form is the incomplete Tifinagh script of Saharan and Sahelian Tuareg.

As an identifiable people, Berbers existed in a state of tribal self-government long before the Arab conquest in the seventh century. The name Berber probably comes from barbari, the word meaning "barbarians" applied to them by the Romans. The Berbers do not use the name to describe themselves as a people or ethnic group. The name most commonly used, in slightly different dialectical forms, is Imazighen—"Free Men." The largest number of Berber groups is found in Morocco, where they form about 34 percent of the population (7.8 million). The Berber proportion in Algeria is about 21.5 percent (4.5 million). Elsewhere the percentages are: Mauritania 20 percent, Niger 8 percent, Mali 6 percent, Libya 5 percent. Berbers also form the majority of the population in the Western Sahara, where they number approximately 90,000.

The third largest Berber people in North Africa are the 1.7 million Greater Kabyle (Western) people of Algeria. Of these there are about 6000 Christians, 35/100 of one percent of the population. The Greater Kabyle speak the qabayil language (senhaja, zwawa), which is also understood by 15% of the Algerian

populace. There is currently only a New Testament translated into the qabayil language, and this was done in 1901 and so would likely need revision. There is a moderate amount of radio broadcasting available in qabayil, both secular and Christian. As a result of indigenous and external cooperative efforts there is currently evidence of a significant turning to the gospel by many of the Kabyle berber people. Despite this apparent responsiveness, the majority of this population have yet to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Research indicates that only 35% are evangelized which leaves well over a million Kabyle people who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### *Magahi Bihari of India*

There are more than 32 million Bihari people on the Indian subcontinent stretched over several countries including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan. The 8.5 million Magahi Bihari of India speak the magahi (or magadhi) language, which is understood by 1.84% of India's population. The Magahi are located in the southern districts of Bihar, eastern Patna division, northern Chotanagpur division, and Malda district of West Bengal. Bihar state is the poorest in India. The Bihari standard of living for most people is tied to the annual cycles of agriculture with three-fourths of the people are engaged in this way of life. Crowded conditions dictate a struggle for survival while annual floods ensure a replenished soil for another season of planting and harvest. Only about 25 percent of the Bihari people are literate with males greatly outnumbering females. Today there are eight universities in Bihar. The oldest and most important of these is Patna University in the capital city of Patna. While health care is improving for most Bihari, it is difficult to catch-up with the rising population. Smallpox, respiratory disease, dysentery and diarrhea are major contributors to death among the Bihari.

Despite the large number of magahi speakers, there is no radio broadcasting in their language, secular or Christian. Furthermore, only a New Testament

has been translated into the magahi language, and this was done in 1826, more than 150 years ago. Given the evolution of the spoken language, one can correctly deduce that the modern magahi reader finds this New Testament virtually incomprehensible. Furthermore, *Ethnologue* reports that this work is now out of print.

There are only 1,700 known Magahi Bihari Christians in India, less than 2/100 of one percent of the population. The predominant religions of this people are Hinduism and Jainism. There is currently some pioneer evangelism among this people with church planting beginning. As a result of this witness primarily by Indian Christians from the south of India, the Magahi Bihari could today be regarded as 58% evangelized. This then leaves 3.5 million Magahi Bihari individuals who have never heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### *Fulani or Toroobe of Nigeria*

There are more than nine million Fulani people scattered across the eight west African nations of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Gabon, Niger and Nigeria. The largest of these are the 4 million Fulani Toroobe of northern Nigeria. The Fulani were all formerly pastoralists, but in recent times many have had to adapt to an urban life style. It is still the traditional nomadic pastoral Fulani who command the most respect as the most truly representative of Fulani culture. Islam is the predominant religion of all the Fulani people, though the non-urbanized nomadic Fulani practice a much more syncretistic and even pagan form of religion.

Only 12,000 of the Fulani Toroobe people, three-tenths of one percent, are affiliated with Christian churches. Recent hostilities between Nigerian Muslims and Christians has made it difficult for Christians living in the southern portion of the country to effectively carry the gospel to their Muslim neighbors in the north. Nearly two-thirds (2.6 million) of the Fulani Toroobe people have never even heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ.