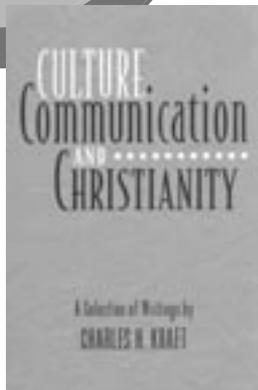




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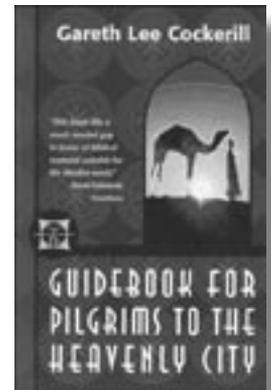
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# From the Editor's Desk

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It's time we explained the new structure of this journal and gave credit to the journal *First Things* for the idea.

This page from now on will always be very brief. Most editorial comments will be found in the *Book Reviews*, or in the final section called *Editorial Reflections*.

The new structure in the last issue and this one is:

*Letters* (please participate!)

*Articles* (please participate!)

*Book Reviews* (please participate!)

*Editorial Reflections* (please participate!)

Please feel free to participate! Am I getting the idea across?

By the way, this issue is coming out in time to be given out as a sample to all who attend the September 23 to 26 conferences (see Announcement on the next page).

Do seriously consider this event, at which IFMA, EFMA and our own ISFM will be meeting jointly.

A special appeal is being made to students and younger people to attend a \$5-only pre-conference staged by the ISFM Thursday afternoon (see updated ISFM announcement on page 100). In addition, we'll be having a free-youth oriented gathering that evening off-site at St. Louis Christian College, from 7-9 p.m. For more information on either event, please contact Betty Leung at [betty.leung@wciu.edu](mailto:betty.leung@wciu.edu).

Enthusiastically,

Ralph D. Winter

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# Announcement

Fall Meeting of the International Society for Frontier Missiology (ISFM), sponsor of the IJFM

St. Louis, Missouri \* September 23-25, 2004

## “Insider Movements” Syncretistic or Scriptural?

“INSIDER MOVEMENTS” will be the theme of the 2004 ISFM gathering in St. Louis, Missouri. We will be focusing on the remarkable phenomena of people movements to Christ that are running off the tracks of traditional mission paradigms.

*Non-“Christian” Jesus movements* are breaking out in the Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Chinese worlds—contexts that have been historically unresponsive or resistant to Christian mission!

*Why are such movements occurring?*

*Do they represent a genuine move of the Holy Spirit or mere pragmatic compromises of Scriptural standards for the sake of some “results” among the resistant?*

*What lessons can be gleaned from these people movements that are transferable to other groups?*

The goals of our conference are:

- 1. To extend the envelope of our thinking on the issue of Insiders Movements by examining some case studies and assessing them biblically and missiologically;*
- 2. To expose mainstream mission executives, field practitioners, and missiologists to this paradigm in order to enlarge the domain of discussion and promote participation in the scripturally-sound mission theory and practice;*
- 3. To expand participation in the ISFM for the sake of reaching the peoples on the final frontiers;*

*4. To explore prospects of establishing an International Network of Mission Research to facilitate development of strategy and mission effectiveness in the non-Western world.*

We will be meeting at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel from September 23-25, beginning at 1:00 pm on Thursday (*students are especially invited to the Thursday sessions!*). Our gathering will run concurrently with the triennial joint conference of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA), the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (EFMA) and the Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS). In addition, the Consultation on Church Planting Movements among Muslims (previously planned for November 2004) is being integrated into the ISFM conference due to the commonality of issues.

This arrangement will require a dual registration. Complete the enclosed flyer to register with ISFM (or download a copy from [www.ijfm.org/isfm.htm](http://www.ijfm.org/isfm.htm)), and then please visit the IFMA website [ifmamiissions.org/train.htm](http://ifmamiissions.org/train.htm) to download the IFMA registration. You will be given contact information for the Marriott so that you can book your accommodations.

For further information or questions, please contact Betty Leung at [betty.leung@wciu.edu](mailto:betty.leung@wciu.edu)

For the ISFM,  
Harley Falman

The IJFM is published in the name of the International Student Leaders Coalition for Frontier Missions, a fellowship of younger leaders committed to the purposes of the twin consultations of Edinburgh 1980: *The World Consultation on Frontier Missions* and the *International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions*. As an expression of the ongoing concerns of Edinburgh 1980, the IJFM seeks to:

- ☞ promote intergenerational dialogue between senior and junior mission leaders;
- ☞ cultivate an international fraternity of thought in the development of frontier missiology;
- ☞ highlight the need to maintain, renew, and create mission agencies as vehicles for frontier missions;
- ☞ encourage multidimensional and interdisciplinary studies;
- ☞ foster spiritual devotion as well as intellectual growth; and
- ☞ advocate “A Church for Every People.”

Mission frontiers, like other frontiers, represent boundaries or barriers beyond which we must go yet beyond which we may not be able to see clearly and boundaries which may even be disputed or denied. Their study involves the discovery and evaluation of the unknown or even the reevaluation of the known. But unlike other frontiers, mission frontiers is a subject specifically concerned to explore and exposit areas and ideas and insights related to the glorification of God in all the nations (peoples) of the world, “to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.” (Acts 26:18)

Subscribers and other readers of the IJFM (due to ongoing promotion) come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Mission professors, field missionaries, young adult mission mobilizers, college librarians, mission executives, and mission researchers all look to the IJFM for the latest thinking in frontier missiology.