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Abstract

This paper is written with a single purpose of providing a critique by answering the question whether Dr. Charles Kraft has used/misused the communication and social sciences in his biblical interpretation and missiological formulation.

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2.1 Traditions of Missiological Research: A Diachronic Survey. Missionary ministry has had a long tradition but the conducting of missiological research with the use of a fully developed methodology is a relatively new phenomenon. Missiological study by its nature is integrative in its methodological approach; therefore qualitative methodology can be employed as one of the many options. A good example of the value of integrating the methodology of social sciences with missiological study is that of understanding the culture of a people group in order to better proclaim Christ to and among them so that they become Christ's disciples (Grunlan and Mayers 1988: 21-22). However, this resultant spirituality may not foster a Scriptural spirituality that culminates in Biblical Christianity.