

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION ON THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT AND POSTMODERNISM**

A poorly equipped soldier is at a distinct disadvantage when he meets his enemy in combat. So is a preacher or elder disadvantaged who is uninformed regarding the issues facing the church in the present day.

As part of our efforts to help the Christian leaders respond to the aggressions of the change movement we read and review the books the promoters of change publish. Also we review and recommend good books that respond to their errors.

Recently I came across three websites operated by denominational neighbors who are fighting the same battle with change agents in their own church settings. Each of the sites listed below are filled with dozens of informative and enlightening articles addressing different aspects of the Church Growth Movement and Postmodernism. Those who take time to review these materials will be astounded to see that what we call "The Change Movement" is really a cultural phenomenon of our generation that is sweeping through all conservative denominational bodies. It is rooted in a world-view called Postmodernism. One of the principle vehicles for introducing Postmodernism into evangelical circles has been the Church Growth Movement. Postmodernism, being a philosophical system, flourishes in university settlements. This explains why the major voices for our change movement are associated with our Christian Schools.

Those brethren who try to understand the change movement only by looking at what can be observed happening among our churches are like the blind men trying to get an understanding of what an elephant was like. Our change movement is but one manifestation of Postmodernism. The changes being imposed on our congregations have been learned from the promoters of the Church Growth Movement.

Visit these sites, read and learn. Be forewarned and forearmed.

\* We do not endorse or recommend every particular article on these sites. Read with discrimination. Sort out the useful and keep it, toss out that which is faulty.

[Http://www.Church%20Growth%20Movement.htm](http://www.Church%20Growth%20Movement.htm)

[Http://www.erwmcom/TheNewSpiritualFormation.htm](http://www.erwmcom/TheNewSpiritualFormation.htm)

[Http://www.crossroad.to/glossary/church/na\\_terms.htm](http://www.crossroad.to/glossary/church/na_terms.htm)

A physician needs to know all he can about a disease he would treat. JHW