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N. J. Gnaniah

It is a very useful course for me. I think it will really help me to deal with the young convert's problems in the new village churches.

I was personally challenged for doing more study and also do more research.

Suggestion

If it has been a residential course more time could have given to study. (I was not able to read much).

on the whole

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The course "Anthropology for Christian workers" which was conducted for five days was very useful, beneficial and was helpful to learn several things about the culture in society.

This course was very dealt with all practical things which I am sure will beneficial to their individual ministry. The various practical examples found in the readings will surely help to connect the subjects in the ministry and to present the gospel in a meaningful way.

This could have been more useful if we had conducted on individual way which would help to do more reading and discussion.

The lectures were very well given which could easily understand



D. Antony.

## Evaluation

How this Seminar of one week was helpful to me

1. It gave a deep and meaningful knowledge to study the culture of the people so that we will communicate the Gospel.
2. It gave a sense of responsibility in counselling people in their problems and difficulties in the way that if understand and look at them.
3. It gave a thorough check up in our knowledge with about the advancing and improving societies in their life style.
4. It gave a real burden to equip ourselves with the Gospel message which we share ~~the~~ with the people.

## Suggestion:-

If this one week (Institute) studies arranged as a residential course for one week that will help me to cope up with the readings and other assignments.

~~This one week fellowship~~



One week course on  
Missionary Anthropology

This course was helpfull to study about various cultures of the people so as to present Gospel. It is also a study of psychology of the tribal people. This course was also dealing with implications of cultural impact for evangelization.

Missionary Anthropology course helps to understand better ways of telling Gospel to various dynamic culture of people.

In short, one should have the back ground of knowledge of missionary Anthropology and culture. The back ground knowledge for each evangelist.



## Evaluation

### How the course helped:

- ① It has generated an interest in the study of anthropology
- ② It has helped to understand how it can help in mission and evangelism
- ③ I have learnt many things concerning the social and religious beliefs of tribes and some non-folks
- ④ It has helped to highlight some avoidable things in the approach to Evangelizing Indian people in Rural areas.
- ⑤ Last talk on Research is very helpful and useful.

### Feed Back

Most of the time and study was confined to Hindus - animism -

Much of the things were not relevant to the Urban situation and the hard core Hindu Culture and Society

This was practically ignored

Some real problems facing the Indian church have been glossed over

When serious issues are discussed, too much humor

Spiritual effect

Some big questions were not properly discussed

Time was very limited But thanks very much for what is learnt



① Personal

Once I was a missionary's wife.  
Now I feel, without the knowledge of  
Anthropology, no one can do missionary  
work anywhere, and he can not find  
any success.

Before I start my ministry  
in Madras, God has given me this chance,  
to learn something in Anthropology. With  
<sup>I hope</sup> this, God ~~so~~ will <sup>help</sup> me to do His ministry.

② Reading habit is again awakened in my  
life by this course.

3.



## 1. How helpful?

- a. learnt the importance of anthropological study in evangelism.
- b. created interest to study more in the ~~field~~ field of anthropology
- c. didn't know the course didn't answer questions but raised several questions for study and to think about
- d. Reading assignments were heavy but useful
- e. I enjoyed the method of the study - lecture and ~~copy~~ readings



Schwyn Moses

## Course Evaluation.

1. A very fascinating and beneficial course.
2. I have ~~to~~ learnt the basics of understanding the people, their culture; their religion, etc. A very very important tool.
3. I Congratulate McGavran Institute in conducting this course. Gratitude to Dr. V. Hedlund,



Rw. Albert and the C.G.R.C  
Staff.

4. If possible, the course  
should be conducted on  
a residential program.

5. Please let me know  
future courses.

Thanks & God bless.

Celina

Nov 21/86.



How this Course is helpful?

This course is no doubt very useful to an Evangelist who has the leading of God preach the Gospel to a particular community.

The cultural Anthropology really is window through which an Evangelist can clearly view and pertaining to which condition he can preach the Gospel in an appropriate way.

- My suggestion here is that the
- ① course can be conducted with more number of days.
  - ② In addition to Reading times, a short ~~not~~ note of written material pertaining to every day ~~short~~ Topic can be encouraged. Encouragements can be given to the candidates (Participants) every day to write a short article according to that day Topic on their own self or alternative days.



3. To guide the participants to write the articles guides good in their particular field may be engaged.
4. In last day the collection of all the articles can be returned to the respective participants so ~~that~~ as to make an order of their articles. This will certainly enable the participants to involve themselves in more time, completely.



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I found this course very very helpful.

It has helped me respect my culture.

It has helped me to treat 'socio-cultural' issues as 'real ones' not as mere 'imagination'.

I could see the 'Christian world view' not ~~in many~~ only in ~~some~~ new converts but also in traditional Christians, even of Charismatic believers.

It has 'enlightened' me to evaluate the 'Values' of my culture, and to analyse it objectively, and use it for further effective communication.

It has ~~cautious~~ not offend my Hindu friend, and your Christian brother.

It <sup>will help</sup> ~~has helped~~ my congregation to build and live



with real Indian Christian citizens,  
and to find appropriate answers  
for pressing social evils of our culture  
~~in~~ with Scriptural convictions.

I am hoping to encourage my  
fellow Christian to study  
the missionary anthropology.

Thanking You.



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