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Chapter 1 of Tennent's *Theology in the Context of World Christianity*

Chapter 1 was an introduction to the rest of the book and laid out a concise, but descriptive, outline of the topics that would be discussed. Tennent started with the history of the evolution of Christianity since the Reformation and discussed the current of our mostly how the gospel needed to be both theologically translatable as much as it is culturally translatable. One of his strongest arguments is in regards to the centrality of Christianity. He makes a comparison of the centrality of Islam being Saudi Arabia and Hinduism, North India. The difference in Christianity is that the central location of the majority of Christian believers has always changed. If then, the centrality the Christian world majority is changing, why does most of our theological reference and influence still come from Western theology and theologians? Granted, there are universal and timeless truths that stem from Western theology. However, there are other perspectives that we can learn and grow from that are outside our Western theology and culture. These perspectives highlight issues that face humanity, and therefore, the church.

The questions that I share with Tennent are: what can we do to open the conversation between missionaries and theologians? How do

we, in a Western context, contribute to the global church and the societies in world majority of Christians (India, Africa, China)?

These questions lead to the missional implication of Tennent's argument: we must do more to understand and theologically translate the gospel message to those outside of the Western cultural context because the majority of Christians are now outside of the Western world.