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In Chapter 4 of *Soul, Self, and Society*, Rynkiewicz further discusses the topic of culture, and includes more essential topics for discussion- society and ecology. Rynkiewicz uses these topics to illustrate the ways in which a community's life can be explained. For example, as Rynkiewicz stated in chapter 3, the cultural view focuses on the people's perspective of their world. The social view focuses on the pattern of behavior and the shaping of identity, while the ecology focuses on the environment in which such worldviews and behaviors are displayed by a community. Rynkiewicz goes through these concepts to inform the missionary bringing the gospel that "if one wants to understand a group of people...one would have to look at them through the lenses of culture, society, ecology, and history." (Rynkiewicz, p. 121)

As I reflect on this chapter, I couldn't help but notice Rynkiewicz's emphasis on the anthropologist's study of a people, and the missionary's lack of study. For example, Rynkiewicz alludes to the pattern of study for the modern anthropologist, which begins with the traditional social theory of the status of an individual and can have its complexities "because a person of a particular status may relate to several others in several different ways..." (Rynkiewicz, p. 126), whereas "missionaries often assume that sociality...is the same everywhere" (Rynkiewicz, p. 129) Rynkiewicz ascribes this to the simplicity of Western relationships versus the multiplicity of relationships in other societies, and brilliantly uses the example of the guilt and shame societies to further strengthen his point. I certainly agree with Rynkiewicz in the sense that the study of a society is important, especially when one is bringing the gospel, lest it fall on deaf ears. Two questions that I have for consideration: 1. How does being led by the Holy Spirit tie

into a proper study of a society? 2. Can having an impact on one of the views discussed (culture, society and ecology) lead to having an impact on the other views, or must it be all at once?