

THE CHRIST EVENT SITUA- TION	THE EVENT	Not idea Happening Everydayness of life Radical	THE INTRUSION	Not me Slits illu- sions Pushed to edge Self-understan- ding in question	THE DEFENSE	Threatened Defend self See death of self Attempt to murder	THE DECISION	Otherness remains Another illusion or face new situation Word Relevant Here
THE CHRIST EVENT WORD	ALL IS GOOD (Creation)	Only Word that is Evil and good Suffering and tragedy Life & death	ALL IS RECEIVED (Self)	Neuroses Physical being weaknesses Power	ALL IS APPROVED (Past)	Fate Guilt Results History	ALL IS POSSIBLE (Future)	In each sitn. Risk Impossible possibility Creates history
THE CHRIST EVENT DYNAMIC	THE SEIZURE	Relevant happening Address Questions your universe Demands a life answer	THE OFFENSE	Chasm of spirit dec'sn Intellectual Emotional Volitional	THE DECISION	Self God Word End of Road of Words	THE DEATH	Die to illusions Embracing actualities Nothing different Everything changed
THE CHRIST EVENT STORY	JESUS	Secondary question History and event Church and event Revelatory event	THE CHRIST	The Messiah Question The No Messiah -Messiah Messiah Qn. transformed The Human Question	OUR LORD	Existential meaning of Lord Pre and post existence Virgin Birth & Ascension The Lord of All	MY STORY	Every man has a story Story judges every story Reinterp.past & future Is the story of my life

CHRIST EVENT SITUATION I		Illustrations			
		Personal		Classical	
The Event	Not idea	Alter call not experienced	Lv. rm for guardian angel	No intell. clarity	Not suddenly believe in Bible
	Happening	Splitting trousers	Attempt to beresp. while irresp.	Concrete life experience	Womb story
	Everydayness of Life	Gaining weight	Give notice to change jobs	Happens to everyone	Ordinary as going to john
	Radical	Thread being rotten	Instead of lvng. boss will re-place you	Changes whole life	
The Intrusion	Not Me	It's the manufacturer	Same from boss	Coges from out-side	
	Slits illusion	Wife's comment you didn't have those fixed	Image of self by trying resp. per.		
	Pushed to edge	Fourth time they've been fixed	Reaction to action		Bursting balloon
	S/U in question	Not trim youngster anymore	Face your irresponsibility	Whole life called into question	Not just particular
The Defense	Threatened	Mk reference to my posture	Your exist. in jeopardy-I am nothing	Threat to who you are	Rug pulled out
	Defend self	I work with people shorter than I	Quit job immed.	Shoot bk; explain away attack	Justify
	See Death of self	The mirror in the bathrm	Not productive, resp. person.	You see the threat	Image of self reality due
	Attempt to murder	You're not 16 anymore either	Berate boss-- No damm good	Move in to murder intruder	Destroy what can't explain
The Decision	Otherness remains	Wife, mirror still there	Altho bastard he still replaces you		
	Another illusion	Buy larger trousers	Embrace self as you are	Now put band-aid on balloon	
	Idol	Try pull stomach in--or wear stom. di) support	Humans create another illusion	Crack of another illusion	It is suicide
	Word relevant	Accepting chng. of lbs., age.	Std before my resp.	Say yes to who I am	What am I saying yes to?

THE CHRIST LECTURE

The Christ Event is that event in everyman's life that forces him to say "yes" or "no" to the underlying YES pronounced on his total life. It is an offensive word that seizes his life--pushing him out over the abyss and demanding that he die to his illusions about life and embrace his true situation. In the dynamics of the event, it is revealed that all his good, his life is received, the past is approved, and the future utterly open. The Event became a cosmic and revelatory event for every age and culture through the Church's story of Jesus the Christ as one who showed up as the temporal event to declare the eternal possibility about life. Out of that event was created the Christian community which has sustained the story of possibility history long and world wide as THE WORD AND THE ONLY WORD about life.

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The Christ Event Word thrusts into our lives, transforming our lives in history, present, past and future. It pronounces all goingness as appropriate; all that we are as a gift, all that has come before us as approved, and all the future in our hands to create.

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The Christ Word Event seizes me in my complacency. I am offended by the demand made on my life, and I am driven to make a life decision which brings about the death of my illusions.

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EVENT

The Event is that act or action not an idea, which you experience not intellectually, but concretely in your life--not just one in a lifetime, but many times in everyday situations. It is that event which radically alters your entire self understanding of what it is that you are about as a human being.

INTRUSION

The Intrusion is the experience of having your illusions pierced by someone else. When this happens, all illusions which make life safe, bearable and protected from the unknown are removed, and you are forced to view that fact you have chosen to justifiably ignore. As a result of this experience, your whole life and image are called into question.

DEFENSE

When your life is called into question, you are threatened and therefore, defend yourself. This defense can take the form of building a new illusion, killing the intruders by dismissing his intrusion as irrelevant, or by pointing out the weaknesses of the intruder. In any case, it is obvious by your actions that you have seen the handwriting on the wall of the impinging death of yourself.

DECISION

But the intrusion will not go away. Your illusion has been burst, and you face your guilty fear-filled life as it is. Do you create a new illusion to hide from your situation as it really is, or a new idol to stand before--or do you choose to embrace your life as a gift?

THE CHRIST EVENT WORD		ILLUSTRATION			
		PERSONAL		CLASSICAL	
ALL IS GOOD	Only Word that is	Family context as is, is good	My education is the only one I've got.	My country w/its violence-only one I have	Divided world we live in is only one we have
	Evil & --good	"Evil" I encounter in city sch.- good.	Unnecessary policy in public aid is good.	Become prostitute in order to save my children.	
	Suffering and tragedy	Knife fights, shakes downs, Lead poisonings.	Woman w/8 children, 1 bed, 1 stove, & rats.	Hitler-concentration camps.	Biafra
	Life/Death	My husband died at 42. Mo-in-law at 72	Uncertainty of my life & death is good.	Vietnam	Calcutta - 10,000 die every day
ALL IS RECEIVED	Fate	I was born a West. white woman		Fate of Jewish person born in 30s in Germany.	
	Guilt	Live with guilt in a segregated society.	Wasted time in your education.	My Lai massacre	
	Weakness	My inability to communicate		Anxiety over not being a good parent.	
	Death	Don't know anything about mine except rec'd.	My death is needed in the order of hist.	All deaths needed. In 100 yrs, child, born last mo. will be dead.	
ALL IS APPROVED	Fate	Past traumas which made me what am, approv.		Marilyn Monroe	
	Good & Evil	Good & evil I have done are approved.		Bonhoeffer Hitler	
	Weak & Strong	Times I couldn't communicate w/ students		People whose work, & ideas not gotten into hist.	
	Life & Death	Moth. sent child to bed w/out sup. It died in a fit of burst appendix.		6,000,000 Jews dead; & lives of those who killed them.	
ALL IS POSSIBLE	Not bound	I can create what means to be W. white woman	Not bound by age, educa. or exper.	All know people can't fly. Going to moon-science fiction.	
	Risk	Risk ostracization so as to cre. new images.	Recreate mother-hood. Put child in struct.	Jesus walking/water.	Draft card burn. C.O.s; Youth Rev.
	Imposs/Possib.	I can create struc. where public aid can funct.		Orville Wright -pick up your bed & walk.	Whoever thought Pogo 80 yrs-anything but a transition.
	Creates History	We don't have to let hist. carry us along	Teacher's directed plan can crea. new curric.	Martin Luther King.	Castro/Mao

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ALL IS GOOD

The word reveals to us that all is good, meaning that the whole world, just as it is, and precisely because it is, is good. Therefore, we cannot distinguish between "good" and "evil", rejecting one and accepting the other. We are enabled to accept suffering, injustice and tragedy, since that is a part of the whole, which is proclaimed by the word as good.

ALL IS RECEIVED

All is received is that part of the word that tells us that our life as it is is the life that is needed and our death that is offered is a gift in history. The neurotic human beings that we are, created out of our past, the fact of our contingency upon other lives at every moment, our own failure to stand totally present to the other, and the limitedness of our lives is an offering.

ALL IS APPROVED

As we reflect on the past we can see it in all its brokenness and failure. But it influences our lives only by being that which has produced our good and received present. It is, as the foundation of the present, that we see the past as approved.

ALL IS POSSIBLE

With the assurance that all is good, all is received, and all is approved, we are made aware of the possibilities open to us. There are no shackles to bind us. As products of our past, our fates, our shoved-upness, we can start a course for the future, reformulating images, changing the seemingly unchangeable; daring to create history, regardless of the challenge or risk.

THE CHRIST EVENT DYNAMIC		ILLUSTRATIONS			
		DECONAT		CLASSICAL	
THE SEIZURE	ADDRESS	My mother's prejudice	Will never be by a Grand Opera Singer	Black Manifesto	4 assassinations (of the 60's)
	CONTENTLESS	Solitariness of Dec. Hus/Wife-mother n/help	No man is an island		
	?	The Imper. of the Bl. Rev. on my life.			
	END OF ROAD	How can I decide to be Or. Men as Bl Women			
THE OFFENSE	GAP IN CREATION	A father learns Jews are human.		Death of Salesman	Cluster of Look art, families-Mead
	INTELLECTUAL	John Lloyd (19 yrs.)		Authority (Bay of Pigs)	
	EMOTIONAL	Mother's struggle w/ generation gap.	Life style Dec.	Man by pool. 38 yrs wasted.	
	VOLITIONAL	Grandfather	Marriage of sister	Draft ?	Youth & Education
THE DECISION	ABYSS	(teacher) 1st day in classrm.		Forty fathoms jello	Diving in swimming blind-folded.
	SELF	Vocational Decision			
	GOD			No Christ unless my Christ - Luther	
	WORD				
THE DEATH	DIE TO ILLUSION	Ended long distance relationship	"You're bad tchr. I don't even like you.	Cat on a hot tin roof.	
	EMBRACE ACTUALITY	Started buying cigarettes	Buying actual size clothes	Mountain Rivera	
	NOTHING DIFFERENT	Same job	Still neurotic over-emotional bitch.	Days of wine & roses	
	EVERYTHING CHANGED	Long necked girl.			

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SEIZURE

The dynamic of the Christ event begins when it becomes clear to me that the Word has my name on it. This word brings to everyman the demand on his life to live in the situation which he must define for himself. It raises the question of what meaning I have given to my life and pushes me to the point where I must make a decision about who I am and what my relationship is to the rest of society.

OFFENSE

The offense of the Christ event calls my whole being into question and pushes me to acknowledge, "yes" that is the way life is, or "no" that is not the way life is. This word offends my desire to appeal to a final authority; it offends my need for emotional security; and it demands a life decision from me.

DECISION

Finding myself out over an abyss of meaninglessness and emptiness with no relevant authorities or values, I must decide to live in that chaos. The imperative is for me to decide to thrust my life in a certain direction, to take a relationship to the mystery, and to live out of the possibility of the Christ word.

DEATH

When I have finally thrust my decision into history through the Word, I die to that illusion spoken by that event. I then embrace my true situation, realizing that though nothing is different, everything is transformed.

CHRIST EVENT STORY IV		Illustrations			
		Personal		Classical	
Jesus	2nd question	"Who says so?"= not the question		Braying on Alps	No Messiah
	History	Tell story of life=who you are		1776 --colonies	Jews--Christians
	Church	Brought JX symbol thru history		How church under stds its beginning	How it talks re; birth
	Revelational event	Thru this -saw once no people now God's people		Conversion of Paul;--rich ruler	Augustine; Woman at well
The Christ	In History			On stage; Gnosticism	To die is to live
	Pre Existence			Pre-planned for history	Lamb on lam
	Post Existence			Crowned to all ages	Virgin birth
	Cosmic Dimension			Universal address	Most common thing
Our Lord	Existential meaning of Lord	He is mine	Christ not X till "my Christ"		
	Virgin Birth	Church--Mary		Men of faith have unnatural birth	
	Ascension			Ultimate Word--WD. is truth.	All Men, All places all time; vehicle of ascent
	Session	Bow my knee to only	History long--world wide	Always rule--Omnipotent ruler	Never be anything outside; Rt. Hand of Father.
John Doe	Present Sit.	Realization--my story--my life			
	Past Significance	Return to Church after not being there for 4 yrs			
	Future	Now know--death of mother was psych. crush			
	My story			Blind see; deaf hear	Lame leap

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JESUS

There is an event in history which called men to deal with their creatur-
liness - which called men to deal with
their situation. It does no good to
question from where it came or the
validity in the vehicle whereby the
dynamic occurred. It was this hap-
pening which brought the church into
being by illuminating the Word about
life in the present, past and future
as possibility.

THE CHRIST

The Event was attached with universal
significance of the past, symbolizing
that as the Lamb on the lap of the
Father, thrust into temporality by
the Virgin Birth and ascending out of
history into eternacety for the per-
petuation of the Word in the future.

OUR LORD

To pronounce that Lord is to take a
relationship to that story or it is
our decision to say this is my Lord.
To say that I fall on my knees to
only that understanding about life.

JOHN DOE

It finally announces that my situation,
my past, and my future are received.
The secret of all history is that, that
very S/C is available to all - or that
it is possible to call the story of
humanness - my own story -- the story
of my life.