

# Intercultural Engagement



Palms Australia

Enhancing the experience.



## Session Outcomes

Participants will read articles and watch videos on Cultural Humility

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that explain how to live positively with those of a culture different from one's own.

Based on the readings and video they will develop a plan to manage and enhance the experience of intercultural living.

# The Best Culture

Without applying any critical thought, it is natural to accept my culture as the best, or even the only way of doing things properly.

This is the attitude known as

“ethnocentrism”

The next two slides introduce you to two people who frequently move across cultures. They suggest a few ideas for letting go of our ethnocentrism and enhancing the experience of crossing-cultures.

# Metaphors for enhancing the experience of crossing cultures

## 1. Entering someone else's garden



Schroeder, Roger in *The Healing Circle: Essays in Cross-Cultural Mission*, Stephen Bevans, Eleanor Doidge, and Robert Schrieter, eds. (Chicago: CCGM Publications, 2000)

Roger Schroeder was ordained in 1979 as a member of the Society of the Divine Word (S.V.D.) after which he worked for six years in Papua New Guinea. Upon earning a Doctorate in Missiology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Schroeder began teaching at Catholic Theological Union. He has been at CTU since

## 2. Strangers In The Place

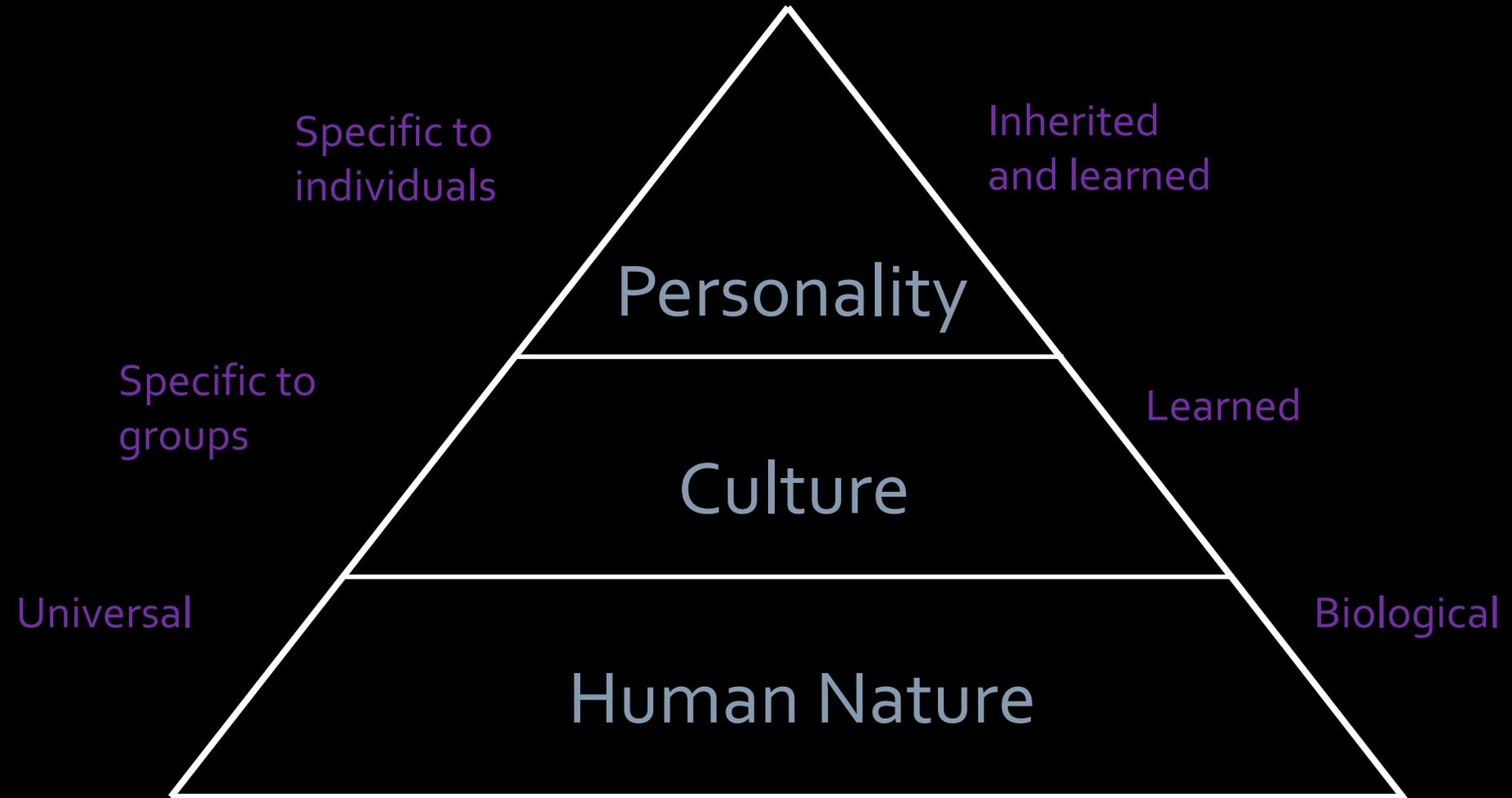
### Learning to Be

in Gittins, Anthony *Ministry at the Margins*, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, 2002



Professor Dr. Anthony Gittins has taught Theology and Cultural Anthropology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago since 1984. Born in Manchester (England) and a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1967. He subsequently earned M.A.s in both Linguistics and Social Anthropology, and later a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1988 and 1991 he was a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Cambridge and then the University of Oxford, England. In his teaching, Gittins touches the interface between the social sciences and theological disciplines.

# What is Culture? ~ One of three levels of mental programs.



Culture consists of shared mental programs that condition individuals' responses to their environment

Culture is not just a set of surface behaviours; it is deeply embedded in each of us.

What we first identify through the five senses is only the outer shell.



Scents

Sounds

Sights

Patterns of

Principles of

Core Values

and Beliefs

Behaviour

Touch

Tastes



# Developing Your Plan

After reading the articles provided, in your journal:

- Summarise the primary metaphor/main point of each article and
- Note the key points made by each author. How do these reinforce the metaphor or main point?
- Which example or story spoke most clearly to you?
- Based on the article write your strategies for Enhancing the experience

# PALMS AUSTRALIA PLANNING TOOL

<b>GOAL:</b>	To achieve potential in mutual development within challenging relationships of understanding, acceptance and care with those of a culture different to my own.				
<b>OBJECTIVES/ OUTCOMES:</b>  SPECIFIC MEASURABLE ACHIEVABLE RELEVANT TIMELY	The experience will be enhanced if within the first six months I:				
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<b>STRATEGIES:</b>  -  TO SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVES	From the readings and the experience of the group.				