

The Christian Landscape in America in 2015

TRADITION	EXPERIENCE	LIBERAL	CONSERVATIVE
<i>(Ecumenical, Somewhat)</i>	<i>(Ecumenical)</i>	<i>(Ecumenical)</i>	<i>(Non-Ecumenical)</i>
ROMAN CATHOLIC	PENTECOSTAL	METHODIST	FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST
	(ASSEMBLY OF GOD)	(UNITED METHODIST)	
EASTERN ORTHODOX	(ONENESS PENTECOSTAL)	(AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL)	SOUTHERN BAPTIST
(OTHER, USUALLY ETHNIC LINES)	(INFINITE STRANDS)		(INDEPENDENT BAPTIST)
		PRESBYTERIAN	
ANGLICAN	SEEKER SENSITIVE		MENNONITE
(NORTH AMERICA)	(ENTERTAINMENT DRIVEN)	LUTHERAN	(AMISH)
	(HEALTH AND WEALTH)	(EVANGELICAL)	(CONSERVATIVE BRETHREN)
LUTHERAN			
(MISSOURI SYNOD)	SOME INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN	EPISCOPAL (IN AMERICA)	SOME INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN
	(TEND ALSO TO LIBERALISM)	(FROM THE ANGLICAN TRADITION)	(FIRM FOUNDATION)
		AMERICAN/NORTHERN BAPTIST	
<i>Tradition has equal authority</i>			
<i>with Scripture in church</i>	<i>Experience has equal authority</i>	CONGREGATIONAL	<i>Completed 66-Book Canon of</i>
<i>teaching and/or practice</i>	<i>with Scripture in church</i>	(QUAKER)	<i>Scripture the only authority</i>
	<i>teaching and/or practice</i>	(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)	<i>in matters of faith and practice</i>
	<i>Pentecostalism considered</i>		<i>Literal interpretation of Scripture</i>
	<i>unorthodox until 1960's</i>		
		<i>Non-literal reading and</i>	<i>Fundamentalist, Strong in</i>
<u>ECUMENICAL</u>	<i>Subjective view of Scripture</i>	<i>interpretation of Scripture</i>	<i>defense and proclamation</i>
RI COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	<i>Extra-biblical revelation</i>	<i>"modern", "progressive" thought</i>	<i>of conservative theology</i>
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	<i>allowed and/or tolerated</i>		
INTERFAITH SERVICES		<i>Acceptance of "SSM" by</i>	<i>Missional Domestically</i>
		<i>church, synods, and/or members</i>	
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>	<u>UNCLASSIFIED REASON</u>		<i>Non-Charismatic as point</i>
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST---	DENIAL OF CHRIST THE ONLY WAY		<i>of doctrine</i>
CHURCHES OF CHRIST---	CONSERVATIVE, BUT FALSE GOSPEL	<u>MISCELLANEOUS NOTES</u>	
MESSIANIC CHRISTIAN---	CAN BE ANY OF THE FOUR	CAN BE SOME OVERLAP	<u>CULTS OUTSIDE CHRISTIANITY</u>
(DO NOT FIT WELL IN ANY ONE		USUAL TREND IS TO MOVE TO	JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES)		THE "ADJACENT" CATEGORY	MORMON CHURCH

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***Disclaimer: I believe these categories to be generally true, but there are numerous individual exceptions.