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COMMUNICATION

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One of the SKILLS NEEDED IN PARTICIPATORY PLANNING--listed on p.11 of the Exploration Guide--is *facilitating communication and thus dialogue.*

This diagram is a take-off on Phillip Anderson's basic model of what's in play as a person tries to communicate.

What the person is--his feelings (including his attitudes), his ideas (the percept-images in his psyche, and the concepts in his mind), and his behavior (his history and habits)--comes into tangency with what the other person is, and the extent of the tangency and interpenetration reveals the depths of the encounter. Think, e.g., how important in human intercourse is verbal behavior (semantic habits)!

The facilitator or enabler of communication will seek to be aware, and help the others come to greater awareness, of all the factors in play as people come into audiovisual contact with each other.

The proximate end of this endeavor is *efficiency* ("getting the job done"), but the ultimate end is *the celebration of life* in God-man and man-man covenant mutuality, in revelation and communion.

How important, in a local church's planning, is such sophistication about communication? Very, for unrecognized factors tend to gain demonic power, wrecking the planning process and thus impeding the mission: greater awareness

--e.g., of another's feelings!--exercises an exorcizing influence.