



## Repositioning My Mind for a New World (Can Your Mind Cross Over?)

December 27, 2020

### Series Review:

1. December 6, 2020: Repositioning Yourself to **Change** (Giving yourself permission to change)
2. December 13, 2020: Repositioned with a New **License** (Giving yourself authority to change)
3. December 20, 2020: Repositioning My **Attitude** Toward the Holidays (Why I love Christmas)
4. December 27, 2020: Repositioning My **Mind** for a New World (Can your mind cross over?)

**Big Question:** What needs to be repositioned in our thinking about yourself and the world we are called to reach?

**Observation:** Sometimes, we are guilty of teaching our Christian culture as if it were God’s culture and preference. God is not Baptist, Catholic, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Evangelical, or Protestant. These are religious expressions we created to honor God. They come with traditions, assumptions, and biases that are tied to historical seasons and personal preferences.

**Paul’s Advice About Our Thinking:** Romans 12:1–2 (NIV)

- 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the **pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to **test** and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### I. We Need the Ability to Cross Mental Boundaries and Territories

A Whole New Mind by Daniel H. Pink  
(Chapter 6, Seeing Relationships)

**“Creativity generally involves crossing the boundaries of domains.” The most creative among us see relationships the rest of us never notice.**

Such ability is at a premium in a world where specialized knowledge work can quickly become **routinized** work—and therefore be automated or outsourced away.

Designer Clement Mok says, **“The next 10 years will require people to think and work across boundaries** into new zones that are totally different from their areas of expertise. They will not only have to cross those boundaries, but they will also have to **identify opportunities and make connections** between them.”

## II. We Need the Ability to Make Big Mental Leaps (This Can Be Life Changing)

The ability to make **big leaps of thought** is a common denominator among the originators of breakthrough ideas. Usually this ability resides in people with very wide backgrounds, multidisciplinary minds, and a broad spectrum of experiences.” **Boundary crossers reject either/or choices and seek multiple options and blended solutions.**

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## III. Five Things We Must Leap Forward and Embrace

1. Things have changed and will **never** be quite the same (We are now changing a culture)
2. We must think about how we are managing living during the **deadliest** seasons in American history (Never have so many died so fast)
3. We must think about who we are going to **follow** and what we will require of them (Democrats, Independence, and Republicans)
4. We must think about clearly defining our **goals** and the **tools** we need to get to our dreams
5. We must think about how our **religious views and environments** have impacted our lives

**Conclusion:**

## IV. Three Things That Concern Me During This Season

1. There are some home training issues in our Christian community that need to be reviewed
2. There are some big gaps in our sensitivity training regarding the Christian community
3. Our minds are having trouble crossing certain boundaries and making the big leaps necessary to be relevant in the world around us.

**New Year’s Eve: Do not Be Scared of a New World**