

**Evaluations of Paper Proposals for the 1999 WTS Meeting
Southern Nazarene University, March 5-6**

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Topic: "Operationalizing Entire Sanctification: Toward a Pluralistic View"

Comments by the evaluator:

_____ This proposal should not be accepted for use in the 1999 program.

_____ This proposal should be discussed during the conference call.

Evaluator's name _____

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The title of the paper I will submit for the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in March, 1999 is:

“Operationalizing Entire Sanctification: Toward a Pluralistic View”

Abstract: In this paper I argue that Entire Sanctification is best understood by an operationalist criterion, generally of having certain repeatable mind events. Specifically, when a believer's *token* remembrances of a special *type* of mind event bring about the believer's intention to act in accordance with God's will, then one is, during the time of having such an intention, Entirely Sanctified. This operationalist view is pluralistic since it does not demand that the special type of mind event be universally identical for all persons, much less Christian persons. However, this operationalist view is not relativistic since, in order to qualify as Entire Sanctification, the special mind event must always result in the intention to “Love one's neighbor as one's self,” which is always and everywhere in accordance with God's will, which is a position shared widely among the contemporary world's religions, and which is logically compatible with prevenient and universal actions of the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,



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