

**Global Diagram 30. Standardizing the terminology for enumerating all Christians (World C): 4 major statistical usages, 48 generic categories, and 3 dichotomous typologies leading to one schema of 3 levels of Christian commitment.**

This diagram analyzes World C, the world of all persons who individually are Christians. It shows the many different ways in which they have been enumerated. All definitions are reconciled here into a single classification and schema, standardized throughout this survey. Here are the 4 main elements listed in the title above.

(1) **4 major statistical usages.** The 4 best-known overall usages are shown in boldface type in Table A below. These are the only 4 global measures that anybody actually collects from grassroots level onwards and then publishes. All are enumerated in WCE Country Tables 1, for each of the globe's 238 countries. Of these 4, **Christians** refers to the grand total of all types; the other 3 usages are alternative ways of attempting to count Christians, which overlap markedly. **Professing Christians** are what censuses and public-opinion polls enumerate; **affiliated Christians** are what churches count, being enrolled church members including their children, all with their names written in the church's records; and **Great Commission Christians** refers to practicing Christians

actively seeking to obey Christ's command to engage in mission.

(2) **48 generic categories.** Under these 4 major usages Table A shows 44 additional generic categories widely enumerated by Christians today. These are organized according to several typologies as is next explained.

(3) **3 dichotomous typologies.** The latter 3 major statistical usages provide us with three 2-part typologies widely used for describing and enumerating the Christian world. These are depicted in Graphic A, at its bottom left. The typologies each divide Christians into 2 categories based on different viewpoints: (1) that of the world, which observes profession; (2) that of the church, which organizes affiliation; and (3) that of Christ himself, who recognizes either obedience or disobedience to his commission to be active in mission. Meanwhile, our globe is shown divided into Worlds A, B, and C. Its Christians (World C) are shown shaded and segmented under the 3 typologies.

(4) **3 levels of Christian commitment.** The 3 dichotomies

are then combined, at bottom right, into one final typology, a trichotomy dividing all Christians into 4 layers or 3 levels of commitment. The top 2 layers are termed latent Christians, covering all Christians who are inactive with regard to Christ's call to mission. The bottom 2 layers form the core of the worldwide church—all Christians who are active in mission, who take seriously Christ's command, and so who are termed **Great Commission Christians**. This category itself is composed of 2 layers—overt evangelizers, and covert evangelizers (secret believers)—although it is termed here as a single level, the third one.

Table A thus shows our final standard layout. The 48 generic categories are arranged into 3 parallel but different ways of analyzing all Christians. Each is introduced by its key-word—**PROFESSION, AFFILIATION, or MISSION**. Statistics for AD 2000 are then added. Also, each category is given a short code, to help the user to navigate through the masses of data in computerized database versions.

Table A. STANDARD TERMS FOR 'CHRISTIANS'.

Below is set out the standard layout for the statistical enumeration of Christians followed in this survey. The 4 major statistical usages are shown (in boldface type), with 44 other categories in widespread use (in medium type). All are shown divid-

ed under 3 alternative ways of analysis (in italic capitals, *PROFESSION, AFFILIATION, MISSION*), each of whose components add up to the same total for all Christians (see formulas below).

Code	Category	Global totals, AD 2000	Code	Category	Global totals, AD 2000
<b>C</b>	<b>Christians</b>	<b>1,999,564,000</b>	IAC	Independents	385,745,000
	<i>PROFESSION</i>		NIAC	Non-White indigenous Christians	203,870,000
CC	crypto-Christians	123,626,000	WIAC	White-led Postdenominationalists	50,066,000
PC	<b>professing Christians</b>	<b>1,875,827,000</b>	AAC	Anglicans	79,650,000
RPC	Roman Catholics	1,020,827,000	EAAC	Anglican Evangelicals	30,000,000
SRPC	Spiritist Catholics	82,000,000	CAAC	Anglican Charismatics	17,562,000
ERPC	Evangelical Catholics	79,900,000	mAC	Marginal Christians	26,060,000
CRPC	Christopagans	22,000,000	2AC	doubly-affiliated	-194,780,000
PPC	Protestants	310,000,000	xAC	disaffiliated	-22,694,000
OPC	Orthodox	160,000,000		<i>Trans-megabloc groupings:</i>	
IPC	Independents	250,000,000	EAC	Evangelicals	211,000,000
APC	Anglicans	110,000,000	eAC	evangelicals	647,821,000
mPC	Marginal Christians	25,000,000	ZAC	Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	523,778,000
	<i>AFFILIATION</i>		1ZAC	Pentecostals (First-Wavers)	65,833,000
UC	unaffiliated Christians	111,125,000	2ZAC	Charismatics (Second-Wavers)	175,857,000
AC	<b>affiliated Christians</b>	<b>1,888,439,000</b>	3ZAC	Neocharismatics (Third-Wavers)	295,405,000
xpAC	non-practicing church members	1,240,618,000	4ZAC	doubly-counted (1/2/3 Wavers)	-13,300,000
RAC	Roman Catholics	1,057,328,000		<i>MISSION</i>	
CRAC	Catholic Charismatics	120,000,000	LC	latent (inactive) Christians	1,351,743,000
ERAC	Catholic Evangelicals	7,800,000	UC	unaffiliated Christians*	111,125,000
PAC	Protestants	324,002,000	xpAC	non-practicing church members*	1,240,618,000
EPAC	Evangelicals	144,000,000	GCC	<b>Great Commission Christians</b>	<b>647,821,000</b>
CPAC	Protestant Charismatics	35,200,000	OEC	overt evangelizers*	524,095,000
OAC	Orthodox	215,129,000	CC	covert evangelizers*	123,726,000
EOAC	Orthodox Evangelicals	4,000,000			
COAC	Orthodox Charismatics	2,000,000			

**Notes on columns above.**

**Code.** To enable computer users to steer through database versions.

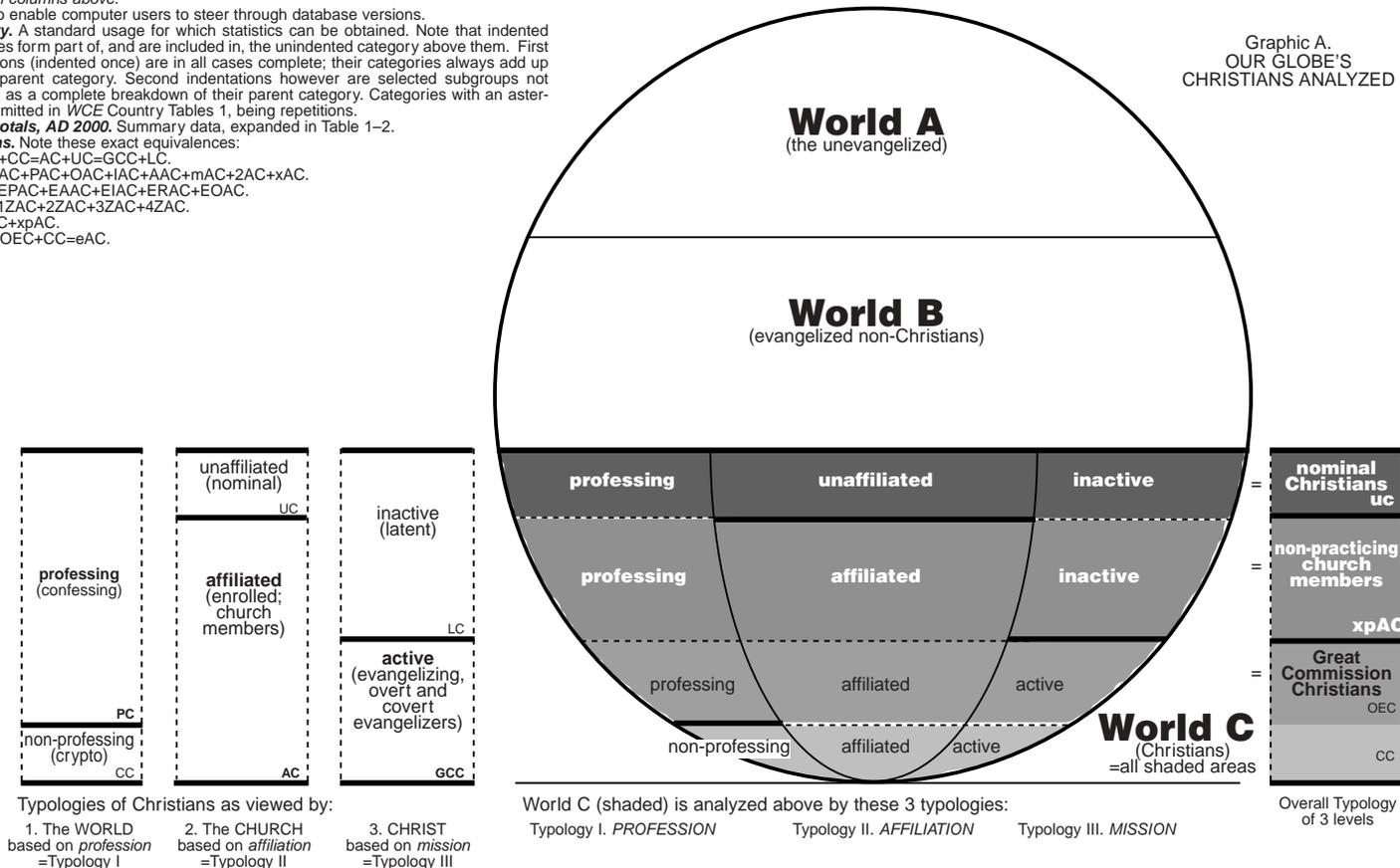
**Category.** A standard usage for which statistics can be obtained. Note that indented categories form part of, and are included in, the unindented category above them. First indentations (indented once) are in all cases complete; their categories always add up to their parent category. Second indentations however are selected subgroups not intended as a complete breakdown of their parent category. Categories with an asterisk are omitted in WCE Country Tables 1, being repetitions.

**Global totals, AD 2000.** Summary data, expanded in Table 1-2.

**Formulas.** Note these exact equivalences:

- C=PC+CC=AC+UC=GCC+LC.
- AC=RAC+PAC+OAC+IAC+AAC+mAC+2AC+xAC.
- EAC=EPAC+EAAC+EIAC+ERAC+EOAC.
- ZAC=1ZAC+2ZAC+3ZAC+4ZAC.
- LC=UC+xpAC.
- GCC=OEC+CC=eAC.

Graphic A. OUR GLOBE'S CHRISTIANS ANALYZED



Typologies of Christians as viewed by:

1. The WORLD based on *profession* = Typology I
2. The CHURCH based on *affiliation* = Typology II
3. CHRIST based on *mission* = Typology III

World C (shaded) is analyzed above by these 3 typologies:

- Typology I. *PROFESSION*
- Typology II. *AFFILIATION*
- Typology III. *MISSION*

Overall Typology of 3 levels