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### Power and Power Confronting in the Transformation-Journey in Christ Jesus in the South Asian Context of Religious Freedom.

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Christian mission is purposed for multifaceted activities<sup>2</sup> that drives the transformation-journey. Transformation initiatives and “power confronting” are inseparable in this journey. Christian mission cannot be accomplished in South Asian countries unless transforming agencies – the Church are well prepared for power confronting in their religiously pluralistic context.

The overall purpose of this paper is to analyze the power-confrontations of the people in the society and the Christian mission agencies in the secular countries of south Asia in order to find its causes and consequences. The study includes findings from the literature with some of the key empirical observations in selected south Asian countries.

Two “power” sources are confrontable by transformation agencies, the Church: (1) powers that causes wounded people and (2) power that heals the wounded people. The former is from societal related elements, in particular from religious fanatics and the latter is from the creator God; while the former destroys the society and breeds challenges against the Christian mission, the latter gives life and transformation to the wounded people and the Church.

From the above two subsections an expositional presentation will be made on the following concerns: (1) how the societal powers cause wounds among the people, (2) how the societal powers generate obstacles against Christian mission, (3) how the Christian mission in the context of this region, handle this issue, and (4) how Christians fail to use or underuse the power of the Holy Spirit – the advocate for the defense of the harassed church and the advocate for the prosecution of the attacking world.<sup>3</sup> Empirical findings will be extracted from the religious fundamentalists and fanatics, wounded people in the society due to religious faiths, and Church and Christian mission representatives.

Paper will conclude with suggestions by the author.

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<sup>2</sup> David J Bosch, *Transforming Mission* (NY: Orbis, 1991), 512.

<sup>3</sup> J.E. Lesslie Newbigin, *Mission in Christ's Way: Bible Studies* (Geneva: WCC Publications, 1987), 18.