



## **II. Uncovering Media Messages (A): How Does the Media Portray God?**

Five alternative pictures / narratives, with examples:

1. God as absent (a secularized media world - version 1)
2. God as irrelevant and old-fashioned (a secularized media world - version 2)
3. God as a politically correct service provider (a religious media world: "hatching, matching and dispatching")
4. God as made in our own image (a religious media world: pluralistic, relativistic or syncretistic)
5. God as a dangerous superstition (a secular media world: cf. the new atheists)

**III. Uncovering Media Messages (B): What Worldviews Are Shaping the Media?**

1. Secular Humanism

2. Naturalism

3. Pantheism

4. Alternative Monotheisms

*Various media examples as case-studies.*

**IV. Understanding the Role of Media in Identity Formation**

1. Media Messages, Personal Identity and Young People

2. Media Messages, Religious Socialization and Young People

3. Affects on young people inside / outside churches

**V. Media Messages: A Tool-Box for Media Literacy in the Churches**

1. John 17, Math 5:13-16, Phil 4:8

2. Double listening

3. The process of worldview analysis

4. Points of contact and points of tension