

Major Fundamentalist Movements

	New Image (Progressive)	Pragmatist	Confessionalist	Imperialist	Extremist (Extra-Fndsm)
Central Concern	Cultural influence; rapprochement with evangelicals	Soul-winning, defined in terms of numbers of professions	Doctrine, both fundamentals and comprehensive systems of faith	Empire-building; dominated by “Doc” (Doc doesn’t need a name)	Quirks: Bible Versions Personalities Politics Practices
Theological Bias	Various: the main difference with other fundamentalists is in attitude	Decisionism; anthropology of Charles Finney	Denominational, frequently (not always) Calvinistic	Major on fundamentals and whatever is important to Doc	Various traditions, but all bent by the quirk
Preaching	Topical, often political, influence of social sciences	Geared toward crisis decisions; evangelistic; often “hard preaching” at backsliders; often prophetic	Biblical explanation and application; aims for incremental change	Topical, issue-oriented, reinforces Doc’s rules, AKA “the standards”	Sometimes expository, often topical, tendency to focus on the quirk
Education	Prize education; seminary for ministers; university or liberal arts college for others	Value practical training in institutes or Bible colleges, but contempt for “ejemuckation”	Encourage seminary for ministers; affinity for Bible colleges but state universities accepted	Insular and ingrown: outsiders are not to be trusted, especially for theological education	Mixed: may value education, but the quirk must be promoted in the educational process
Spirituality	Varied	Revivalist: bipolar swings hinging upon backsliding and crisis decisions	Emphasis on progressive sanctification using the Dallas or Reformed models	Evaluate spirituality by conformity to group (Doc’s) rules; submission to authority	Different views of sanctification can be overlooked in favor of unity on the quirk
Personal standards (nb: generally, fundamentalists work from two sets of traditional taboos, a Northern and a Southern)	Rejection of many traditional taboos	Strict (Southern) traditional taboos are upheld, but soul-winning covers a multitude of sins	Re-examining traditional taboos to determine biblical basis	Enforcement of those taboos that Doc doesn’t plan to break	The recognized taboos are definitive for fundamentalism
Leadership	Charismatic executive	Authoritarian	Instructional and exemplary	Hard-ball political	Dictatorial and manipulative
Social Ethic	Many are New Christian Right; some are beginning to focus upon structural injustices	Social engagement is a means of demonstrating personal care and gaining a hearing for the gospel	Social engagement is a means of demonstrating personal care and gaining a hearing for the gospel	Social engagement is a means of demonstrating personal care and gaining a hearing for the gospel	Social engagement is a means of demonstrating personal care and gaining a hearing for the gospel
Fellowship and Separation	Clear rejection of “secondary separation”; no fellowship or cooperation with unbelievers	Separation mostly means enforcing the taboos; contempt for those who are not “soul-winners”; no fellowship with unbelievers	No fellowship or cooperation with unbelievers; emphasize varying levels of fellowship and cooperation with believers	Tendency toward isolationism; suspicion of those outside the group; tendency to make fellowship “all or nothing”	No fellowship with unbelievers; tendency to castigate those who differ with the quirk