This annotated bibliography provides a broad perspective on the way religion and communication relate to one another. Forty-two references are listed in the areas of (1) "Religion and Communication Theory"; (2) "Religion and Language"; (3) "Televangelism and Televangelists"; (4) "Historical Roots of Religion and Mass Communication"; (5) "Studies of Relationship between Religion and Mass Media Effects"; and (6) "Organizational and Small Group Communication and Religion." (MS)
Communication and religion intersect with one another in many different ways. We have not limited our attention to any one particular area but seek to provide a broad perspective on the way these two phenomena relate to one another. Beginning in the 1950's with the pioneering work of Nathan Scott, Amos Wilder, Paul Tillich, and Chad Walsh on religion/art/worship, the fields of communication and religious studies have come together in a diverse way to examine the communication dynamics of religion.

Religion and Communication Theory

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