SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT
For
What is Caring in Nursing? Sorting Out Humanistic and Christian Perspectives
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**ABSTRACT:** Historically, some propose that organized nursing was founded on biblical principles and the caring behaviors and characteristics of Christ. From this perspective, caring originates with God. More recently, perceptions of caring have shifted to a humanistic, post-modern worldview, where the source of caring is within the person. This integrative literature review synthesized caring literature from humanistic, post-modern; and biblical, theological worldviews. Most publications were written from the humanistic perspective. The results lay a foundation for an alternative middle range theory on caring from a biblical worldview for nurses holding Christian beliefs.

**KEY WORDS:** caring; Christian; humanistic; integrative literature review; Jean Watson; nursing; theory
Figure 1: Database Search Process

**Step 1.**
Computerized Search
- Databases:
  - CINAHL
  - Health Source: Nursing Academic Edition
  - ATLA: Religion Index
  - Christian Periodical Index
  - Philosophers Index
  - PsycINFO
- No date parameters

Key Terms:
- Care, caring, theory, worldview
- Caring theory (one phrase)
- Caring, nursing theory
- Caring, nurse, Christian
- Caring, origin, Christian
- Caring, origin, humanistic
- Caring, humanistic

N= 1,426

**Step 2. Staged Review**
Excluded or included based on title and abstract review which used terminology identifying “caring for” or “taking care of” in the title or abstract.

787 articles excluded after title and abstract review revealed terminology identifying “caring for” or “taking care of”

N= 639 remaining

**Step 3. Exclusion of Duplicates**
Excluded 140 duplicates found in previous database search/reviews

N= 499

**Step 4. Title and Abstract Review (499)**
Inclusion based on title and abstract after duplicates removed that reflected caring as a “state of being” and not as the “act of caring”

N= 218 remaining

**Step 5. Full Review (218)**
Inclusion based on full review of article focus on caring as a “state of being” and not as the “act of caring”

N= 155

**Step 6. Final Articles (155) included in Analysis addressing the Origin and Characteristics of Caring**
155 articles remaining based on review of full text that described caring as a “state of being” rather than an “act of caring”
Figure 2: Review Headings
Table 1: Database Search Results

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Table 2: List of Articles Included in the Final Analysis


