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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

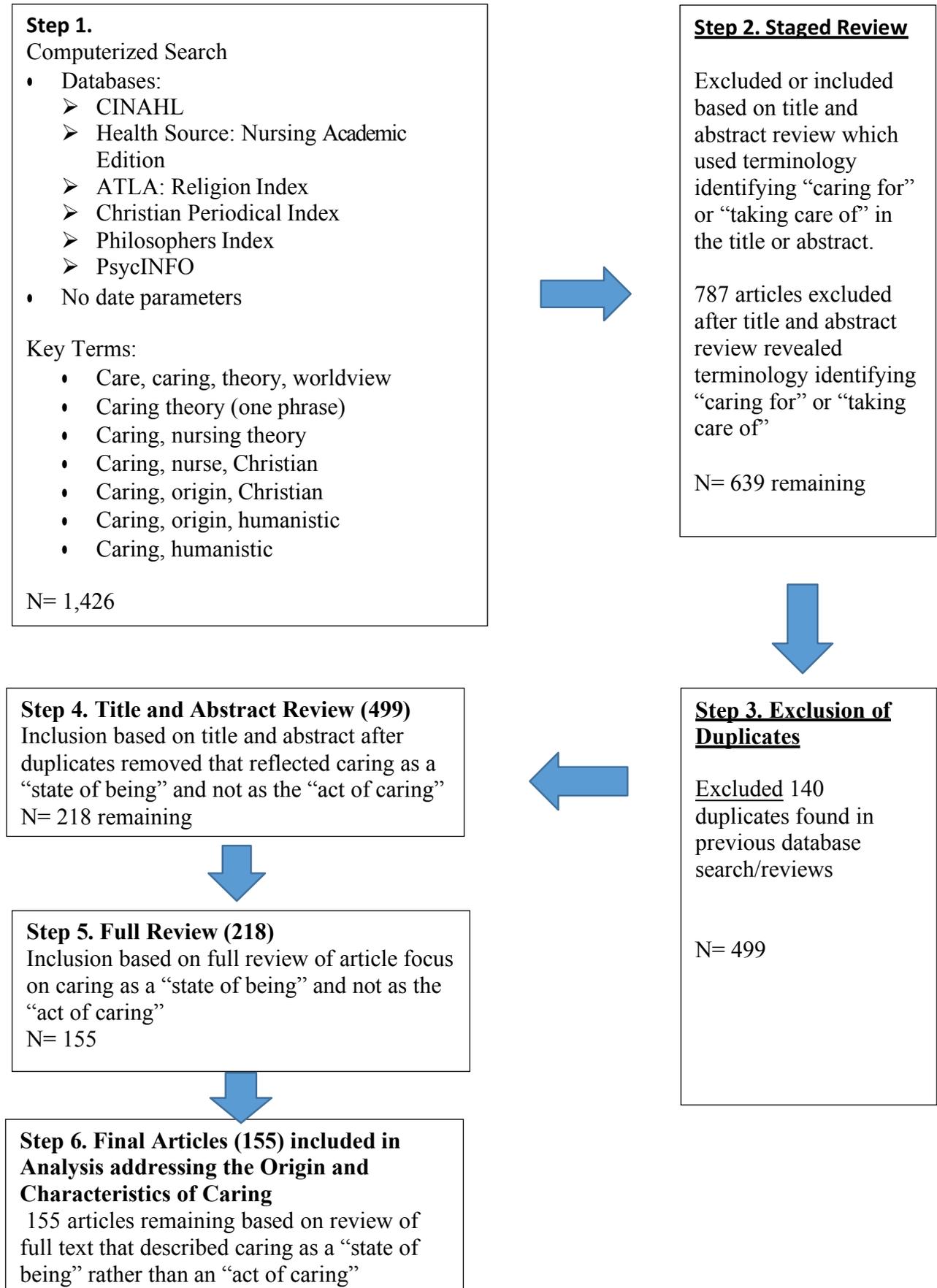


Figure 2: Review Headings

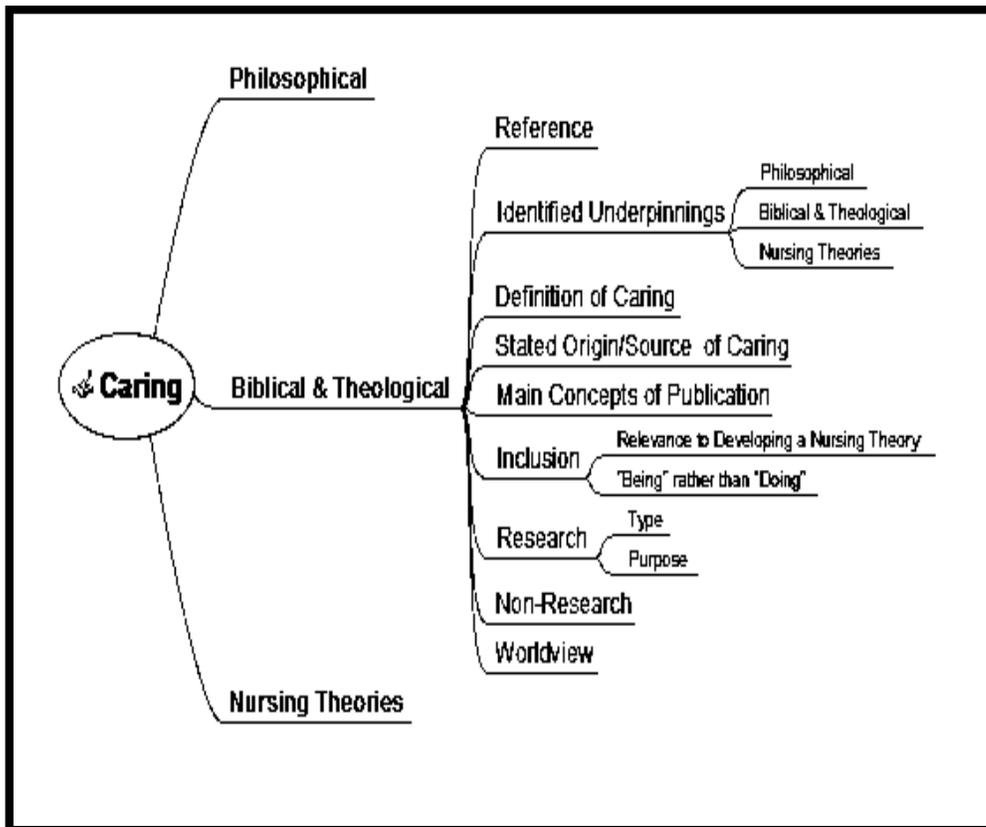


Table 1: Database Search Results

Search Terms	CINAHL (Nursing)	Health Source: Nursing Academic Edition	ATLA Religion Index	Christian Periodical Index	Philosophers Index	PsycINFO
Caring Research: Integrative Critical Literature Review I= Included R= Research NR=non-research n = 218						
Care, caring, theory, worldview	1/10 I=0	1/1 I=0	0	0	0	1/5 I=1 R=0
Caring theory (as one phrase)	90/144 I=60 R=33 NR=27	38/50 18 overlap I=15 R=7 NR=8	0	1 1 overlap I=0	1/2 I=0	23/54 14 overlap I=9 R= 4 NR=5
Caring, nursing theory	159/479 27 overlap (132) I=71 R= 26 NR= 45	26/101 11 overlap I=8 R= 5 NR=3	0	0	1 /1 I=0	0
Caring, nurse, Christian	16/22 I=9 R= 2 NR=7	17/38 1 overlap I=2 R=2	1/1 I=1 R=0 NR=1	30/33 I=2 R=1 NR=1	0	9/20 5 overlap I=1 R=1
Caring, origin, Christian	1 I=-0	1/5 I=0	0	0	0	0/3 I=0
Caring, origin, humanistic	1/3 I=0	1/2 I=1 R=0	0	0	0	1/3 1 overlap I=0
Caring, humanistic	124/188 7 overlap (117) I=35 R=19 NR=16	33/69 27 overlap I=0	0	0	1/4 I=0	59/195 with 28 (30) overlap I = 4 R=1 NR=3

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