

ANNEXE 2

Table of Illustrations Used in Religious Sermons
Categorised According to Their *Topic* or *Category* and the *General Contents-Type*
***Description*¹**

Nr. Crt.	Topic / Category of Illustration	General Contents-Type Description / Number					
		Humorous	Movies/Videos	Quotes	Statistics	Stories	Total Number
1.	Abortion	0	0	17	43	22	82
2.	Addiction	12	0	20	81	18	131
3.	Afterlife	43	4	62	18	77	204
4.	Apologetics	19	2	62	21	36	140
5.	Baptism	17	1	13	0	26	57
6.	Basics of Christianity	52	11	126	25	195	409
7.	Becoming a Christian	22	9	59	20	115	225
8.	Bible	45	6	111	99	127	388
9.	Blended Family Relationships	0	0	4	0	4	8
10.	Children	84	1	42	173	74	374
11.	Christ	5	4	31	2	35	77
12.	Christian Character/Fruits	102	19	279	54	344	798
13.	Christian Values	198	32	413	129	661	1433
14.	Christmas Season	74	5	67	40	141	327
15.	Church	110	13	147	271	138	679
16.	Communication	95	4	39	34	42	214
17.	Communion/ Lord's Supper	6	1	7	1	42	57
18.	Creation	23	0	41	16	16	96
19.	Cults	3	0	12	8	8	31
20.	Da Vinci Code	1	2	9	2	1	15
21.	Death	33	6	55	31	95	220
22.	Descriptions of God	17	4	59	2	32	114
23.	Disciples	13	2	36	1	38	90
24.	Discipleship	37	7	103	8	153	308
25.	Divorce	5	0	15	41	10	71
26.	Easter Season	18	2	18	6	40	84
27.	Emotions	105	13	151	35	236	540
28.	Entertainment	7	1	9	122	7	146
29.	Evangelism	31	17	195	251	324	818

¹ In the elaboration of this table I corroborated and processed information found at various pages at the Internet address: http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustration_category.asp. Retrieved on 18 March 2007, 5 - 8 p.m. The total number of sermons these illustrations were taken from is not mentioned and the site contains an inconceivably large number of sermons for one to count. Moreover, the source does not mention whether more than one type of illustration is used in the same sermon; a close reading of only some of them proves that they do make use of more than one type. However, these details are not relevant for my analysis as I consider only the main topics and the frequency these topics are generally resorted to (by priests, pastors / reverends, ministers, and any kind of religious public speaker, no matter their denomination, in their sermons) as compared to one another.

30.	Faith	51	10	195	23	255	534
31.	Family	103	8	80	141	109	441
32.	Forgiving Others	38	5	62	4	112	221
33.	Freedom	8	1	32	7	33	81
34.	Friendship	19	4	41	5	45	114
35.	Fulfillment in Life	32	11	118	76	130	367
36.	Fund-raising Rally	0	0	1	1	3	5
37.	Funerals	2	1	2	0	6	11
38.	Giving	53	5	55	151	97	361
39.	God's Activity	11	4	44	6	99	164
40.	God's Attributes	20	3	44	3	47	117
41.	God's Forgiveness	5	4	20	2	63	94
42.	God's Love	10	8	49	1	130	198
43.	God's Nature	11	2	19	2	20	54
44.	God's Will	20	4	35	0	48	107
45.	Hardship of Life	38	21	98	61	189	407
46.	Holidays	44	2	50	14	58	168
47.	Holy Spirit	9	1	49	0	67	126
48.	Hot Topics	1	1	11	33	9	55
49.	Jesus' Birth	3	1	10	4	9	27
50.	Jesus' Cross/Final Week	2	9	59	1	75	146
51.	Jesus' Divinity	2	0	11	3	13	29
52.	Jesus' Humanity	1	0	5	0	14	20
53.	Jesus' Life	7	2	41	3	45	98
54.	Jesus' Miracles	9	1	3	0	8	21
55.	Jesus' Resurrection	17	3	16	5	54	95
56.	Jesus' Teaching	6	1	12	2	15	36
57.	Kingdom of God	3	2	20	0	30	59
58.	Leadership Essentials	26	6	91	19	92	234
59.	Love	28	13	75	11	175	302
60.	Marriage	112	6	61	78	45	302
61.	Men	15	0	13	24	6	58
62.	Messianic Prophecies	1	1	3	0	0	5
63.	Misconceptions of Christianity	9	1	8	3	20	41
64.	Money	51	3	56	153	44	307
65.	Narnia	0	11	9	1	17	38
66.	Our Need for God	10	6	70	30	78	194
67.	Parables	17	3	15	3	35	73
68.	Paranormal	3	0	1	9	2	15
69.	Parenting	23	2	28	11	43	107
70.	Poverty	1	0	4	0	3	8
71.	Prayer	65	13	181	34	158	451
72.	Prominent New Testament Men	0	0	4	1	19	24
73.	Prominent New Testament Women	2	0	0	0	0	2

74.	Prominent Old Testament Men	3	0	8	1	9	21
75.	Prominent Old Testament Women	1	0	1	0	5	7
76.	Racism	7	3	4	2	13	29
77.	Second Coming	19	2	20	5	59	105
78.	Sexuality	11	1	17	40	13	82
79.	Sin	67	17	120	54	210	468
80.	Singleness	1	0	0	1	0	2
81.	Small Groups	0	0	8	0	3	11
82.	Special Services	0	0	1	1	0	2
83.	Spiritual Disciplines	23	3	69	9	56	160
83.	Spiritual Gifts	21	2	19	3	33	78
84.	Stewardship	28	1	26	11	52	118
85.	Supernatural	7	4	28	3	30	72
86.	Temptation	30	14	18	8	43	113
87.	Ten Commandments	12	3	9	3	12	39
88.	Truth	55	4	47	35	48	189
89.	Twelve Apostles	0	0	0	1	0	1
90.	Weddings	3	0	0	7	2	12
91.	Women	10	0	9	41	8	68
92.	Workplace Issues	41	3	49	179	43	315
93.	World Religions	7	1	29	20	13	70
94.	Worship	27	2	75	12	58	174
TOTAL		2438	405	4560	2895	6287	16217