

# Transhumanism and Religion Bibliography

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This list contains articles and books dealing with transhumanism and religion. I have included only items published in academic journals or on other reputable or institutionally sponsored sites. Most of this literature is peer-reviewed. I have deliberately *excluded* items that deal with the *ethical* aspects of transhumanism from religious perspectives. I have focused on items that deal with *theological* topics or issues. Surely this list is incomplete in many ways – I look forward to learning about new items to be added!

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