TABLE 1.1. Some Multidimensional Approaches to the Study of Individual Religion

Allen and Spilka (1967)

Committed religion "Utilizes an abstract philosophical perspective: multiplex religious ideas are

relatively clear in meaning and an open and flexible framework of

commitment relates religion to daily activities" (p. 205).

Consensual religion "Vague, non-differentiated, bifurcated, neutralized" (p. 205). A

cognitively simplified and personally convenient faith.

Allport(1966)

Intrinsic religion "Faith as a supreme value in its own right... oriented toward a unification

of being that take seriously the commandment of brotherhood, strives to

transcend all self-centered needs" (p. 455).

Extrinsic religion "Religion that is strictly utilitarian; useful for the self in granting safety,

social standing, solace, and endorsement of one's chosen way of life" (p.

455).

Batson and Ventis (1982)

Means religion "Religion is a means to other self-serving ends" (p. 151). "Religion

End religion is an ultimate end in itself" (p. 151).

Clark (1958)

Primary religious behavior "An authentic inner experience of the divine combined with

whatever efforts the individual may make to harmonize his life with

the divine" (p. 23).

Secondary religious behavior "A very routine and uninspired carrying out... an obligation"

(p. 24).

Tertiary religious behavior "A matter of religious routine or convention accepted on the

authority of someone else" (p. 25).

Fromm (1950)

Authoritarian religion "The main virtue of this type of religion is obedience, its cardinal sin is

disobedience" (p. 35).

Humanistic religion "This type of religion is centered around man and his strength .. . virtue is

self-realization, not obedience" (p. 37).

Glock (1962)

Experiential dimension "The religious person will... achieve direct knowledge of ultimate reality or

will experience religious emotion" (p. S-99).

Ideological dimension "The religious person will hold to certain beliefs" (p. S-99).

Ritualistic dimension "Specifically religious practices [are] expected of religious

adherents" (p. S-99).

Intellectual dimension "The religious person will be informed and knowledgeable about the basic

tenets of his faith and its sacred scriptures" (p. S-99).

Consequential dimension "What people ought to do and the attitudes they ought to hold as a

consequence of their religion" (p. S-99).

Hunt (1972)

Literal religion Taking "at face value any religious statement without in any way

questioning it" (p. 43).

Antiliteral religion A simple rejection of literalist religious statements.

Mythological religion A reinterpretation of religious statements to seek their deeper symbolic

meanings.

James (1902/1985)

Healthy-mindedness An optimistic, happy, extroverted, social faith: "the tendency that looks on all things and sees that they are good" (p. 78).

A faith of pessimism, sorrow, suffering, and introverted reflection: Sick souls "the way that takes all this experience of evil as something essential" (p.

36).

Lenski(1961) "Stresses intellectual assent [to]

prescribed doctrines" (p. 23). Doctrinal orthodoxy

Love-oriented, self-centered

Love-oriented, other centered

"Emphasizes the importance of private, or personal communion with Devotionalism

God" (p. 23).

McConahay and Hough (1973)

"Religious belief centered on the wrath of God as it is related to other Guilt-oriented, extrapunitive people ... emphasizes punishment for wrong-doers" (p. 55).

"A sense of one's own unworthiness and badness ... a manifest need

Guilt-oriented, intropunitive for punishment and a conviction that it will inevitably come" (p. 56).

Belief "oriented toward the forgiveness of one's own sins" (p. 56).

Belief that "emphasizes the common humanity of all persons as creatures of God, and God's love ... related to the redemption of the

whole world" (p, 56).

"Values which are more culturally than theologically oriented" (p. 56). Culture-oriented, conventional