

Wendy Murray's 2004 profile of Phyllis Tickle

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Phyllis Tickle died yesterday at 81. The writer, editor, and commentator on American religion was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer early this year.

In 2004, Wendy Murray wrote [a profile of Tickle for the *Century*](#). Here's how it starts:

In 1987 Phyllis Tickle, then the religion editor at *Publisher's Weekly*, foresaw a rising demand for religious books. Books, she wrote, were about to become “portable pastors.” Her prediction proved true.

[Read it all.](#)