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In a one-page essay (follow standard essay format), discuss complications caused by oral communication according to the text book. Note: Do not simply rewrite what the textbook states, but discuss the challenges, pros and cons, etc. Interact with the text and discuss by incorporating your thoughts.

Complications Caused By Oral Communication

In today's society where technology has diminished the oral tradition significantly, we do not find ourselves faced with the challenges of ancient Christians, whose primary form of passing down the stories of Jesus was by oral communication. Translations, differences in theological views, personal involvement and time, to name a few, are all factors that contribute to the complications of this form of story preservation.

In this current day, we experience a variety of translations, in an attempt to make the scriptures easier to understand by belief and language. I am faced with questions concerning the validity of each translation as it seems that each translation is one step further from the original writing. Words and phrases can be interpreted with an entirely different meaning in other cultures and languages.

Cultural differences, denominational conflicts, the feministic view of the patriarchal oppression of the bible, radically inclusive, even racial interpretations of certain scripture created an environment of different theologies. I suspect as the evolution of the stories of Jesus continues, so it will be for theological views.