
Theology Research Guide

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RELIGION DATABASES

ATLA Religion with ATLA Serials

The premier database for journals in religion and theology. This fantastic resource features over 380,000 thousand articles and book reviews. ATLA also includes a robust index of religion and theology journals. This database is produced by the American Theological Library Association. ATLA remains the best source for finding articles in religion and theology.

Biblical Archaeology Society Online

The comprehensive library of the Biblical Archaeology Society. The archive includes over 6,600 articles from 40 years of the Biblical Archaeology Review, 20 years of the Bible Review, and 8 years of the Odyssey. The BAS is an important source for research related to biblical studies and history.

Catholic Periodical Literature

The essential index for periodicals, essays, and church and papal documents related to the intellectual tradition of Roman Catholicism from 1981 to the present.

Credo Religion & Theology

Credo gives you access to over 30 reference texts in religion and theology. Reference texts include dictionaries and encyclopedias

Films on Demand: Philosophy & Religion Video Collection

Provides access to over 1,000 titles on religion and philosophy. It includes featured content from the BBC, ABC News, PBS, National Geographic, and many more.

Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ)

Community driven online directory that provides open access to peer-reviewed journals. DOAJ includes over 290 journal titles and 50,000 articles in the fields of religion, philosophy, and psychology.

Philosopher's Index

A thorough index covering all major field of philosophy from 1940. The index includes over 680 journals.

Religion and Philosophy Collection

Gale's Religion and Philosophy Collection features over 200 full text journals. This database includes journals in theology, biblical studies, and the humanities.

Religion Database

ProQuest's religion database covers a wide range of topics including the study of religion, world religions, and Christianity. Religion database includes full-text content that designed to meet the needs of both religious studies and theology. The database also features content in ethics and philosophy. Many of these full-text journals cannot be found in other online databases.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Stanford Encyclopedia is a free up-to-date database maintained by leading experts in the field of philosophy. All entries must meet strict academic standards set by the Editorial Board. SEP is a must use database for theology students seeking reference help in philosophy.

JSTOR

JSTOR includes full-text coverage of 19th and 20th century journals across a variety of disciplines. A much needed source for theology students doing cross-disciplinary work in anthropology, history, literature, philosophy, and sociology.

Philpapers

Philpapers hosts the largest open access archive in philosophy. Philpapers helps students find current content across all fields of philosophy.

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global

The world's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses from around the world. This database includes full text for graduate works added since 1997 and some selected full text for works prior to 1997.

Online

Arts and Humanities Through the Eras

This source gives students an overview of the arts, literature, music, and religion from specific periods throughout history across 5 volumes.

The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology

An ecumenical dictionary with over 750 entries. This dictionary is designed to help readers understand the major theological concepts in a concise easy to read style. Recommended for new students in theology and religion.

Critical Terms for Religious Studies

This reference text gives readers a concise history and background to key religious terms, people, events, and works. This text provides information for Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Native American and Mayan religions.

Death and the Human Experience

A two-volume reference work covers topics related to the human experience of death and dying. This reference work provides important interdisciplinary work in the cultural beliefs, traditions, and social rituals surrounding death and dying. Death and the Human Experience provides important access to wide variety of global perspective surrounding death.

Encyclopedia of American Religions

Includes history and information to over 2,300 religious groups in the United States and Canada.

Encyclopedia of Global Religion

This multi-volume encyclopedia gives students an overview to religion across the globe. This important reference text includes essays on contemporary religious groups all over the globe. Multicultural and comprehensive, the Encyclopedia of Global Religion is an important source for students exploring religious topics and issues in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Encyclopedia of Philosophers on Religion

This important work provides key biographical information of important philosophers. This work also covers the key contributions and writings of each philosopher.

Encyclopedia of Religion

Considered by many to be the standard reference in religious studies, this seminal reference text explore religion's role in everyday life and across cultures.

Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development

This text explores the developmental process of religion and spirituality across the human life span. Exploring spiritual development over time, this reference text gives students a glimpse into the ways people and their contexts influence religious and spiritual development.

Encyclopedia of Science and Religion

A multidisciplinary reference text that covers all aspects of the dialogue between science and religion. This text examines multi-disciplinary questions across the humanities, science, and technology.

Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics

A reference text that gives students access to a variety of ethical and political issues raised by science and technology.

Global Dictionary of Theology

This robust dictionary of 600 entries gives readers an important overview of theology across the globe.

New Catholic Encyclopedia (2003)

The ultimate source on Roman Catholicism available online. Comprising 15 volumes, this second edition includes over 12,000 entries related to theology, philosophy, history, saints, and more. The New Catholic Encyclopedia is an important resource for students across all theological fields.

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement (2009)

This supplement focuses on the theme of science and the church

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement (2010)

The 2010 supplement contains material on the Church in the 20th century. It has special focus on the history of the Church after World War II. This supplement includes 200 new entries on the men and women who have been beatified or canonized since 2003.

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement (2011)

The 2011 supplement includes new entries in art, music, literature, popular culture, and contemporary issues. This supplement also adds biographies for those beatified and canonized since 2010.

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement, Jubilee Volume: The Wojtyla Years (2001)

This supplement includes thematic essays on Pope John Paul II along with other new material.

Religion in America

This reference text examines the history and practice of religion as it relates to the unique social, cultural, and political landscape of North America. This text provides an important source of information related to history of religious denominations, sects, cults, and religious movements in the United States.

Print Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy

Ref. B 41 .C35 1999

1 volume

The Oxford Companion to Philosophy

Ref. B 51 .O94 1995

1 volume

Encyclopedia of Theology: The Concise Sacramentum Mundi

Ref. BR 95 .E48 1975

1 volume

Encyclopedia of Christianity

Ref. BR 95 .E47 2005

5 volumes

The Encyclopedia of Christianity

Ref. BR 95 .E8913 1999

5 volumes

Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms

Ref. BR 95 .G66 1999

Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms

Ref. BR 95 .M378 1996

1 volume

Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms

Ref. BR 95 .M86 1985

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd edition revised)

Ref. BR 95 .O8 2005

1 volume

Essential Theological Terms

Ref. 96.5 .G66 2005

1 volume

The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology

Ref. BR 115 .P7 B634 2007

1 volume

Sacramentum Mundi

Ref. BR 95 .S2

6 volumes

History of the Church

Ref. BR 145.2 .J413 1980

10 volumes

The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation

Ref. BR 302.8 .O93 1996

4 volumes

The Cambridge History of Christianity

Ref. BR 200 .C66 2007

3 volumes

Anchor Bible Dictionary

Ref. BS 440 .A54 1992

6 volumes

Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament

Ref BS 440 .B5713

15 volumes

The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible

Ref. BS 440 .N445 2005

5 volumes

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament

Ref. BS 2312 .K5813

10 volumes

The Modern Theologians

Ref. BT 28 .M59 2005

1 volume

Encyclopedia of Christian Education

Ref. BV 1471.3 .E53 2015

3 volumes

New Catholic Encyclopedia (Including Jubilee and Second Edition)

Ref. BX 841 .N44

34 volumes

Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology

BV 3 .W53 2012

1 volume

New Dictionary of Theology

Ref BR 95 .N38 1991

1 volume

Dictionary of Fundamental Theology

Ref BT 1102 .D5813 1994

1 volume

Oxford Companion to Christian Thought

BR 95 .O94 2000

1 volume

Encyclopedia of American Religious Experience

Ref BL 225 .E52

3 volumes

Dictionary of Feminist Theologies

Ref BT 83.55 .D53 1996

1 volume

Dictionary of Third World Theologies

Ref BR 95 .D486 2000

1 volume

Modern American Protestantism and Its World

Ref BR 515.M6347

1 volume

Dictionary of the Liturgy

Ref BV 173 .L26 1989

1 volume

Handbook of Spirituality for Ministers

BV 4011.6 .H 36

1 volume

Blackwell Dictionary of Eastern Christianity

Ref BX 100.7 .B53 2000

1 volume

Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Ref BV 4011 .D33 2005

1 volume

Congregations in Transition: A Guide for Analyzing, Assessing, and Adapting in Changing Communities

BV 700 .D83 2002

1 volume

Encyclopedia of Ethics

Ref BJ 63 .E45 2001

3 volumes

Concise Dictionary of Christian Ethics

Ref BJ 1199 .C66

1 volume

Dictionary of Christian Ethics

Ref BJ 63 .M3

1 volume

Encyclopedia of Ethics

Ref BJ 63 .E45 2001

3 volumes

The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics

Ref BJ 1199 .W47 1986

1 volume

Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture
Hermeneia: A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible
International Critical Commentary on the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching
New International Biblical Commentary
New International Commentary on the New Testament
New International Commentary on the Old Testament
New International Greek Testament Commentary
The Anchor Bible
The Cambridge Bible Commentary
The New Interpreter's Bible
The Old Testament Library
Word Biblical Commentary

JOURNALS

Online Journals

[Electronic Journal Services \(EJS\): Philosophy, Psychology, Religion](#)

Full text access to 22 journals in philosophy, psychology, and religion.

Select List of Religion, Theology, and Philosophy Journals

The University Library has print subscriptions for several key journals in theology and religion. Current volumes of these titles can be found in reference. The University Library also contains several years of backfiles for these journals.

Teaching Theology & Religion

Vol.11-present (2008-)

Ser. BL 41 .T45

Listening

Vol.11-present (1976-)

Ser. AP 2 .L5515

International Journal of Practical Theology: IJPT

Vol. 12-present (2008-)

Ser. BV 1 .I68

Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction

Vol.14-present (2008-)

Ser. BX 2438 .P74

Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa

Vol.37-present (2013)

Ser. BL 1 .J68

Theological Studies

Vol.15-present (1954-)

Ser. BX 801 .T45

Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling: JPCC

Vol.40-present (1986-)

Ser. BV 4000 .J6

Affirmation & Critique

Vol.12-present (2007-)

Ser. BX 7990 .L63 A33

Journal of the American Academy of Religion

Vol.75-present (2007)

Ser. BV 1460 .N23

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Vol.45-present (2006-)

Ser. BL 1 .J6

Zygon

Vol.28-present (1993-)

Ser. BL 240.2 Z9

Journal of Philosophy

Vol.83-present (1986-)

Ser. B 1 .J6

Philosophy Today

Vol.1-present (1957-)

Ser. B 1 .P576

Philosophy and Literature

Vol.14-present (1990-)

Ser. PN 2 P5

Journal of the History of Philosophy

Vol.5-present (1967-)

Ser. B1 .A214

Res Philosophica

Vol.91-present (2014-)

Ser. B 1 .M675

Library of Congress Classification

B - Philosophy
BD - Speculative Philosophy
BH - Aesthetics
BJ - Ethics
BL - Religion, Mythology
BM - Judaism
BR - Christianity
BS - The Bible
BT - Doctrinal Theology
BV - Practical Theology
BX - Christian Denominations

E-Books

ProQuest Ebook Central: Religion

A collection of over 2,800 full text religion ebooks.

ProQuest Ebook Central: Philosophy

A collection of over 3,800 full text philosophy ebooks.

EBSCOhost Ebook Collection: Religion

A collection of over 6,000 full text religion ebooks.

EBSCOhost Ebook Collection: Philosophy

A collection of over 2,500 full text philosophy ebooks.

Choice Reviews Online

A collection of book reviews for recent academic and scholarly publications.

PRIMARY RESOURCES

Online Primary Resources

ATLA Historical Monographs (1300s-1893)

This collection includes more than 15,000 primary texts. Many of these texts are in Aramaic, Arabic, Greek, and Hebrew. This collection is especially important for those charting the development of biblical studies.

ATLA Historical Monographs (1894-1923)

This collection includes more than 15,000 texts and provides a thorough picture of religion in America at the turn of the 20th century.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online

The robust collection includes over 180,000 titles including books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides, and more. It primarily covers works published in the UK during the 18th century. This collection is fully searchable, and every word is searchable across 33 million pages. The collection is primarily in English.

The Voice and La Voz on Shared Shelf Commons

This database contains digitized copies of the The Voice and La Voz and selected photographs from The Voice and La Voz Editorial Photographic Collection. This collection provides invaluable insight into the religious, political, and cultural history of Miami and South Florida. This collection is produced by St. Thomas University.

Latin America & Caribbean Portal: Religions

An important collection of primary source documents about Latin American and the Caribbean. This collection includes academic journals, news feeds, reference articles, maps, statistics, audio and video, and much more. The subsection on religions gives students an important glimpse into the dynamics between Catholicism and Native American religions.

Artemis Primary Sources

Artemis allows students to search across multiple archival databases. This research tool allows students to search through a combination of full text materials.

Sur, 1931-1992

SUR is one of the most important and influential literary magazines published in Latin America in the twentieth century. This collection includes images of the complete magazine, including covers, photographs and advertisements of over 40,000 pages and an index of 6,300 entries.

Primary Sources in Reference

The Fathers of the Church

Ref. BR 60 .F3

119 volumes

Luther's Works

Ref. BR 330 .E5 1955

55 volumes

Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition

Ref. BT 990 .C64 2003

4 volumes

Creeds of Christendom

Ref. BT 990 .S4 1919

3 volumes

Summa Theologica of St. Thomas Aquinas

Ref. BX 1749 .T48

Select volumes available

Other Primary Resources (Outside STU Library)

The ARDA (Association of Religion Data Archives)

An open access archive of religious data on American religion. ARDA includes some of the best quantitative data on religion. ARDA is supported by the Lily Endowment, the John Templeton Foundation, Chapman University, Pennsylvania State University, and religious scholars from around the world.

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Funded by the Lilly Endowment, the Wabash Center provides crucial resources and syllabi for teaching theology and religion. This site also includes book reviews and information on important research grants.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library (CCEL)

A large collection of Christian classic texts in the public domain. CCEL includes important primary sources from the Early Church Father and Mothers, Saints, and the Reformation.

Papal Encyclicals Online

Described as one of the "Best Free Reference Web Sites" by the American Library Association, Papal Encyclicals gives students access to a large collection of papal encyclicals and other Catholic Church documents.

The Catholic Worker Movement

An in-depth archive of Dorothy Day, Peter Maurin, and the Catholic Worker Movement.

Center for Jewish History Digital Collections

The Center Digital Collections catalog provides access to the digital assets of the Center for Jewish History. The Center Digital Collections feature a variety of digital objects, including rare books, children's books, personal letters, official decrees, maps, memoirs, posters, photographs, scrapbooks, oral histories, finding aids, dissertations, and much more.

American Memory Project

American Memory provides free and open access through the Internet to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. It is a digital record of American history and creativity. These materials, from the collections of the Library of Congress and other institutions, chronicle historical events, people, places, and ideas that continue to shape America.

HANDBOOKS AND RESEARCH GUIDES

An Introduction to Theological Research: A Guide for College and Seminary Students
BR 118 .B28 2000

Doing Theological Research: An Introductory Guide for Survival in Theological Education
BR 118 .P37 2009

Handbook of Research on Scholarly Publishing and Research Methods
Z 286 .S37 H355 2015

Handbook of Scholarly Writing and Publishing
PN 146 .H36 2011

The Religion Toolkit: A Complete Guide to Religious Studies
ProQuest Ebook Central

Research Techniques for Scholars and Students in Religion and Theology
Ref. BL 41 .T83 2000
BL 41 .T83 2000

Guide to the Study of Religion

BL 48 .G83 2000

Guides to Writing Theology

Expressing Theology: A Guide to Writing Theology that Readers Want to Read

PN 147 .E9 2015

Making Sense: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing: Religious Studies

BL 41 .N67 2012

Research and Writing in the Seminary: Practical Strategies and Tools

BR 118 .C235 2014

Quality Research Papers: For Students of Religion and Theology

BL 41 .V94 2008

Guides to Graduate School

Graduate Study for the Twenty-First Century: How To Build an Academic Career in the Humanities

LB 2371.4 S46 2005

How to Build a Life in the Humanities: Meditations on the Academic Work-Life Balance

ProQuest Ebook Central

Your MA in Theology: A Study Skills Handbook

BT 78 .B457 2014

Video Guides to Theology

Introduction to Theological Research

Theological Research Databases

Theological Print Resources