



Religious Studies Library Resource Guide

Finding Books

You can find books in [UTMOST](#) (or the OhioLINK Central Catalog) using keywords for your topic or use the subject headings and related topics such as those listed below. More help is available from the [UTMOST Library Guide](#).

Judaism	Siva Hindu Deity	Psychology and Religion	Moses (Biblical Leader)
Christianity	Religion China	Religion and Science	Buddha the Concept
Islam	Art and Religion	Religious Aspects	Muhammad, Prophet, d. 632
Buddhism	Religion in Literature	Medicine	Religion Shakespeare William 1564-1616

Finding Sacred Texts and Primary Sources

Sacred Texts and Primary Sources are also cataloged in [UTMOST](#). Search by **Title** or by **Subject**.

Title: Bible. English. 1962. Revised Standard Tanakh Exodus Mahabharata Bhagavadgîta	Subject: Bible. OT Genesis Bible NT Luke Koran Dead Sea Scrolls Adi-Granth
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Finding Articles

[ATLA Religion Database](#) (1949-present) *OhioLINK Research Database*

Indexes articles, book reviews, and essays in antiquities and archaeology, Bible, church history, ecumenism, ethics, missions, pastoral ministry, philosophy, religions and religious studies and theology. Included or has links to full text articles that have scholarly merit and scope and represents all the major religious faiths, major denominations, and numerous language groups. For help using this index, use the library guide titled [OhioLINK Research Databases using OSearch](#).

[Religion and Philosophy Collection](#) (1975-present) *OhioLINK Research Database*

Indexes, abstracts, and provides full text of more than 300 full text journals covering such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy. Includes or has links to full text [OhioLINK Research Databases using EBSCO](#).

General Subject Encyclopedias: Background Information

The following are some of the subject-specific encyclopedias located on the first floor Reference collection of Carlson Library.

The Encyclopedia of Religion	Reference BL31 .E46 1986
The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge	Reference BR95 .S43 1908
Encyclopaedia Judaica	Reference DS102.8 .E496
The Encyclopedia of Christianity	Reference BR95 .E8913 1999
The Encyclopaedia of Islam	Reference DS37 .E523
Encyclopedia of American Religions	Reference BL2525 .M449 2003

More Specific Reference Sources

Encyclopedia of African American Religions	Reference BR563.N4 E53 1993
Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion	Reference BL458 .E53 1999
Encyclopedia of Monasticism	Reference BL631 .E63 2000
New Catholic Encyclopedia	Reference BX841 .N44 2003
The Encyclopedia of Protestantism	Reference BX4811.3 .E53 2004
Encyclopedia of Buddhism	Reference BQ128 .E62 2004
Encyclopedia of Native American Shamanism	Reference E98.M4 L98 1998
National Directory of Churches, Synagogues, and Other Houses of Worship	Reference BL2525 .N38

Definitions

These dictionaries can provide definitions for words used in the field, and are found on the first floor Reference collection.

Abingdon Dictionary of Living Religions	Reference BL31 .A24
A Dictionary of Comparative Religion	Reference BL31 .D54 1970
The Anchor Bible Dictionary	Reference BS440 .A54 1992

Atlases

For geographic information, consult the following, located in the first floor Reference or third floor Map collections.

The Harper Atlas of the Bible	Map G2230 .H47 1987
Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World	Reference BL80.2 .F28

Internet Resources

- ❖ Most organized religions maintain websites that explain specific beliefs, general practices, locations of local, national, international places of worship, historic & current noteworthy individuals and contact information.
- ❖ It is important to remember when searching for information on the 'free web' that there is no 'quality control' or editor. The information you find may be biased, neither accurate nor dependable.
- ❖ The following is a list of sites that have been reviewed in terms of their authority, objectivity, and accuracy. They can provide you with objective and reliable information.

Internet Sacred Texts Archive

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/index.htm>

Contains an archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics in English translation and, in some cases, in the original language.

Wabash Center Guide to Internet Sources for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion

<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/Internet/front.htm>

Covers resources for all Religious Studies research in higher education and contains links for centers & institutes, official web sites of religious bodies, professional associations, societies and associations.

Virtual Religion Index

<http://virtualreligion.net/vri/>

Is designed as a global forum to advance research in matters of religion by providing extensive links about all religions.

Religion-Online.org

<http://www.religion-online.org/>

Provides more than 5,200 full texts articles and chapters by recognized religious scholars including topics on Old and New Testament, theology, ethics, history and sociology of religion, communication and cultural studies, pastoral care, counseling, homiletics, worship, missions and religious education.

Crosswalk

<http://bible.crosswalk.com/>

Includes a section entitled Bible Study Tools that provides access to interlinear Bibles, parallel Bibles; commentaries, concordances, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and lexicons.

Adherents.com: National & World Religion Statistics

<http://adherents.com/>

Collects over 43,870 adherent statistics and religious geography citations with references to published membership/adherent statistics and congregation statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, movements, ultimate concerns, etc.

American Religion Data Archvie

<http://www.thearda.com/>

Collects and preserves statistical information in addition to reports on a host of religious organizations and issues, The American Religion Data Archive is an essential resource for students and academics researching or exploring religious trends and developments in the United States.

Humbul Humanities Web: Religion & Theology

<http://www.humbul.ac.uk/religion/>

Contains links of organizations, primary & secondary sources, full-text journals, and more. Humbul, is part of the Resource Discovery Network, United Kingdom's national gateway for the learning, teaching and research community, and is dedicated to discovering & evaluating online resources.

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