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This guide provides selected information resources on religion. Included are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library's databases and academic, association, and research websites. Also, a brief list of print resources is provided. For specific book and periodical titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

Periodical Indexes and Full-text Databases:

The Sawyer Library subscription periodical indexes and full-text resources are available to Suffolk University students and faculty.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

A database with more than 5,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 4,600 peer-reviewed journals. Covers all academic subjects, including journals covering religious issues.

[Academic OneFile \(InfoTrac\)](#)

Provides indexing, abstracting, and full-text coverage of source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from leading journals and reference sources Includes journals covering religious subjects.

[JSTOR](#)

A full-text collection of back issues of core scholarly journals, covering specific subject areas, including topics that cover religion, such as philosophy and Middle Eastern studies. Years covered generally begin with volume I and continue to about five years later.

[Project Muse](#)

Provides full-text of 300 scholarly journals of the Johns Hopkins University Press and its publishing partners. Includes journals covering religious issues.

[Cambridge Collections Online](#)

The Cambridge Collections Online is the online version of the Cambridge Companions, published by the Cambridge University Press, There is one main collection, The Complete Cambridge Companions, and two sub-collections comprising the Cambridge Companions in Literature and Classics and the Cambridge Companions in Philosophy, Religion and Culture. Titles include *The Cambridge Companion to Aquinas*, *The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation*, *The Cambridge Companion to American Judaism*, and others.

[Sage Journals Online](#)

Sage Journals Online consists of PDF online content to ALL the academic journals published by the scholarly publisher, Sage, including deep back files. This is approximately 450 peer-reviewed journals covering various fields, including religion.

[Cambridge Journals Online](#)

Provides over 220 peer-reviewed academic journals including religious titles.

[Oxford Journals Online](#)

Provides online access to most Oxford journals. Includes several religion titles.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

This database includes searchable encyclopedias, such as *Encyclopedia of American Religions*, 7th ed., 2003 and *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, 2004.

[Wiley Interscience including Blackwell](#)

Although the emphasis is on science journals, Blackwell provides a humanities collection, which includes about 40 journals that focus on philosophical and religious topics. All articles are available in PDF format.

[Philosopher's Index](#)

This is a comprehensive bibliographic database covering scholarly research in all major fields of philosophy. Covers nearly 570 journals.

[Springerlink](#)

This journal collection includes more than 1,200 peer-reviewed journals. Most titles include back issues to 1996. Provides abstracts and full-text articles from Kluwer journals. Covers topics in religion and theology.

[ArtStor](#)

ARTstor is a collection of digital images of artwork available for educational use. Includes religious artwork. Sign up for an account to obtain additional functionality.

[xreferplus](#)

This searchable database contains *The Qu'ran*, *Macmillan Dictionary of the Bible*, *Atlas of the Bible*, and more.

[Oxford Reference Online Premium](#)

Provides searchable online access to Oxford reference sources, such as *The Oxford Dictionary of Islam*, *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of World Religions*, and *The Concise Companion to the Jewish Religion*.

[Biography Resource Center](#) (InfoTrac)

Combines over 400,000 biographies from over 90 Gale Group reference sources. Includes the complete *Marquis Who's Who* and full-text articles from 250 magazines.

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Provides the searchable Britannica plus related websites.

Selected Websites:

General

[Academic Info: World Religion Gateway](#)

<http://www.academicinfo.net/religindex.html>

Maintained and compiled by Mike Madin, Academic Info is a user-supported, nonprofit gateway. Includes links to digital libraries, academic departments, societies, and various religious sites, from Hinduism to Wicca.

[The Association of Religion Data Archive](#) (ARDA)

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

Currently housed at the Sociology Department of Pennsylvania State University, this website provides quantitative data on American churches, church membership, various groups, and more. Includes national, state, county, and city data and provides user-created graphs, charts, and maps. Includes recently added international data.

[Church-State Links](#)

http://www.baylor.edu/church_state/index.php?id=36167

Provided by the J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies of Baylor University, this site includes extensive lists of primary source documents relating to religion and politics from the pre-classical period through the 20th century.

[Internet Sacred Texts Archive](#)

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

A nonprofit archive of links to electronic texts about religion, mythology, and the occult. Some texts are in English, and some are in the original language. Includes links to the Latin *Vulgate*, hypertext *Qur'an*, the Hebrew *Tanukh*, *Confucian Canon*, the *Book of Mormon*, and much more.

[Voice of the Shuttle. Religious Studies](#)

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2730>

Provides annotated links to quality websites in religious studies covering primary and secondary sources. Includes gateways, text sites, and websites by religion.

[Virtual Religion Index](#)

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

Maintained by Mahlon H. Smith at the Rutgers University Religion Department, this site is geared toward the student researcher and includes analysis and hyperlinks to homepages, directories, and documents. It covers American and world religious history, archaeology, and art, plus religious texts and studies.

[BBC. Religion & Ethics](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/>

This British Broadcasting Company website provides news and links to information on various religions, including history, customs, beliefs, subdivisions, and more. Includes programming information on specific topics.

[Wabash Center Guide to Internet Resources for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#)

<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/home/default.aspx>

A comprehensive, annotated guide to electronic resources on religion. Includes syllabi, electronic texts, journals, websites, bibliographies, and more.

[Religious Worlds](#)

<http://www.religiousworlds.com/index.html>

This site provides information about religious traditions that developed in the Middle East or West Asia as well as others from South and East Asia. Geared toward students in the academic study of religion, it covers film, philosophy, ecology, plus a section on academic resources in various part of the world.

Christianity

[Bible Gateway](#)

<http://www.biblegateway.com>

Bible Gateway is an online ministry of Gospel Communications International, a nonprofit and nondenominational Christian media organization. Search for words and/or passages, and choose from 21 versions of the *Bible* in over 30 languages.

[Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#)

<http://www.ccel.org>

Created and maintained at Calvin College, this electronic library contains full-text classic Christian works. Includes searchable [dictionaries and encyclopedias](#).

[Ecole Initiative](#)

<http://www2.evansville.edu/evoleweb/>

A cooperative effort of scholars to establish a hypertext encyclopedia of early Church history (up to the Reformation). Includes glossary, early Church documents, articles, and images. Unfortunately the site is no longer maintained and, therefore, has some dead links.

[Yale University Divinity School Research Guide for Christianity](#)

<http://www.library.yale.edu/div/forfree.html>

Lists free web sources arranged in broad topics.

[Internet Christian Library](#)

<http://www.iclnet.org/>

Created by the Institute for Christian Leadership, this site is a comprehensive collection of links to archives of Christian materials. Included are guides to internet Christian literature, early church documents, periodicals, organizations, and software. Some dead links.

[The Vatican](#)

<http://www.vatican.va/>

The official website for the Holy See. Provides virtual tours of Vatican museums, manuscript images, searchable library catalog, news, and history.

[Project Wittenberg](#)

<http://www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/wittenberg-home.html>

Project Wittenberg posts classic and historic texts written by Lutherans and Martin Luther in particular.

[Church of Christ, Scientist](#)

<http://www.tfccs.org/>

This is the official Christian Science website. Links to texts of some publications and news items. Links to [The Mary Baker Eddy Library](#), which offers photographic collections, history, and more.

[All-in-One Biblical Resources Search](#)

<http://www.ntgateway.com/multibib/>

Produced and maintained by Dr. Mark Goodacre of University of Birmingham, this site allows one-stop searching of vast religious Internet resources. Resources are divided into six sections: Bible Versions and Translations, Greek New Testament, Biblical Resource Sites, Ancient World, General Academic and Religion, and Email List Archives.

[Orthodox Eastern Church](#)

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/result_browse.aspx?topic=692

Quality annotated links provided by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Contains some dead links.

[Internet Sacred Texts Archive: Mormons](#)

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/mor/>

This is freely available archive of electronic texts, including *The Book of Mormon*, Doctrine and Covenants, and more.

Islam

[Glossary of Islamic Terms](#)

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/reference/glossary.html>

Originated from the booklet *Introducing Islam to Non-Muslims* by Hussein Khalid Al-Hussein and Ahmad Hussein Sakr. Created and maintained by the University of Southern California Muslim Student Association.

[Columbia University Libraries. Middle East Studies Internet Resources](#)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/index.html>

Links to resources by subject, and includes contemporary news sources.

[Islamic Studies](#)

<http://www.uga.edu/islam/>

An academic website of Dr. Godlas, Department of Religion, and University of Georgia. Provides links to the *Qur'an*, academic Islamic studies, Sufism, Islamic history and art, bibliographies, Muslim women, and more.

[The Koran](#)

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/koran.html>

An electronic searchable version of the *Holy Qur'an*, translated by M. H. Shakir. The electronic text is originally from the Online Book Initiative and may be browsed or searched.

[Internet Islamic History Sourcebook](#)

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html>

Produced and maintained by Paul Halsall, the IIHS is a well-organized collection of "public

domain and copy-permitted historical texts" for educational use. Located at the History Department of Fordham University. Covers Islamic history from pre-Islamic times to the present and includes links to valuable non-historic sites.

[WWW Virtual Library. Middle East Studies. Islam](#)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/Islam.html>

The Virtual Library is a catalog of high quality web resources, created by volunteers. This site includes links to organizations, dictionaries, political parties, book reviews, law, music, religious sects, beliefs, the Koran, and more.

[Al-Islam.org](#)

<http://www.al-islam.org/>

Al-Islam.org is maintained by the Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project (DILP), a non profit organization that operates through the efforts of volunteers in many countries around the world. The objective is to digitize and provide quality Islamic resources, related to the history, law, practice, and society of the Islamic religion and the Muslim peoples. Includes explanation of Shi'a Sunni beliefs and a library of sites to laws, cultural links, photos, books, biographies, lectures, and more.

Judaism

[Jewish History Resource Center](#)

<http://www.dinur.org/1.html?rsID=219>

A project of the Dinur Center for Research in Jewish History which provides over 3500 links in more than 25 categories, including Biblical history, libraries, American-Jewish history, academic programs, journals, texts, gender studies, and more.

[Torah.Org](#)

<http://www.torah.org/>

From project Genesis, this site promotes Jewish education and covers Jewish law, ethics, and basic beliefs.

[Shamash Jewish Internet Consortium](#)

<http://shamash.org/>

Created by the Hebrew College, this site includes links to texts of the *Tanach* and the *Torah*. Links are also provided to resources in education, culture, news, and Jewish worship.

[Jewish National & University Library](#)

<http://jnul.huji.ac.il/index.html>

Includes the Einstein Archives Online, the Ancient Maps of Jerusalem, the National Sound Archives, Talmudic Manuscripts, and more.

[Jewish Virtual Library](#)

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/index.html>

"The American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise's Jewish Virtual Library, your source for information about Jewish history, Israel, U.S.-Israel relations, the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Judaism." Contains vast resources covering the Holocaust, women, history in general, politics, religion, and much more.

Buddhism

[Buddhist Digital Library and Museum](#)

<http://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/BDLM/en/index.htm>

Maintained by the National Taiwan University Library, this website links to bibliographic databases, Buddhist libraries, language guides, texts of scriptures, and more.

[Access to Insight: Readings in Theravada Buddhism](#)

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/>

Bill Bullitt's site provides comprehensive information about Theravada Buddhism. Includes translations of the sutras of the Pali Canon (*Tipitaka*) and Theravadan text archives.

[Buddhanet.net](#)

<http://www.buddhanet.net/>

Buddhanet is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization whose goal is to link people committed to Buddha's teachings and lifestyle. The website includes links to free ebooks, buddhist studies, directories, and text of *Buddhazine Magazine*.

[Buddhist Studies. WWW Virtual Library](#)

<http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html>

Includes Tibetan studies, Zen Buddhism, Buddhist art, and more. Also links to religious texts.

[The Tibetan Book of the Dead](#)

<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/exhibits/dead/>

Part of the University of Virginia Special Collections Library, this website provides the text of the Tibetan Book of the Dead. Includes an introduction to Tibetan Buddhism.

Hinduism

[Open Directory: Hinduism](#)

http://dmoz.org/Society/Religion_and_Spirituality/Hinduism/

A huge free directory of web content without advertising. Editing is done by volunteers.

[Internet Sacred Texts Archives. Hinduism](#)

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

The Internet Sacred Texts Archive is a freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore. Included in the Hinduism page are Vedas, Puranas, Epics, and

other primary texts.

[Internet Indian History Sourcebook](#)

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/india/indiasbook.html>

Produced and maintained by Paul Halsall, the IIHS is a well-organized collection of "public domain and copy-permitted historical texts" for educational use. Located at the History Department of Fordham University. Covers Hindu history from ancient India to the present and includes quality links to political and religious sites.

[BBC. Hinduism](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/index.shtml>

This British Broadcasting site links to information on Hindu history, customs, beliefs, and news.

Miscellaneous

[Native American Religion](#)

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/result_browse.aspx?topic=580&pid=361

From Wabash Center Guide to Internet Resources for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, this website is a large set of links to syllabi and teaching resources, electronic texts, and websites pertaining to Native American religion and culture.

[The Baha'is](#)

<http://www.bahai.org/>

Provides teachings, background, and writings of prominent figures in the religion. The Reference Library offers electronic access to selected writings of the Bahá'í Faith in English, Persian and Arabic. Also, the site includes texts of position papers and a large number of sacred writings.

[Internet Guide for Chinese Studies. WWW Virutal Libraray](#)

<http://sun.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/igcs/igphil.htm>

Detailed annotations to quality websites pertaining to Chinese religion and philosophy. Includes ancient Buddhist, Confucian and Taoist classic texts. Some links lead to Chinese language sites.

[Avesta -- Zoroastrian Archives](#)

<http://www.avesta.org/avesta.html>

Provides the complete text of the Avesta, the most ancient scriptures of Zoroastrianism, as well as many Pahlavi scriptures. It also includes information about the Avestan language, and other information for students of Zoroastrian religion.

[All About Sikhs](#)

<http://allaboutsikhs.com/home.php>

A detailed, comprehensive explanation of the religion. Includes history, prayers, ceremonies, texts of scriptures, and articles.

Selected Print Sources:

Encyclopedias & Dictionaries

[Encyclopaedia Judaica](#)

(CD-ROM REF)

This CD contains the complete text of the 16 print volumes plus yearbooks. Includes photos, images, and maps. A comprehensive source on the Jewish world.

[Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions](#)

REF BL 2462.5 .E53 2001

An up-to-date guide to religions of African and African-American people with special attention given to movements in Africa and the religions of the African Diaspora in North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

[Encyclopedia of Early Christianity](#)

REF BR162.2 .E53 1990

Almost 1,000 entries covering the time period from the life of Jesus to 600 AD. Includes discussion of people, places, doctrines, practice, art, liturgy, heresies, and schisms.

[Encyclopedia of Religion and War](#)

REF BL 80.3 E53 2004

Provides historical and cultural information necessary for understanding concepts of war and political violence in the major religions of the world. Includes scriptural, doctrinal, and state views. Each article is signed and contains a bibliography.

[Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics](#)

REF BL2525 .E53 1999

Covers individuals, events, ideas, and issues. Bibliographies are provided for each article.

[Muslim Almanac](#)

REF BP40 .M83 1996

Describes the historical formations of the global Muslim community from Arabia to the Philippines. Discusses each region's Islamic theology, law, science, art, literature, and education.

[Reader's Guide to Judaism](#)

REF BM50 .R43 2000

Includes brief bibliographic essays that analyze the authoritative sources (books and articles) on particular subjects. Arranged by topics, such as history, literature, practice, thought, arts, and more.

[Religion: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia](#)

REF BL80.2 .L463 1998

Sixteen major world religions are covered. Arranged by topic.

[Sacramentum Mundi: An Encyclopedia of Theology](#)

REF BR95 .S23 6 vols.

Comprehensive survey of Catholic theological topics.

[Baker's Concise Dictionary of Religion](#)

REF BL31 .K34 1985

Short definitions on significant religious terms, symbols, faiths, movements, and ideas.

[Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics](#)

REF BJ1199. B34 1973

Covers the foundations of Biblical ethics.

[Dictionary of Comparative Religion](#)

REF BL31 .D53

Provides current information about the world's religious beliefs and practices.

[Dictionary of Islam](#)

REF BP40 .H8 1965

Largely an exposition of the Sunni sect with explanations of the points where Shiah and Wahhabi schools differ.

[Dictionary of non-Christian Religions](#)

REF BL31 .P36 1973

Special emphasis on Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam plus classical worlds of ancient Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

[Dictionary of Saints](#)

REF BX4655.8 .D44

Short, informative entries that describe some 5,000 saints. Also, available online through ebrary.

[Encyclopedic Dictionary of Religion](#)

REF BR95 .E494 3 vols.

Provides brief signed entries on people, issues, ideas, texts, and denominations.

[Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Bible](#)

REF BS440 .B523

An English translation and adaptation of Dr. van den Born's Bijbels Woordenboek.

[Harper Collins Dictionary of Religion](#)

REF BL31 .H37 1995

Over 3,200 scholarly articles on worldwide religious traditions and religious terms.

[Larousse Dictionary of Beliefs & Religions](#)

REF BL31 .L37 1994

Defines the most prevalent modern religions and ideologies.

[Maryknoll Catholic Dictionary](#)

REF BX841 .M36 1965

A guide to standard Catholic terminology.

[Oxford Dictionary of Classical Myth and Religion](#)

REF BL715 .O845 2003

This is a selection drawn from *The Oxford Classical Dictionary, 3rd* (1996). It covers Greek and Roman myth and religion, as well as regional religions of the Graeco-Roman world plus entries on Judaism and Christianity in the Hellenistic and Roman periods.

[Oxford Dictionary of Popes](#)

REF BX955.2 .K45 1986

Concise biographies of officially recognized popes, as well as those classified as antipopes. Each entry contains a bibliography. Also accessible online through [Oxford Reference](#).

[Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church](#)

REF BR95 .O8 1974

Brief entries with bibliographies that discuss the history, personalities and institutions of the Christian Church (Catholic and Protestant). See the concise online version at [Oxford Reference](#).

[Oxford Dictionary of World Religions](#)

REF BL31 .O84 1997

Brief entries describing religious beliefs, practices, personalities, history, texts, and more. Concise version is available at [Oxford Reference](#).

[Popular Dictionary of Buddhism](#)

REF BL1403 .H8

Entries cover people, places, and doctrines from many different countries.

[Popular Dictionary of Judaism](#)

REF BM50 .S3 1962

An alphabetical survey of Jewish thought, custom, and usage.

[Popular Dictionary of Protestantism](#)

REF BR95 .R5

Provides facts about the history, personalities, doctrines, creeds, government, literature, and music of Protestantism.

Bibles & Concordances

[Holy Bible](#)

REF BS185 .N38 1967

Contains the Old and New Testaments of the King James Version.

[Holy Qur'an; Text, Translation and Commentary](#)

REF BP109 1988

Provides English translation and commentary.

[Interpreter's Bible](#)

REF BS491.2 .I55 12 vols.

Includes the King James and the Revised Standard Versions plus explanations for each Book.

[The New Jerusalem Bible](#)

REF BS195 .J4 1985

Includes indexes.

[The New Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha: Revised Standard Version.](#)

REF BS191 .A1.N43 1977

Contains the second edition of the New Testament and an expanded edition of the Apocrypha.

[The Parallel New Testament](#)

REF BS2095 .G58

The American translation and the King James version in parallel columns, with introductions and explanatory notes by Edgar J. Goodspeed.

[The Torah: the Five Books of Moses](#)

REF BS1223 1963

A new translation according to the Masoretic text.

[Bible and the Saints](#)

REF BS513.2 .D8313 1994

Provides short histories of the saints and Bible characters plus illustrations and explanations of representative iconography.

[Harper's Bible Dictionary](#)

REF BS440 .H237 1985

Produced as a cooperative project between the Society of Biblical Literature and Harper & Row publishers. Each entry is written by a Biblical scholar.

[Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible](#)

REF BS440 .I63 4 vols. + supplement

Both a dictionary and an encyclopedia, this work covers terms, personalities, and concepts from the Bible. It also includes history and archaeology of the region.

[Interpreter's One Volume Commentary on the Bible](#)

REF BS491.2 .I57

Arranged by Books of the Bible and written from an ecumenical perspective, this volume also deals with the historical, literary, linguistic, and geographical issues of the Bible.

[New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible](#)

REF BS425 .S8 1996

This is a thorough verbal index to the Bible as it exists in the partly Hebrew and partly Greek original text and the Authorized and Revised English Versions.

[Who's Who in the New Testament](#)

REF BS2430 .B67

Comprehensive coverage of personalities in the New Testament. Includes history and Biblical narrative. Available online in [Credo Reference](#).

[Who's Who in the Old Testament](#)

REF BS570 .C64

Entries include Biblical narrative and historical settings. Access online through [Credo Reference](#).