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Periodical Indexes, Abstracts and Online Sources

ATLA (online, American Theological Library Association).

This key resource indexes articles, essays, papers, and book reviews from 1550 sources. It also has full-text articles drawn from 57 journals from 1949 forward. The periodicals range from mainstream scholarly journals to smaller pastoral journals and include non-Christian traditions, as well. Search ATLA by author, title words, keyword, or by scriptural citation. Lag time may be up to 2 years for indexing.

Academic Search Premier (online, EBSCO)

Academic Search is a large, scholarly, multi-disciplinary resource with full text articles from more than 4,000 periodicals. Rich in the humanities and social sciences, *Academic Search* is more current than ATLA and is useful for articles that may appear outside of theological journals.

Catholic Periodical and Literature Index. (Quarterly, annual cumulation, 1929-)

REF AI 3 .C36

This print reference work indexes articles from 173 journals plus book chapters, essays and book reviews. Sources indexed range from Papal documents to scholarly articles in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* to recent developments reported in the *National Catholic Reporter*.

Expanded Academic ASAP (online, Infotrac)

This multi-disciplinary index covers 3,500 scholarly journals plus popular and niche magazines. 2,157 of the journals carry full-text articles online, mainly from the past ten years. You can search by keyword or by subject heading. Christian and non-Christian religious traditions are included.

Index to Periodical Literature for the Study of the New Testament, Brill, 2004

REF Z 7772 .L1 M5497 2004

Compiler Watson E. Mills has indexed the contents of 185 scholarly journals for articles on passages from the New Testament. He has arranged the index by book, chapter, and verse, making scriptural searches very easy. There are 15,000 unannotated entries, mainly in English.

New Testament Abstracts (three times per year, 1956-).

REF BS 410 .N35

This scholarly print source provides indexing and abstracts for articles appearing in 500 journals (2,000 articles annually) and more than 850 books dealing with the study of the New Testament and its world. The works is arranged by Book of the Bible, then by special topic such as “Dead Sea Scrolls.” An overall index to the three issues is published at the end of each year’s volume.

Encyclopedias of Religious Traditions & Atlases

Encyclopedia of Islam. E.J. Brill, 1960-2004. New edition. 12 vols.

REF DS 37 .E51 1960A

This is a scholarly treatment of Islamic classical and medieval history and classical Islamic texts. This is a good source for concepts such as shari’a, and fatwa and for people, places, and kingdoms.

Encyclopaedia Judaica. MacMillan, 1971-72. 16 vols.

REF DS 102.8 .E496 1972

This large scholarly work has entries on Jewish belief, customs, practices, people, history, and holy places. Its treatment of the Bible represents both traditional and modern, Jewish viewpoints. Vol. 1 is a comprehensive index.

Encyclopedia of Religion. Thomson/Gale, 2005. 2nd ed. 14 vols.

REF BL 31 .E46 2005

Encyclopedia of Religion (online) Gale Virtual Reference Library.

This major work covers world traditions, religious phenomena (visions, atonement), events (Hajj, Vatican Councils), scholarly methods (hermeneutics), beliefs, religious figures, holy books and rituals. There is a cross-cultural approach used for many of these scholarly entries. The online edition can be searched by keyword or browsed alphabetically. Results can be saved, printed, or e-mailed.

New Catholic Encyclopedia. Gale, 2002. 2nd edition. 15 vols.

REF BX 841 .N44 2002

The long-awaited second edition explores Catholic tradition as seen in its beliefs, practices and doctrines. Entries also cover popes, saints, dioceses, writers and influential thinkers.

MacMillan Bible Atlas. MacMillan, 1993. Rev. 3rd ed.

REF G 2230 .A2 1993

Our best Bible atlas, the MacMillan has an impressive array of maps of empire, conquest, Exodus, Paul’s travels, and more. A unique feature - specific scriptural passages are indexed to the maps showing locations of miracles, teachings, etc.

Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World. Oxford UP, 1994. 4 vols.

REF DS 35.53 .O95 1995

This is a contemporary review of the Islamic experience in the modern world and functions as an update to the *Encyclopedia of Islam* (above). The editors take a comparative approach to describe beliefs (messianism), practices (dress), and movements (Muslim Brotherhood) in different countries. Major articles focus on contemporary concerns such as the Islamic State, Islam and Judaism, human rights, education, and economic development. Good bibliographies accompany the entries.

Biblical Commentaries, Concordances & Dictionaries

The Analytical Concordance to the New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Eerdmans / Oxford University Press, 2000.

REF BS 2305 .W45 2000

A concordance is an index of all important words appearing in a text. This analytical concordance gives the context for each word along with the book, chapter, and verse for each occurrence. Look up “tempt” for example, and locate the 10 places in the New Testament where the word appears.

The Anchor Bible. Doubleday, 1964-83. 44 vols.

REF BS 192.2 .A1 1964

A combination Bible and commentary, each volume carries scriptural text, extensive annotations of individual passages, and a commentary on each section. One of Anchor’s strengths is its reconstruction of the ancient setting for the biblical story.

Anchor Bible Dictionary. Doubleday, 1992. 6 vols.

REF BS 440 .A54 1992

A major dictionary compiled by a large team of scholars, the *Anchor* mixes major articles on biblical themes and social institutions with shorter articles on people, places, and books of the Bible. It also examines scholarly methods for research. This is useful for clarifying specific biblical references as well as for understanding the cultural tradition the narrative stems from. Places are illustrated with good line maps.

The Collegeville Bible Commentary. Liturgical Press, 1989.

REF BS 491.2 .C66 1989

This source features introductions to each book, exploring its place and meaning, followed by an analysis of each verse of each book. The work is keyed primarily to the New American Bible.

HarperCollins Bible Commentary. HarperCollins, 2000. rev. ed.

REF BS 491.2 .H37 2000

Written for the educated layman rather than the scholar, this source elucidates each book of the Old and New Testaments and the apocrypha. Each book’s history, structure, themes, and significance are discussed. There is commentary on individual passages, with reference to similar themes in other passages.

HarperCollins Bible Dictionary. HarperCollins, 1996.

REF BS 440 .H235 1996

This dictionary can be used with the *Commentary* to explain specific references. Less extensive than the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, this is a useful one-volume work that explains biblical events, people, practices, and concepts, and links them to specific passages. Good illustrations include family trees.

The International Bible Commentary Liturgical Press, 1998

REF BS 511.2 .I57 1998

A self-described “Catholic commentary for the 21st century,” this source opens with an overview of each book (“first reading”) that explores themes and historical context. The “second reading” is a close interpretation of each verse in attempt to open the Bible’s precise meaning to the modern reader.

New Interpreter’s Bible. Abingdon Press, 1994. 12 vols.

REF BS 491.2 .N484

This is an extensive biblical commentary with contributions from scholars of many different Christian backgrounds. For each book it presents biblical text, verse-by-verse commentary, and reflections. Volume 1 has essays on different methods and cultural viewpoints from which to understand the Bible.

New Jerome Biblical Commentary. Prentice-Hall, 1990.

REF BS 491.2 .N485 1990

A very good one-volume Catholic biblical commentary, “New Jerome” provides explanation, clarification, and cross-references to individual passages, line by line. The Introduction has a background for each book.

The NRSV Concordance Unabridged: including the apocryphal / deuterocanonical books. Zondervan, 1991.

REF BS 425 .K645 1991

This unabridged word finder lists every word and gives its context in all books of the Bible. It indexes all words in the 66 canonical books of the Old and New Testaments plus 18 apocryphal books.

The Oxford Bible Commentary. Oxford University Press, 2001.

REF BS 491.3 .O94 2001

This commentary takes a broader approach in which whole paragraphs are presented rather than the verse-by-verse method used in other commentaries. The result is an analysis that is more contextual.

Web Sites for Religious Studies

Catholic Biblical Association. Computer Committee.

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

Christian Classics Ethereal Library

<http://www.ccel.org>

Virtual Religion Index

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

Wabash Center: Guide to Internet Resources for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

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

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