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### Collections of works

- **Open Access Digital Theological Library**
  The OADTL is owned and operated by the Digital Theological Library, a non-profit corporation in support of religious studies education.
- **Globethics.net Library**
  The *Theology and Ecumenism* section includes more than 2 million documents on theology, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, ethics, and ecumenism in World Christianity. Results of sample search for “church social justice Philippines”
- **Atla Digital Library**
  Links to religion and theology-related digital collections
- **HathiTrust**
  A partnership of academic institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world. Most books in HathiTrust are published before 1923, but not all – e.g. *The church in Southeast Asia* by Winburn T. Thomas and Rajah B. Manikam, published 1956.
- **Princeton Theological Seminary Theological Commons**
  Digital library of around 110,000 books and periodicals on theology and religion, mostly published before 1923, but not all – e.g. *God Hidden and Revealed* by John Dillenberger, published in 1953.
- **Christian Classics Ethereal Library**
  Classic Christian texts, including Patristic writings, various versions of the Bible, hymns, denominational works, reference works, and theological texts. It is possible to browse the CCEL by subject.
- **Online Books from the University of Pennsylvania**
  Listing over 3 million free books on the Web

### Online texts on specific subject areas

- **Baptist Studies Online**
- **Bibliotheca Religiosa IntraText**
  Religious texts from Christianity (including the categories of Bible, Catholicism, the Vatican, Orthodox Christianity, Patristics, Reformation), Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam.
- **Early Christian Writings**
- **Early Church Texts**
- **ETANA: Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives**
  Portal to resources on the ancient Near East including digital “core texts” published before 1925.
- **Gnostic Society Library**
- **Internet Medieval Sourcebook**
- **Internet Sacred Text Archive**
- **Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University**
  All of Jonathan Edwards’ writings available electronically.
- **Wesley Center Online**

### Reference works

- **Catholic Encyclopedia**
- **Encyclopedia Britannica**
- **Encyclopedia of Religion and Society**
- **Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology**
- **Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia**
Journal articles / online journals

- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
  Free, full text, quality scholarly journals in all languages and subjects, including theology and religious studies.
- Electronic Journals Library: Theology and Religious Studies
- Google Scholar
  Google's search engine for scholarly literature. It provides access to books, journal articles, and citations.
- Ingenta
  Provides access to article citations. Some articles are available full text for free, others for a fee.
- Online Theology-Related Periodicals
  An extensive annotated list of electronic journals. Maintained by Elizabeth T. Knuth at the College of St. Benedict.

Image resources

- Art in the Christian Tradition Database
- Atla Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative
  Repository of digital resources contributed by member libraries of the American Theological Library Association (Atla).
- International Mission Photography Archive
  Historical images from Protestant and Catholic missionary collections during the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century.
- Pitts Theology Library Digital Image Archive
  More than 60,000 images of biblical illustrations, portraits of religious leaders, printers' devices, engravings of church buildings, and other theological topics.

Resources by topic

Biblical studies

- Bible Research: Reference Materials for Students of Scripture
- Bible Study Tools
- Biblia.com: Bible Study Online
- Biblical Studies on the Web
- The Five Gospel Parallels
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)
- Into his own: perspective on the world of Jesus
- New Testament Gateway
- The Paul page: dedicated to the new perspective on Paul
- Synoptic Gospels Primer: parallel texts in Matthew, Mark & Luke
- World Wide Study Bible

Early Christianity / Patristics

- Early Church Texts
  Provides access to primary texts from the 1st to the 5th century of the church. Texts have online dictionary links, English translations, and notes.
- Early Christian Writings
  Christian texts from the 1st to the early 3rd centuries.
Christian Classics Ethereal Library

Ethics

Counterbalance Interactive Library
Extensive resources on a number of ethical issues, including the evolution/creation controversy, biomedical ethics and more.

EthicShare
Developed with an initial focus on bioethics, the EthicShare collection features scholarly articles, books, archival and digital objects, popular press literature, dissertations, and commission reports, as well as blogs and other sources.

Globethics.net
Global digital library on ethics providing users free access to full text versions of about 200 journals and more than a million documents in the field of applied ethics.

Theology

Aquinas Translation Project
Bibliotheca religiosa IntraText
Full-text digital library including many primary text theological writings.

Calvinism Resources Database
Catholic Encyclopedia
This is an older work (1908) but provides searchable articles online and may be useful for historical materials.

Center for Barth Studies
A clearinghouse for Barth scholarship and activities, its program includes conferences, research opportunities, discussion groups, and publications.

Center for Reformed Theology & Apologetics
Includes numerous historic church documents: creeds, confessions, catechisms, Calvin's Institutes, etc.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library
Computer-Assisted Theology
Annotated list of Internet resources relating to theological studies.

Corpus Thomisticum
Includes: a full edition of the complete works of St. Thomas; a bibliography covering all the studies on Aquinas and his doctrine; an index of the main tools of Thomistic research; and ; a digital edition of the main manuscripts of Aquinas' works.

Institute for Theology and Peace
A research institution of the Catholic Church established by the Catholic Military Chaplaincy. The emphasis of research and documentation is on the political and social debate on questions of peace from a theological-ethical point of view.

Internet Theology Resources: Systematic Theology
New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge
The Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University
The Tertullian Project
Wesley Center online

World Christianity and Missions

General

Historical mission periodicals online
Historical missions annual reports online
International Bulletin of Mission Research
International Mission Photography Archive
Photographs contributed by numerous repositories of mission archives.
Boston University School of Theology History of Missiology
Biographical material about missionaries and classic writings in the history of Protestant mission thought.
- **Missionary E-Texts Archives**
  An electronic repository of historical texts by, about and for missionaries.

- **Edinburgh 2010: Resources**
  Photos, papers, books, and articles related to Edinburgh 1910 and the centenary celebration.

- **World Missionary Conference, 1910, Edinburgh - Volumes 1 - 9**

- **Project Canterbury**
  Anglican history; includes digitized texts re. missions and index to Episcopal Church periodical Spirit of Missions

- **The Vinton Books**
  Biographical information about American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions missionaries - see also the Congregational Library's Obituary Database.

- **Atla Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative**
  Includes missions-related maps, photographs, postcards, texts, statistics.

### China

- **Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Christianity**
- **China Inland Mission**
- **China Mission History Digital Archive**
  Whitworth University site includes digitized photographs, bibliography
- **Chinese Christian Texts Database**
  Primary and secondary sources concerning the cultural contacts between China and Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (from 1582 to ca. 1840)
- **Directories of Protestant missionaries in China: 1874, 1881, 1884, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1916, 1936, 1940**
- **London Missionary Society Collection of Chinese Books**
  Digitized by National Library of Australia
- **The Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in China, 1867-1952 by James E. Bear**
- **Western Medicine in China Project**
  Archive guides, primary sources, digitized materials gathered by Luce-funded project at IUPUI
- **Chinese Christian posters**
  Project of Boston University Center for Global Christianity and Mission

### India

- **Journeys and Encounters: Religion, Society and the Basel Mission in North Karnataka 1837-1852**
  Translations and summaries from published materials in German, by Jennifer and Paul Jenkins

### Korea

- **Online Archive Korean Christianity**
  Project of Sung Deuk Oak, UCLA

### Taiwan

- **Christianity in Taiwan**
  Site of John Lai