

Free Online Resources for the Study of Religion

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Collections of works

- [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](#).
- [Global Digital Library on Theology and Ecumenism](#)
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"](#)
- [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.

Online texts on specific subject areas

- [Augustine of Hippo](#)
- [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.
- [Theological Perspectives of the Reformation](#)
- [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](#)
- [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia \(ISBE\) Online](#)
- [Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)
- [New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge](#)

- [Postmodern Bible Dictionary](#)

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.
- [Google Theological Journals Search](#)
Search over 340 religion journals related to scripture studies, systematic theology, practical ministries, and cognate disciplines for which full text is freely available on the Internet.
- [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).
- [EIKON: Image Database for Biblical Studies](#)
A faculty-library initiative at Yale Divinity School that provides digital resources for teaching and research in the field of Biblical studies.
- [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](#)
- [Bibliotheca religiosa IntraText](#)
- [The Five Gospel Parallels](#)
- [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia \(ISBE\)](#)
- [Into his own: perspective on the world of Jesus](#)
- [iTanakh - Resources for Academic Study](#)
- [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](#)
The Early Church Fathers section of the CCEL site provides English translations of the Church Fathers from the Ante-Nicene and Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers series

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](#)
- [Augustine of Hippo](#)
- [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.
- [Creeds of Christendom](#)
- [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](#)
- [Theological Perspectives of the Reformation](#)
- [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 Christian Colleges and Universities Image Database](#)
- [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](#)
- [The Flower Mountain Murders: a "Missionary Case"](#)
A database by Ian Welch, Australian National University
- [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

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](#)

Taiwan

- [Christianity in Taiwan](#)
Site of John Lai