

Free Online Resources for the Study of Religion

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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](#)
[Theology and Ecumenism](#) section includes more than 2 million documents on theology, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, ethics, and ecumenism in World Christianity. Globethics.net provides search access to resources that are freely available on the web such as the [Missionary Research Library Pamphlets](#) in the Internet Archive.
- [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](#)
- [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia \(ISBE\) Online](#)
- [Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)
- [New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge](#)

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.

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](#)
- [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.
- [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

- [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](#)
- [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.
- [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 Center for Global Christianity and Missions](#)
Digital projects include [Chinese Christian Poster Project](#), [China Historical Christian Database \(CHCD\)](#), [Dictionary of African Christian Biography](#), [History of Missiology](#)
- [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
- [Archives of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia archives](#) held at Yale Divinity Library
- [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