

RS 206: WORLD RELIGIONS
Mount Aloysius College Library
ONLINE RESOURCES

A selection of our reference electronic-books*

*Please note: There is a wealth of material available in our electronic book collection. This list is a starting point, not a comprehensive list. Please see the instructions for locating and accessing electronic books.

Brunvand, Jan Harold, ed. American Folklore [electronic Resource]: An Encyclopedia. New York: Garland Pub, 1998.

Ellis, Peter Berresford. A Dictionary of Irish Mythology [electronic Resource]. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1987.

Eve and Adam [electronic Resource]: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Readings on Genesis and Gender. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999.

Gill, Sam D. Dictionary of Native American Mythology [electronic Resource]. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 1992.

The Hutchinson Dictionary of World Mythology [electronic Resource]. Abingdon: Helicon Pub, 2005.

Ingold, Tim. Companion Encyclopedia of Anthropology [electronic Resource]. London ; New York: Routledge, 1994.

Islamic Desk Reference [electronic Resource]. Leiden ; New York: E.J. Brill, 1994.

King, Richard. Indian Philosophy [electronic Resource]: An Introduction to Hindu and Buddhist Thought. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999.

Lyon, William S. Encyclopedia of Native American Healing [electronic Resource]. Santa Barbara, Calif: ABC-CLIO, 1996.

Markman, Peter T. Masks of the Spirit [electronic Resource]: Image and Metaphor in Mesoamerica. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press, 1994.

McGrath, Alister E., ed. The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Thought [electronic Resource]. Oxford [England] ; Cambridge, Mass.: Blackwell, 1999.

Neusner, Jacob, and Alan J. (Alan Jeffery) Avery-Peck. The Routledge Dictionary of Judaism [electronic Resource]. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Quinn, Philip L, and Charles Taliaferro, eds. A Companion to the Philosophy of Religion [electronic Resource]. Oxford, UK ; Cambridge, Mass.: Blackwell, 1999.

Rippin, Andrew. Muslims [electronic Resource]: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices. Vol. 2, The Contemporary Period. London ; New York: Routledge, 2003.

Sawyer, John F. A, J. M. Y Simpson, and R. E Asher, eds. Concise Encyclopedia of Language and Religion [electronic Resource]. Amsterdam ; New York: Elsevier, 2001.

Werblowsky, R. J. Zwi (Raphael Jehudah Zwi), and Geoffrey Wigoder, eds. The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion [electronic Resource]. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Whitworth, Belinda. New Age Encyclopedia [electronic Resource]: A Mind, Body, Spirit Reference Guide. Ed. Clayton W Leadbetter. Franklin Lakes, N.J.: New Page Books, 2003.

Williams, Paul. Buddhist Thought [electronic Resource]: A Complete Introduction to the Indian Tradition. London ; New York: Routledge, 2000.

The World's Religions [electronic Resource]: Islam. London: Routledge, 2002.

Yoga [electronic Resource]: The Indian Tradition. London ; New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

Recommended Databases*

*To access the library's subscription databases, click on the 'Databases' link on the library's homepage (<http://library.mtaloy.edu/>). Browse the databases by category, or click 'All Databases' for an alphabetical list. When you click on the title of a database, you will be prompted to enter your Mount Aloysius College username and password. If you do not have a username and password, please contact the IT Help Desk at 814-886-6502. If you have questions about using the databases, please contact the reference librarians at askalibrarian@mtaloy.edu or 814-886-6478.

Encyclopædia Britannica Online

Encyclopædia Britannica is a standard interdisciplinary reference work. It contains both short and book-length articles on a wide-range of subjects.

Encyclopedia of Religion

The Encyclopedia of Religion is the perfect source for detailed, authoritative information on the entire range of topics related to religion and spiritual practice, including biographical profiles of major figures in religion and religious studies.

ProQuest Research Library

The Research Library covers a broad range of subjects including arts, business, children, education, general interest, health, humanities, international, law, military, multicultural, psychology, sciences, social sciences, and women's interests.

Religion Resource (available in mid-March)

A collection of religious studies reference works. The library will be offering a database trial for this resource beginning in mid-March. You will receive an email with instructions for accessing this database at that time.

Wilson OmniFile Full Text Select

A multidisciplinary database providing full text articles from 1994, with their accompanying indexing and abstracts, from the following subject areas: art, applied science and technology, biology and agriculture, education, general science, the humanities, legal studies, library and information science, social sciences and business.

Statistics

The Association of Religion Data Archives.

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

The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA) strives to democratize access to the best data on religion. Data included in the ARDA are submitted by the foremost religion scholars and research centers in the world. Currently housed in the Social Science Research Institute and the Department of Sociology at the Pennsylvania State University. *Use the toolbar across the top to access statistics about specific denominations or country profiles.

Texts

The Internet sacred text archive.

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

'A nonprofit archive of electronic texts on religion, mythology, folklore, the occult, and esoteric topics. Provides a bibliography of searchable scanned texts, both primary and secondary. Includes over 50 topical links in the main categories of World Religions, Traditions and Mysteries.'

University of Virginia's Religious Movements Page.

<http://religiousmovements.lib.virginia.edu/collections/search/>

Electronic texts of the King James Bible, Book of Mormon, Qur'an, and Chiricahua and Mescalero Apache Texts.

Maps

Wadsworth Religion Course Guide: Religion Maps.

http://www.wadsworth.com/religion_d/special_features/popups/maps/maps_f.html

Provides a variety of maps related to world religions.

General

Wabash Center: Internet Guide to Religion.

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/guide_headings.aspx

A selective, annotated guide to a wide variety of electronic resources of interest to those who are involved in the study and practice of religion: electronic texts, electronic journals, web sites, bibliographies, liturgies, reference resources, software, etc.

World Scripture: a comparative anthology of religious texts.

<http://www.unification.net/ws/>

'*World Scripture* contains over 4000 scriptural passages from 268 sacred texts and 55 oral traditions. It is organized in terms of 164 different themes common to all traditions. This text is the result of a five-year project involving the collaboration of an international team of 40 recognized scholars representing all the major religions of the world. This archive contains the complete text of the original hardbound version.'

The Pluralism Project at Harvard University.

<http://www.pluralism.org/directory/>

'The Pluralism Project at Harvard University maintains an extensive directory of religious centers in the United States. At present, this directory exists in a searchable database, with listings of over 4500 centers across the United States. It does not include information on Christian or Jewish centers, as these can be readily found in the local phonebook; however, it does include listings for Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Taoist, and Zoroastrian Temples and Centers, as well as Baha'i and Pagan Centers, Islamic Centers and Masajid, and Sikh Gurdwaras.'

Religious Worlds by Gene Thursby, PhD.

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

Gene Thursby, PhD, Associate Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida, provides a directory of religious studies web sites categorized by religious traditions and topics.

Ontario Centre for Religious Tolerance.

http://www.religioustolerance.org/var_rel.htm

Describes 63 religions, including both well-known and lesser-known groups.

Online Books Project at Penn.

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/search.html>

Free, open access books available online. Search in the title field for a particular topic, e.g. Buddhism, to find materials on a particular religious group or movement.