

SOT**School of Theology – Suggested Research Databases**

**You may need to use different databases depending on the subject and topic of research **

Databases for Theology, Religion, and Biblical Studies

(For historical perspectives and related texts, see databases for history, texts, and biography below. Some databases are useful in both categories, but are listed in the most applicable one.)

Database = Good starting point for general theology/biblical studies

Academic Search Premier – provides full text for more than 4,500 journals, including more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles. It covers the social sciences, humanities, general science, multicultural studies, education, and much more. Uses the Ebsco Host interface.

APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality, Volumes 1–2 – presents the most comprehensive coverage of the current state of the psychology of religion and spirituality. It introduces a new integrative paradigm for this rapidly growing and diverse field.

ATLA Religion and ATLAS – ATLA religion indexes journal articles, essays, and book reviews in all fields of religion, while ATLAS is a full-text, digital collection of over 100 core journals in religion and theology. Coverage goes back 50 years or more in six journal subject areas: Bible, Archaeology, and Antiquities; Theology, Philosophy and Ethics; Religions and Religious Studies; Pastoral Ministry; History, Missions, and Ecumenism; Human Culture and Society. Provided by Ebsco.

Biblical Archaeology Society – includes online versions of Biblical Archaeology Review from 1975 to present; Bible Review from 1985 to present; Archaeology Odyssey from 1998 to present, as well as five books published by the Biblical Archaeology Society. The site also includes many photos of archeological sites and objects.

Cambridge Companions Online – This collection includes the complete series of Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion, and Culture, 199 titles, along with 370+ titles of Cambridge History Companions covering a broad range of historical periods and topics. The platform also supports over 1,100 additional eBooks and 60+ academic journals.

Dead Sea Scrolls Biblical Texts – this Brill Reference database presents a complete Hebrew transcription and English translation of the DSS Biblical text, together with high-resolution images that can now be used side by side. Based on the DSS Electronic Library CD-ROM (published by Brill and Brigham Young University, 2006) the database contains all known DSS biblical texts as of January 2013.

Dead Sea Scrolls Non-Biblical Texts – this Brill Reference database presents a complete Hebrew transcription and English translation of the DSS non-biblical text, together with high-resolution images that can now be used side by side. Based on the DSS Electronic Library CD-ROM (published by Brill and Brigham Young University, 2006) the database contains all known DSS non-biblical texts (from Qumran) as of September 2005.

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Digitalia Hispanica – includes eBooks and eJournals in Spanish with access to some of the most renowned publishers in Spain and Latin America. While the database is multidisciplinary, you will find scholarly resources in Religion, Philosophy, Psychology, History, Anthropology, and more.

Hermeneia: A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible – Offered through the Project Muse database, the series offers authoritative interpretation of the earliest texts of the biblical books and other literature closely related to the Bible. Hermeneia is edited without pre-determined limits in size or scope. It utilizes the full range of philological and historical tools, including textual criticism (often slighted in modern commentaries), the methods of the history of tradition (including genre and prosodic analysis), and the history of religion.

Journal of Jewish Studies – Archives hold the digital version of the Journal of Jewish Studies covering all issues from 1948 to the latest issue.

Karl Barth Digital Library – Karl Barth library includes, in English, his Church Dogmatics and 13 other works. In German, it includes Barth's complete works, as published to date by TZV.

LOEB Classical Library – offers Greek and Latin texts alongside their English translations of works by Classical authors.

Ministry Matters – a collection of online Biblical reference works, commentaries, and lectionary tools. Commentary series include: The New Interpreter's Bible, Interpretation Commentaries, Abingdon Old Testament and New Testament commentaries, and many more.

New Testament Abstracts – contains more than 33,000 article abstracts, 1,200 review abstracts, 12,600 book abstracts, and 50 software abstracts from more than 500 periodicals in numerous languages. In addition, nearly 850 current books are also summarized annually. Article coverage in the database dates back to 1985. See print edition for older articles.

Old Testament Abstracts – includes indexing and abstracts for journal articles, monographs, multi-author works from 450 journals, many back to 1978. All abstracts are in English, regardless of the language of the original work. Topics covered include antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, philology and much more. It is a product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Biblical Association.

Online Egyptological Bibliography (OEB) – holds the largest available collection of references in Egyptological literature and is updated almost daily. It includes the records and abstracts from Annual Egyptological Bibliography (AEB, 1947-2001), combined with Bibliographie Altägypten (BA, 1822-1946), the Aigyptos database with keywords, and more than 25,000 further items. Coverage is from 1822 to the present.

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Oxford Handbooks Online (Religion) – contains over 75 handbooks with 2,800+ essays and articles on critical topics and emerging issues in religion, including religion and culture, comparative religion, and theology and philosophy of religion. It also contains over 100 additional eBooks and 3,000+ articles mostly covering topics in philosophy, sociology, and linguistics.

Oxford Islamic Studies – offers full-text access to primary sources, photo essays, and visual aids, combined with 7,500+ carefully indexed and searchable biographies and subject entries from Oxford reference works. The database covers global Islamic history, concepts, people, practices, politics, and culture, and is regularly updated. Titles include: The Oxford History of Islam, The Oxford Dictionary of Islam, two classic interpretations of the Qur'an and concordance, and the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World.

Oxford Scholarship Online (Religion) – provides access to over 1,300 scholarly monographs in all areas of religion and theology, along with many of their intersections with culture. All titles can also be searched through library's online catalog.

ProQuest Religion – database with over 300 full-text journals in religion.

ProQuest Research Library – provides access to over 2,300 periodicals of which about 1,500 are ASCII full-text or full-image. Expansive multi-disciplinary coverage.

Religious and Theological Abstracts – provides summaries of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of Religion and Theology. It covers some journals that ATLA Religion Database does not.

SAGE Journals – provides searchable full-text to 1160 journals with content relevant to all three FTS schools. For SOT there are 65 journals covering religion, philosophy, and history. There are also over 250 additional humanities journals that further the interdisciplinary usefulness of the database (mainly education, communication, and political science). Coverage is typically 1999-Present.

Society of Biblical Literature- Ancient Near East Monographs – Focusing on ANE studies, including ancient Israel and its literature, from the early Neolithic to the early Hellenistic eras. Studies can be philological or archaeological, published in English or Spanish, and are peer reviewed by at least two scholars in the area before acceptance. Published open access by the partnership of SBL Press and the Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente.

Society of Biblical Literature- International Voices in Biblical Studies – an online, peer reviewed, open-access book series that provides a platform for biblical critics from outside the U.S. and Western Europe. The series publishes scholarly, creative, and compelling works that engage the biblical text, its history, reception, and interpretation. Works could be traditional or experimental in method and perspective, but with serious attention to contexts. Whenever possible, the works will be published in English and the primary language of the author.

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Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library – provides resources to further explore Christian-Muslim-Jewish relations and key concepts in theology across religions. It supports research and teaching in comparative religion, theology, world religion, religion and law, religion and politics, and serves as an important resource for courses and scholarship in Middle Eastern studies, social theory, feminist studies, philosophy, and world history. Volume 4 coming soon.

Vetus Latina – Resources for the Study of the Old Latin Bible, including a bibliography of Latin critical editions of the bible and links to digital Latin manuscripts.

Databases for History, Texts, and Biography

(Again, some of these databases are also useful for theology, religion, and biblical study.)

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African American Communities – Focusing predominantly on urban locations, this resource presents multiple aspects of the African American community through pamphlets, newspapers and periodicals, correspondence, and in-depth oral histories, revealing the prevalent challenges of racism, discrimination and integration, and a unique African American culture and identity.

American National Biography – offers biographies of more than 17,400 American men and women. It is based on Oxford's 24 volume American National Biography, published in 1999. The online edition is updated quarterly, with hundreds of new entries each year and revisions of previously published entries to enhance their accuracy and currency.

Archive Grid – historical archives database; contains historical documents, personal papers and family histories. Learn about the collections and obtain contact information to arrange a visit to the archives.

ATLA Historical Monographs Collection 1 & 2 – provides digital images for approximately 30,000 monograph titles published between 1800 and 1923. Collection 1 focuses on 19th century biblical language scholarship, while collection 2 focuses on developments in American religion from 1894-1923.

Calvin and Geneva 16 – This database presents all the texts by or about John Calvin which have been published by the Librairie Droz from 1960 to 2012, with an initial focus on Geneva, Calvin, and the beginnings of the French evangelical movement with Lefèvre d'Étaples and Marguerite de Navarre. 230 texts are currently available.

China Digital Library – produced by Apabi Technology Ltd., it offers two of its databases: one for reference tools and one for eBooks. The reference database includes the Encyclopedia of China (73 volumes) among others. The eBook database contains a collection of digital books on religion, philosophy, history and culture, etc. All resources are in Chinese.

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Chinese Recorder – contains the complete and searchable archive of the *The Chinese Recorder and Missionary Journal* (1868-1941). This online database contains important historical records of the Church in China accompanied by rare photos, maps, drawings and statistics. Text is largely in English.

Codices Latini Haunienses – contains high-quality digitized photos of select Latin manuscripts and codices from the Royal Danish Library.

Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts – includes 1,279 titles by 274 Western European authors from the Reformation and post-Reformation eras, 1500-1700. Provided are facsimile images and full-text, searchable by keywords, scripture references, and subject index. The works include theological writings as well as a wide range of confessional documents, biblical commentaries, polemical treatises, and Bible translations. From Alexander Street Press.

Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation – includes full-text works of Catholic authors of the 16th and 17th centuries. Document types include catechisms, scholarly treatises, papal documents, theological works, and devotional works. As of August 2018, the database includes 845 titles by 277 authors. From Alexander Street Press.

Digital Loeb Classical Library – provides online access to the entire Loeb Classical Library. Digitized, and maintained by Harvard University Press, the collection contains more than 520 volumes of Latin, Greek, and English texts in a modern and elegant interface, allowing readers to browse, search, bookmark, annotate, and share content with ease.

Early English Books Online (EEBO) – Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains 100,000 of the over 125,000 titles listed in P & R's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640), Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700), and the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661). Includes works by Bacon, More, Erasmus, Boyle, Newton, Galileo; prayer books, pamphlets, and proclamations; almanacs, calendars, and many other primary sources. Full images and full text for some select works.

History of Global Christianity Online – deals with the history of Christianity and its global development over the past five centuries. Beyond that, it deals with the cultural role of Christianity in its widest sense: the many interactions of Christianity within society, politics, economics, philosophy and the arts, to the myriad ventures that form civilizations, nations, and communities. Contains all articles from the three print volumes; full text.

Iter Gateway to the Middle Ages & Renaissance – Iter's main database, Iter Bibliography, includes more than 1.3 million citations for secondary source material about the Middle Ages and Renaissance, 400-1700. Includes citations for books, journal articles, and essays. We also subscribe to Iter Italicum, a finding list for uncatalogued Renaissance manuscripts, 2 full text journals, Renaissance and Reformation, and Aestimatio (reviews in the history of 'science' through the early modern period); supplemented by 5 additional titles covering Renaissance history, including the largely unpublished letters of the German Protestant reformer Wolfgang Capito, 1478-1541.

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Latino-Hispanic American Experience Series 1 &2 – (series 1) contains digital materials pertaining to U.S. Hispanic history, literature, political commentary, and culture; (series 2) provides thematic content focusing on the evolution of Hispanic civil rights, religious thought, and the growing presence of women writers from the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Luther's Werke (Weimar Edition) –a complete collection of Luther's original writings in German and Latin. One of the largest editions of any individual author ever created and first published in 1883, the series contains over 117 quarto volumes and is now published in full. It provides an indispensable historical-critical tool for theologians, historians, linguists and literary critics carrying out research into Luther's life and work. Martin Luther (1483-1546) is one of the central figures in the development of European history, as his life was central to many cultural, political, theological, and linguistic developments.

Oxford African American Studies Center – includes primary sources, photo essays, and visual aids, combined with 15,000+ carefully indexed and searchable biographies and subject entries from Oxford reference works. The database forms the most comprehensive collection of scholarship available online to focus on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture; covers all topics in African American studies, along with Africa and Diaspora studies.

Patrologia Latina – A complete collection of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 AD to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216 AD. This database is an electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's Patrologia Latina, published between 1844 and 1855 and the four volumes of indexes published between 1862 and 1865.

Race Relations in America – Documenting three pivotal decades in the fight for civil rights, this resource showcases the speeches, reports, surveys and analyses produced by the Department's staff and Institute participants, including Charles S. Johnson, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr., and Thurgood Marshall.

Social Networks in Archival Contexts – enables research through discovering, locating, and using distributed historical records in archives and manuscript libraries. SNAC functions to, 1) integrate and simplify access to dispersed historical resources, and 2) provide unprecedented access to the biographical-historical contexts of the people documented in the resources, including the social-professional-intellectual networks within which they lived.

The Database of Religious History – The world's first comprehensive online quantitative and qualitative encyclopedia of religious cultural history. The DRH is designed to serve as a centralized clearinghouse for scholarly knowledge of the historical record, bringing together a core of quantified, standardized data with qualitative comments, references to crucial resources, and links to on-line text and image databases.

The Works of Flavius Josephus – The complete works of the famous Jewish historian, translated by William Whiston.

SOT**Tertiary / Reference / General Info Databases**

Article First – provides a machine created index to tables of contents pages from over 16,000 journals in business, science, humanities, social science, medicine, technology, and popular culture.

BrowZine – Journal / Periodical Database – In addition to title searching, this service allows you to browse through available titles by subject, as well as save journal titles and articles to a custom bookshelf when using a personal account. BrowZine also links to our interlibrary loan (ILL) system for issues not held by Fuller.

Credo Reference – This database indexes full text articles from over 1000 encyclopedias and reference books from major publishers such as Cambridge, Harvard, Routledge, Britannica, including 50+ reference works on Christianity. Major titles include: the Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology, Encyclopedia of Protestantism, Dictionary of the Theological Interpretation of the Bible, Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, the IVP Bible Dictionary Series, and the Routledge and Blackwell Religion Companions.

Dissertations & Theses Global (ProQuest) – provides access to more than 1.2 million full-text theses and dissertations available for download in PDF format, together with 2.7 million searchable citations to theses from around the world from 1861 to the present. Most are Ph.D. Dissertations from multiple disciplines, including theology and biblical studies.

EBSCO eBook Academic Collection – full-text electronic books found in EbscoHost. This customized collection includes recent books published in fields of religion, psychology, education, the social sciences, etc. All titles are searchable through library's online catalog.

EBSCO Electronic Journal Service – full-text of over 150 journals of some of the titles to which we also subscribe in print.

Encyclopaedia Britannica Online - the complete encyclopedia with related Internet sites.

Encyclopedia of Religion Online (Gale Virtual Reference Library) – presents a cross-cultural approach that emphasizes religion's role within everyday life and as a unique experience from culture to culture. It contains the original 2,750 entries (many revised) and 600 entirely new articles, added by an international team of scholars and contributors. Based on the 2nd ed. 15v. print edition published 2005. The database also includes other Gale reference works in culture and religion.

Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Online – EBR renders the current state of knowledge on the origins and development of the Bible in its different canonic forms. At the same time, EBR documents the history of the Bible's reception in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and other religious traditions, as well as in literature, art, music, and film. Edited by a team of international scholars, EBR currently comprises 14 vols.; updated with new articles quarterly.

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ERIC – covers journal articles and reports about education issued in Resources in Education (RIE) and Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE).

Funk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopaedia – provides over 25,000 entries covering a variety of subject areas.

JSTOR – Includes full text articles from more than 1,500 leading academic journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. JSTOR also includes conference proceedings, theses and dissertations, primary source materials, and eBooks into its one search integrated platform.

Newspaper Source - full text for nearly 30 national (U.S.) and international newspapers.

Online Archive of California (OAC) – provides free public access to detailed descriptions of primary resource collections maintained by more than 200 contributing institutions and the 10 University of California (UC) campuses. OAC contains over 20,000 online collection guides. You can use these to browse, locate resources, or view selected items digitally — the OAC contains more than 220,000 digital images and documents — or learn how you can gain access to the physical objects.

OAster – OAster is a union catalog for open access resources. Today, OAster includes more than 50 million records that represent digital resources from more than 2,000 contributors. Records include both digital texts and images provided by museums and major universities.

Oxford English Dictionary (OED) Online – guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past. It covers words from across the English-speaking world from North America to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean.

Oxford Reference – Comprised of Oxford University Press’s Dictionaries, Companions, and Encyclopedias, Fuller subscribes to 40+ top tier reference works containing over 375,000 individually indexed and searchable articles focusing on religion, philosophy, and history. Works like: the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World, Dictionary of the Christian Church, Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation, and Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology, enable far-reaching and in-depth research in theology, biblical studies, church history, and intercultural studies (particularly Islamic studies).

ProQuest eBook Central – ProQuest eBook Central is a multi-disciplinary, web-based eBook library lending-platform. These e-books can be browsed online or “checked out” for your exclusive use. All titles are discoverable through library’s online catalog.

WorldCat Dissertations and Theses – contains records of dissertations, theses, and published materials based on theses from mostly U.S. schools. (May have to request through ILL.)