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Religion Strategic Research Guide
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Developing KEY WORDS, KNOWING WHERE TO LOOK, AVOIDING PLAGIARISM, EVALUATING SOURCES:
Key words: From the USC Libraries Main Search **https://libraries.usc.edu/** use the example key word phrase or one of your own: "Religion"

Developing a Search Strategy for your Research Assignment:
1. **What is your assignment prompt?** What questions do you need to answer or assess about the topic.
2. Brainstorm for keywords and key phrases that express the major concepts or issues involved, including synonyms and related terms.
3. Once you have your keywords and key phrases, you are ready to start searching.

Subject/Topic Specific Databases and Subscriptions

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials combines the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion with ATLA's online collection of major religion and theology journals. The ATLA Religion Database includes more than 555,000 article citations from more than 1,656 journals (518 currently indexed), more than 232,000 essay citations from over 16,700 multi-author works, and more than 511,000 book review citations. Full text is provided for more than 266,000 electronic articles and book reviews.

ProQuest Religion: An article database, mainly full-text, pertaining to all aspects of the study of religion, dealing with historical foundations to contemporary issues.

The Index Islamicus database indexes literature on Islam, the Middle East and the Muslim world. It is produced by an editorial team working at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, established to transmit knowledge about Islamic and Middle East studies, which have traditionally been part of the curriculum of SOAS. Records included in the database cover almost 100 years of publications on the world of Islam. Material cited in the Index Islamicus includes not only work written about the Middle East, but also about the other main Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, plus Muslim minorities elsewhere. Over 3,000 journals are monitored for inclusion in the database, together with conference proceedings, monographs, multi-authored works and book reviews. Journals and books are indexed down to the article and chapter level.

RAMBI - The Index of Articles on Jewish Studies - is a selective bibliography of articles in the various fields of Jewish studies and in the study of Eretz Israel. Material listed in Rambi is compiled from thousands of periodicals and from collections of articles - in Hebrew, Yiddish, and European languages- mainly from the holdings of the Jewish National and University Library, a world center for research on the Jewish people and Eretz Israel. The main criterion for inclusion in the bibliography is that the article be based on scientific research, or contain important information for such research. Since the inception of this bibliographic project in 1966, the editorial board has striven to include in it all of the important articles published throughout the world in the field of Judaica. Therefore, it includes offprints of articles from journals or collections not on order to the Library. RAMBI also lists articles from secondary sources.

- ➢ **For articles dealing with <u>religious history</u>: Historical Abstracts and America: History & Life**.
- ➢ **For articles dealing with <u>primitive and tribal religion</u>: Anthropology Plus**.
- ➢ **For articles dealing with <u>ethical theory and philosophical theology</u>: Philosopher's Index**.
- ➢ **For the <u>sociology of religion and social ethics</u>: Sociological Abstracts**.

Major Full-Text and Multi-Subject Article Databases:

NEW! <mark>**Oxford Scholarship Online**</mark> (OSO) provides scholarly ebooks on a wide range of subjects. Chapters can be downloaded as PDFs. Subject areas include Biology, Business and Management, Classical Studies, Economics and Finance, History, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Palliative Care, **Philosophy**, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health and Epidemiology, **Religion**, Social Work, and Sociology. OSO also includes the full text of some publications from other university presses.

Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion and Culture: Complete online access to all the monographs in the Cambridge Companions series in philosophy, religion, and culture.

<mark>**Internet Sacred Text Archive**</mark>: This site is a freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics. Texts are presented in English translation and, where possible, in the original language. This site strives to produce the best possible transcriptions of public domain texts on the subject of religion, mythology, folklore and the esoteric. The texts are posted for free access on the Internet. **This site is like a public library**: it is accessible to anyone, contains unfiltered information, and does not advocate any particular point of view. **http://www.sacred-texts.com/**

General Background Information Databases:

Anthropology and religion: a handbook, Stephen D. Glazier, Ed. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997. Doheny: GN470.A55 1997

Handbook of bioethics and religion. David E. Guinn, Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. VKC: R725.55.H36 2006

Handbook of the psychology of religion and spirituality. Raymond F. Paloutzian, Ed. New York: Guilford Press, 2005. Reference: BL53.H288 2005

Oxford handbook of philosophy of religion. William J. Wainwright, Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. Doheny and Philosophy: BL51.O94 2005

Oxford handbook of religion and emotion. John Corrigan, Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. Doheny: BL41.O94 2006

Oxford handbook of religion and science. Philip Clayton, Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. Doheny: BL240.3.O94 2006

Routledge handbook of religion and politics. Jeffrey Haynes, Ed. New York: Routledge, 2009. VKC: BL65.P7R78 2009

The SAGE handbook of the sociology of religion. James A. Beckford, Ed. Los Angeles: SAGE Publications, 2007. Doheny: BL60.S172 2007

Blackwell Reference Online A large online library of authoritative and up-to-date scholarship across the social sciences. With more than 380 reference volumes available, and dozens more added each year, it is the largest social science and humanities reference collection available online.

Credo Reference is a digital reference library that places a world of factual information at your fingertips. Containing a selection from 645 high-quality reference books from the world's leading publishers, Credo Reference is the ideal place to start any research.

Religion Past and Present (RPP) is a complete, updated English translation of the 4th edition of the definitive encyclopedia of religion worldwide, the peerless Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart (RGG).

Religious Magazine Archive: A searchable archive of magazines devoted to religious topics, spanning 19th-21st centuries. Coverage: 1845 - 2015.

Streaming Service and Video Databases:

Kanopy Streaming Service is a streaming video service that provides access to videos on the following topics: Film & Popular; Education (k-12); Global Studies & Languages; Health; Media & Communication; and Social Sciences.

Academic Video Online Premium is a multidisciplinary collection of videos that touches on the curriculum needs of virtually every department allowing students and researchers alike to analyze unique and valuable content from over 500 producers and distributors around the world.