

Religions of the World RELG 1123
Course Research Guide



Reference Resources

Reference sources will help you with a good general background and history of your topic.
Please also remember that reference books are to be used IN THE LIBRARY only.



200-299: World Religion

This is by no means an exhaustive list of what is available on this topic. However, it gives you some idea of what you can find in the reference section of Rickman library.

Charts of world religions-- **REF 200.223 H816**

Key words in religious studies -- **REF 200.3 G262**

Religions of the World – **Ref 291 R279**

Atlas of the World's Religions – **Ref 291 Sm28**

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices – **Ref 291 W675**

Perennial Dictionary of World Religion – **Ref 291.0321 Ab58p**

How to be a Perfect Stranger: A Guide to Etiquette in Other People's Religious Ceremonies – **Ref 291.38 H83**

The reference collection and the circulating collection upstairs use the same classification system, so browsing the books upstairs may prove an excellent way of finding more information.



Useful Subject Headings

Religions

Cults

Globalization -- Religious aspects

Christianity and other religions -- Islam – History

The name of whichever religion/cult you are studying can also be used as a subject heading

When you use a Keyword or "Any Field" search you will get results with those words in the record. This will broaden your search but if you wish to find information on a specific religion or aspect of world religions you will want to use a subject search.

Keyword Title Author Subject Call # ISBN/ISSN

Advanced Keyword Search
Please fill in the form, select limits, and click Submit (or choose a [Simple Keyword Search](#)).

Any Field: And **152 Results**

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Search Tips
Adjacency Multiple words are searched together as one phrase.
Example : world health organization
Wildcards Words may be right-hand truncated using an asterisk. '*' for 1-5 characters, '**' for open-ended truncation, '?' to replace a single character anywhere within a word.
Examples : environment* polic*

I used the subject heading; Globalization – Religious aspects and narrowed my search considerably. Note: I used the drop down menu and selected "LC Subject"

Keyword Title Author Subject Call # ISBN/ISSN

Advanced Keyword Search
Please fill in the form, select limits, and click Submit (or choose a [Simple Keyword Search](#)).

LC Subject: And **8 Results**

Any Field: And

Author: And

Title: And

LC Subject:

Note:

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37	Encyclopedia of Protestantism	2005
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SWU Reference	REF 280.4 En21	LIB USE ONLY

47	Islam : opposing viewpoints	2004
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17	Hare Krishna transformed Rochford, E. Burke, 1949- New York : New York University Press, c2007.	2007
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Author	Clooney, Francis Xavier, 1950-
Title	Divine Mother, Blessed Mother [electronic resource] : Hindu goddesses and the Virgin Mary / Francis X. Clooney.
Imprint	Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2005.

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Viewing Requirements
Adobe® Reader® 4.0 or higher is required for online viewing.

Publication: Oxford, New York
Oxford University Press (US), 2005.

Subject:
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Language: English

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Periodical Databases / Articles

Databases that will assist in your search are:

Academic Search Premier = General Information
Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
SocINDEX with Full Text

The MOST helpful databases for your search are:

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials = It might be best to use this database for “primary” sources. It indexes materials written by practitioners of various religions, not just from the Protestant perspective.
Christian Periodical Index = You will get a mostly Protestant perspective on world religions from this database but the information will definitely be worthwhile.



Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/> = The BBC is a fairly trusted news source worldwide. However, as with any other news media the information gained from this source must be carefully evaluated. . I first looked at “Christianity” to get a sense of how the subject was presented and found it to be a simplistic view of the various religions.

<http://www.hds.harvard.edu/cswr/resources/index.html> = Resource page for the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University. Contains lectures, performances, and other materials on various topics related to world religions.

<http://www.artsmia.org/world-religions/> = Website for the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Allows people to view the history of the five major world religions, along with corresponding art and artifacts from various time periods. Entries about religions are stated to have been reviewed by clergy members of each faith, and the art/artifacts are described by museum curators.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> = CIA World FactBook. Contains statistics for all countries of the world, including religion.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2122.html> = Glossary of world religions as defined by the CIA World FactBook.

<http://www.thearda.com/> = Association of Religion Data Archives. A great tool for searching for various statistics on world religions, including: number of adherents, religious freedom, effects of government on religion, public opinion, etc. Also contains background information related to various statistics. Data and information is managed by the University of Pennsylvania and submitted by religion scholars and researchers.

<http://www.quia.com/cb/44055.html> = (FOR FUN) A quiz that will test your knowledge on the basics of world religions!