Reference resources 1999

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Biblical Studies


About 850 articles aimed at lay people. Covers images, symbols, motifs, metaphors, figures of speech, literary genres.


Intended as an aid and guide to the complex history of biblical interpretation. Three types of articles: history of canonical, deuterocanonical and some ancient nonbiblical books; biographies and contributions of important interpreters; review and discussion of various methods and movements of interpretation. Articles include a bibliography.


Updates the earlier publication covering 1950-1990. However information about more recent publications is restricted to supplements to earlier works.


Sawyer, M. James. *Taxonomic charts of theology and biblical studies*. Grand...
Consists primarily of items in English. Representative and comprehensive for the last 50 years and selective prior to that.

*Who was who in the Bible.* Illustrated by John Hayes. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1999. 0785242406 $25.00
Short descriptions which include pronunciation. Of general level interest suitable for Bible studies, Sunday School classes.

**Theology**


**Church History**
Confined to works in the main European languages and so literature in Arabic and Syriac published in the Middle East is not included. Focus is on pre-modern authors writing in classical Syriac. Compiled from bibliographies published in Parole de l'orient.


Focuses on historical, political, social, cultural and religious role of the Vatican and the papacy in the modern world. Emphasis is from the Renaissance onwards.

Publications generated by the Reformation era from both Catholics and Protestants. Gives full bibliographical details and locations.

Prokurat, Michael. Historical dictionary of the Orthodox Church. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 1996. 0810830817

Specifically covers that portion of the papal archives housed in the Vatican Archives. Results of a project from scholars at the University of Michigan to present information in a standardised format. The conceptual framework is based on the organisational structure of the Holy See. The guide therefore presents a brief history of each administrative office and links each office to its extant records. It should be noted that all records generated after January 22 1922 are closed to research and therefore documentation from Vatican II, reforms of Paul VI and John Paul II have not been incorporated.

Denominations and Sects of Christianity


Based on the 3rd revised edition of Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon with additions of interest to English speaking readers.


Includes addresses, fax and phone numbers, email numbers. Lists the publications of the organization. Arranged alphabetically by country giving a history of the Reformed church in that country.

Limited bibliography to provide a select list of the basic works in United Methodist history, doctrine and polity. English language works only and articles are included only when there is no standard monograph treatment.

Religions


Covers American women’s involvement in religious activities, women’s religious based organizations, missionary groups and reform oriented groups. Focus is on 19th and 20th centuries.


A travel guide to spiritual India.


Evaluates about 60 single volume works published between 1990-1995.


Language and Literature


Philosophy and Psychology


The second edition includes changes made in the light of the 1994 edition of DSM-IV. More
extensive attention is given to pastoral care.


Priority has been to include publications aimed at continuing the Freudian tradition, though not Freud's works. Covers publications from 1920-1993 in English.


Consists of 14 essays tracing the sources and impact of postmodern thought and brief portraits of theorists and artists who make up the postmodern world.


**Culture and Social Sciences**


*A historical guide to world slavery*. Edited by Seymour Drescher and Stanley L. Engerman.


**Biography**


*Cambridge biographical encyclopedia.* Edited by David Crystal. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998. 0521630991 $120.00.


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