Reference resources 1998

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Biblical Studies

Bibliographie zu Ben Sira. Gemeinsam mit Nuria Calduch-Benages ... [et al]; herausgegeben von Friedrich Vinzenz Reiterer (Beihfte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft; Bd. 266). Berlin: de Gruyter, 1998. 3110161362 $200.00
Bibliography of the apocryphal book Ecclesiasticus.

Entries are short - from a few lines to a paragraph at most. Includes a 5 page bibliography.

Companion volume to the Gospels and Pauline Epistles. Covers the remaining books of the New Testament canon. Same style and format as the earlier volumes in this very useful set.

Bibliography of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature. Index of authors. Each citation has a short (2-7 lines) comment.


Alphabetical bibliography with author, scripture and subject indexes. Also lists separately dissertations and journals.

Scripture, subject and author indexes, but no annotations.
Theology
APS guide to resources in theology
URL: http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/theobook.htm
This web site is maintained by the Faculty of Theology at the University of Toronto.

Functions as an index to the writings of the Ante-Nicene writers. Begins with a short who's who. Covers theological, moral and historical topics. Entries are alphabetical by topic and comprise quotations from the Fathers.

Contemporary means the last 100 years. There are short (1-2 page) overviews of topics under various theologians, for example, Bonhoeffer, religionless Christianity; Cobb, Process theology; Bultmann, demythologization; Gutierrez, salvation as liberation.

Christian Church
Gives a short description of the community, list of staff, facilities, publications, address and contact numbers.

Covers geographic areas as well as topics, such as church growth, missions, world religions. Comprises mainly maps and statistics.

Alphabetical order of entries. Includes entries on canonisation, and includes beatified honoured as martyrs or significant historical figures, for example, Blessed Edith Stein. There are appendices covering Vatican documents, canonised popes, emblems, martyrs of USA, patron saints.

Short biographies with a few bibliographic citations after each person. Includes a glossary and a chronology of chief historical events.

Looks at the religious right and its role in American life in legislation and society. Includes an historical survey of the movement, biographies, annotated lists of print and non-print resources, organisations and a bibliography.

**Religions**
Academic info religion: a directory of Internet resources for the study of religion
URL: http://www.academicinfo.net/religindex.html
A subject based directory still under development.


*A guide to the best religious studies resources on the Internet.*
URL: http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/~estier/religion/toc.htm
Designed to provide useful introductory Internet links to resources of the world's major religious traditions. From the University of Alberta.

Judaism and Jewish resources
URL: http://www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html
The work of Andrew Tannenbaum, this is one of the most complete directories of links to Jewish resources on the web, covering several hundred sites. Includes Jewish organisations, libraries and Jewish book sellers.

Parker, Philip M. *Religious cultures of the world: a statistical reference (Cross-cultural statistical encyclopedia of the world; v.1)* Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1997. 0313297681 $70.00.

**Church History**
Coverage is from the earliest church to present times and all branches of the Christian church.

Presents the stories of 50 formal and informal heresy trials. Arranged alphabetically by person or institution. Includes index and bibliography.

Missions

Articles on 2400 persons across all Christian denominations from the early church to the present day. Appendices include a chronological listing and listing by type of work, geographical region, denomination.

Entries are from a few to several pages in length with bibliography. Covers theology as well as mission topics such as human rights, African independent churches, development, apocalyptic and mission, Orthodox mission.

Languages and Linguistics

A consecrated phrase refers to an expression that is used to express a certain theological position or thought, such as ex opere operato. Entries are rather short, gives first a literal translation of the phrase and then a brief gloss on the theological significance of the term. Designed for quick consultation.


Headings in Hebrew or Aramaic and transliterated into English. Context is the NIV. Exhaustive index to the vocabulary of the Hebrew OT according to Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, 4th ed. 1990.


Philosophy

Topical arrangement. A review noted that the entries were indepth. Bibliographies included. Recommended for graduate researchers and faculty.
Contributes to the study of continental philosophy in English speaking countries. Covers persons, movements, criticism. An introductory article sketches themes in continental philosophy.

Entries were chosen for their wide impact on twentieth-century thought. Also a guide to schools and movements.

9 volumes and index (v.10). Vol. 5 contains a glossary of logical and mathematical terms. Three types of entry: signposts which provide a general overview of the topic; thematic; biographical.

Miscellaneous
Covers feminist theory, politics and scholarship, feminist involvement in facets of government and welfare. Includes history and nature of Australian feminism, expression in the arts, major publications and organisations.

Also provides links to other literary and philosophical works. Bibliographies throughout.

Deals with issues relating to everyday life such as boredom, church structures, empty nesting, gardening, public transportation and simpler life styles.


Covers the current cultural and religious customs concerning death, burial and mourning in the world and covers the major religions.


Covers five sections on actions; nourishment; words and themes; ideas, books and pictures; signs.

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**ANZTLA assists theological libraries in South Pacific**

At ANZTLA’s 1997 AGM, members decided to donate $2000 to the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS) for their library support programme. Our colleague, Jeanette Little, who has for several years been the librarian at Pacific Theological College in Suva, has been appointed as Library Consultant to SPATS.

In this role Jeanette is based in Suva, but about 50% of her time will involve travelling throughout the Pacific region. She will visit theological libraries, for two or three weeks at a time, assisting library staff in any practicable way – from rearranging furniture to evaluating collections, cataloguing the backlog, or assisting with selection and ordering of new materials.

It is anticipated that our contribution to the funding of this consultancy will be used for the purchase of essential books – both librarian’s tools and theological texts to enhance collections. When she becomes more settled in her new role, we hope that Jeanette will give us a fuller picture of what her consultancy involves.

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