

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 (Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft; Bd. 266). Berlin: de Gruyter, 1998. 3110161362 \$200.00
Bibliography of the apocryphal book Ecclesiasticus.

Briggs, Constance Victoria. *The encyclopedia of angels*. New York: Plume, 1997. 0452279216 \$18.99.

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

Dictionary of the later New Testament and its developments. Editors, Ralph P. Martin and Peter H. Davids. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997. 0830817794 \$45.00.
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.

Enns, Peter. *Poetry and wisdom*. (IBR bibliographies; no.3). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1997. 081021618 \$16.95.

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

Finegan, Jack. *Handbook of Biblical chronology: principles of time reckoning in the ancient world and problems of chronology in the Bible*. Rev. ed. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1998. 1565631439 \$45.00.

The international Bible commentary: a Catholic and ecumenical commentary for the twenty-first century. Editor, William R. Farmer. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1998. 0814624545 \$200.00.

Richards, Larry. *Illustrated Bible handbook*. Nashville, Tenn.: T. Nelson, 1997. 0785212485 \$29.00

Thompson, Henry O. *The book of Amos: an annotated bibliography*. (ATLA bibliography series; no.42) Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 1997. 0810832747 \$147.00.

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

Thompson, Henry O. *Zechariah: a bibliography*. Delhi: ISPCK, 1996. 8172141238 \$3.50.

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.

A dictionary of early Christian beliefs : a reference guide to more than 700 topics discussed by the Early Church Fathers. Editor, David Bercot. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1998. 1565633571 \$39.95.

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.

Miller, Ed L. *Fortress introduction to contemporary theologies.* Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 1998. 0800629817 \$29.95.

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

Anglican religious communities year book 1999. Norwich: Canterbury Press, 1998. 1853112062 \$15.00.

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

Brierley, P. W. *Atlas of world Christianity : 2000 years.* Singapore: OM Publishing; London: Christian Research, 1998. 1853211281 (Christian Research) \$40.00.

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

Bunson, Matthew. *Our Sunday Visitor's encyclopedia of saints.* Huntington, Ind.: Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 1998. 0879735880 \$89.95.

Alphabetical order of entries. Includes entries on canonisation, and includes beati 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.

Cohn-Sherbok, Lavinia. *Who's who in Christianity.* London: Routledge, 1998. 041535826 \$38.00.

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

Utter, Glenn H. *The religious right: a reference handbook.* (Contemporary world issues) Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 1995. 0874367786 \$59.00.

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.

Donzel, E. J. van. *The Encyclopaedia of Islam, new edition. Index of proper names to volumes I-IX and to the supplement, fascicules 1-6.* 6th ed. Boston: Brill, 1998. 9004110828

A guide to the best religious studies resources on the Internet.

URL: <http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/~cstier/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

Blevins, Carolyn DeArmond. *Women in Christian history: a bibliography.* Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1995. 086554493X \$65.00.

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

Dictionary of heresy trials in American Christianity. Edited by George H. Shriver. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1997. 031329660X

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

Kery, Lotte. *Canonical collections of the early Middle Ages (ca. 400-1140): a bibliographical guide to the manuscripts and literature.* (History of medieval canon law; v.1) Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1998. 0813209188 \$88.00.

Missions

Biographical dictionary of Christian missions. Edited by Gerald H. Anderson. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1997. 0028646045 \$145.00.

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.

Dictionary of mission: theology, history, perspectives. Edited by Karl Muller ... [et al.] (American Society of Missiology series; no.24) Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1997. 157075148X

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

Bretzke, James T. *Consecrated phrases: a Latin theological dictionary: Latin expressions commonly found in theological writings.* Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1998. \$50.00.

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.

Hatch, Edwin. *A concordance to the Septuagint and the other Greek versions of the Old Testament (including the Apocryphal books).* 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1998. 0801021413 \$175.00.

Kohlenberger, John R. *The Hebrew-English concordance to the Old Testament.* Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1998. 0310208394 \$200.00.

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.

Muraoka, T. *Hebrew/Aramaic index to the Septuagint: keyed to the Hatch-Redpath concordance.* Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1998. 0801021456 \$40.00.

Philosophy

Cambridge history of seventeenth-century philosophy. Edited by Daniel Garber, Michael Ayers. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998. 2 vols. 0521307635 (v.1) 0521588642 (v.2) \$280.00.

Topical arrangement. A review noted that the entries were indepth. Bibliographies included. Recommended for graduate researchers and faculty.

A companion to continental philosophy. Edited by Simon Critchley and William Schroeder. (Blackwell companions to philosophy). Oxford: Blackwell, 1998. 0631190139 \$135.00.

Contributes to the study of continental philosophy in English speaking countries. Covers persons, movements, criticism. An introductory article sketches themes in continental philosophy.

One hundred twentieth-century philosophers. Edited by Stuart Brown, Diane Collinson, Robert Wilkinson. London: Routledge, 1998. 0415179963 \$30.00.

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

Routledge encyclopedia of philosophy. General editor, Edward Craig. London: Routledge, 1998. 10 vols. \$5000.00.

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

Australian feminism: a companion. General editor, Barbara Caine. Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1998. 0195538188 \$79.95.

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.

The C. S. Lewis readers' encyclopedia. Edited by Jeffrey D. Schultz and John G. West, Jr. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1998. 0310215382 \$39.95.

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

The complete book of everyday Christianity: an A-to-Z guide to following Christ in every aspect of life. Edited by Robert Banks and R. Paul Stevens. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997. 0830814507 \$30.00.

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

The directory of publishers in religion. Compiled by Mike Farry. (Scholars Press handbook series) Atlanta, Ga.: Scholars Press, 1997. 078850410X

The little book of style. Compiled by Shirley Purchase. Canberra: AusInfo, Dept. of Finance and Administration, 1998. 0644382961 \$9.95. AGPS cat. no. 9700803.

Matsunami, Kodo. *International handbook of funeral customs.* Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1998. 0313304432 \$120.00

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

Thody, Philip. *Don't do it !: a dictionary of the forbidden*. New York: St Martin's Press, 1997. 0312173733 \$40.00.

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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