

## **Sites Exploring the Use of the Web in the Study of Religion**

**Title:** *Internet for Religious Studies*

**Address:** <http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk/tutorial/religion>

This site is a “teach yourself” tutorial designed to instruct the student in using the Internet for research in the field of religious studies. It covers key sites, techniques for searching the net, the question of determining the reliability and trustworthiness of material posted on the net and the relation between web research and other kinds of research.

This site was designed for use in higher education in the United Kingdom but is wonderfully helpful for any English speaking person. It is an excellent supplement to this list of sites and, of course, can cover issues we’re not covering in this annotated list since it deals with questions of how to tell a reliable site from an unreliable one.

If you have any extra time at all, I strongly suggest going through this tutorial as an excellent first step toward the intelligent use of the Internet for research of religious topics.

**Title:** *Syllabus Project*

**Address:** <http://www.aarweb.org/syllabus/>

This site lists hundreds of course syllabi dealing with a wide variety of religious topics ranging from the most specialized of graduate seminars to the most basic of introductory courses. Really helpful for determining who to correspond with about a particular topic, what books are being used for texts, how the presentation of a particular field is being organized. Many of the syllabi either include secondary essays or other materials produced by the instructor or are linked to source material on the web relevant to the course topic. A somewhat unusual to very useful way of exploring a subject and gathering information.

## **Gateway Sites Leading to a Broad Spectrum of Religious Studies Resources.**

**Title:** *Virtual Religion Index*

**Address:** <http://virtualreligion.net/vri/>

A mammoth site indexing religious studies resources on the web. The site lists links under the following headings: Academic sites, American Studies, Ancient and Near Eastern, Anthropology and Sociology, Archeology and Religious Art, Biblical Studies, Buddhist Studies, Christian Tradition, Comparative Study of Religion, East Asian Studies, Confessional Agencies, Ethics and Moral Values, Greco-Roman Studies, Hindu Studies, Islamic Studies, Jewish Studies, Philosophy and Theology and the Psychology of Religion.

Index entries are annotated and links are provided not only to home pages, but also to major directories and documents within particular sites.

A good place to start research.

**Title:** *Arts and Humanities Service*

**Address:** <http://www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/>

This is a combination of the old Humbul Hub site and Artifact.

A massive list of carefully annotated websites organized according to the standard divisions of academic study within the humanities. Since religion is only one of a number of academic areas listed it is frequently helpful to cross-reference with the parts of the site with descriptions and links in, say, American Studies, Classics, or Philosophy. Sites of religious interest can show up under many headings.

The site consists of a series of site titles with short annotations, each of which can connect the reader with a much fuller annotation of any given site.

The religious studies section of the site is fully searchable.

The annotations include a description of the content of the site, the date the site was created, the language used, the intended audience (in terms of educational level), responsibility for site administration, the site publisher, the type of resources included, the period of historical coverage, and the technical/system requirements for viewing the site over the Internet.

**Title:** *Religion Religions Religious Studies*

**Address:** [www.religiousworlds.com/index.html](http://www.religiousworlds.com/index.html)

This is a large collection of links to other sources organized according to topic using the headings

of: Religious Traditions (various different religions + a section on interreligious relations), Modernity - Beyond (Covers issues of freedom of and from religion, religion and science, literature, philosophy, Religious Studies Programs, Research and Teaching Resources, Religious Experience (Mysticism, Psychology of Religion, and Cultural Diversity), Other Reference Sources (Academic Libraries, Electronic and Print Journals, Forums and Newsgroups, Online Reference Works).

Because this is an annotated list of you are on your own to determine the quality of the material you're referred to -- although the webmaster seems to have pretty good taste.

Title: *Full-text Theology Journals Online*

Address: <http://library.stmarytx.edu/acadlib/subject/theology/theoejrn.htm>

A comprehensive listing of online journals dealing with topics in religious studies and theology. The range of available material is startling.

A few of the journals are accessible only to users of St. Mary's own computer system and others require payment of a fee to view online, but most of the material is free. Fortunately, most of the restricted sites are clearly marked with either a + (restricted to St. Mary's faculty, students and staff) or a \$ (fee for viewing).

Back issues of online journals tend to be available only since the Internet became widely used.

NOTA BENE: There is always an issue with the reliability of electronic journals. Consult the homepage of the Association of Peer-Reviewed Electronic Journals in Religion at <http://purt.org/apejr> for more information on sorting the wheat from the chaff.

Title: *Finding God in Cyberspace: A Guide to Religious Studies Resources on the Internet*

Address: <http://www.Kenrickparish.com/gresham/contents.htm>

A rather interesting collection of resources. It includes links to the websites of religious communities dedicated to study; a section of instruction on discovering printed, as opposed to Internet material, on your research subject; a section on E-Texts, E-Journals, Multimedia, and Software. It offers several ways of organizing its gateway material: 1) according to Academic Discipline 2) according to religious tradition, 3. According to area of Teaching Resource.

## **Bibliographic Sites Covering Multiple Subjects in the Study of Religion**

**Title: *Bibliographies for Theology***

**Address: <http://camellia.shc.edu/theology/>**

A bibliographic site divided into major directories: New Testament, Early Church, Medieval Christianity, Reformation, Spirituality, Sacraments and Christian Worship. Inside each thematic area the material is organized historically.

The site focuses on books available in the Spring Hill College Byrne Library, especially on Roman Catholic sources and issues but by no means limited to such. The main language is English, the main focus works by American authors.

**Title : *Theology Library at Spring Hill College***

**Address: <http://web2.shc.edu/theolibrary/>**

A massive list of links (about eight thousand) to resources in all different sorts of areas of theological study. The large categories are: Church, Revelation, Liturgy, Justice, Theology, Morality, Spirituality, Evangelization, Religion, a directory of catholic Internet Directories and connection to Catholic and Other Search Engines.

The coverage is so broad that this is a good place to start if you don't know quite what you're looking for.

## **Sites Posting a Variety of Christian Literature Online**

***Title: Christian Classics Ethereal Library***

**Address: <http://www.ccel.org/>**

An immense collection of complete works available for reading or copying. Includes everything from Keble's Christian Year, to Pascal's Pensees, to Underhill's Mysticism, to several books by John Bunyan. The selection tends toward the evangelical side of things, but that balances the sites which are of Anglo-Catholic tincture. (Besides, the evangelical folk have some important things to say. Perhaps this is not a terribly appropriate image for an Evangelical site, but the balance of Yin and Yang on the web is maintained by this focus.)

This site also gives access to the Ante-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church and the Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church series.

Look here for classic works of spirituality in the Western Tradition which you may not be able to find in the book store or for which you want a cheaper edition.

***Title: Internet Resources for the Study of Judaism and Christianity***

**Address: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~jtreat/rs/resources.html>**

An extensive list of links to sites dealing at a responsible academic level with many aspects of both Old and New Testaments and with the histories of Christianity and of Judaism.

Material is organized under the following heads: Links to Links, Reference, Texts and Translations, Language, Papyrology, Palaeography and Textual Criticism, Archaeology, Jewish History and Literature, Christian History and Literature, Islamic History and Literature, Ecumenical Organizations, Course Materials, Libraries, Journals, Newsletters, Series, Software and Prospects.

What distinguishes this site is the quality of the links to which the user is referred.

## **Sites Covering Multiple Non-Christian Religions**

***Title: World Civilizations***

**Address: [www. wsu.edu:8000/~dee/WORLD.HTM](http://www.wsu.edu:8000/~dee/WORLD.HTM)**

Contents: Examines religions as phenomena imbedded in world history. Each major religion has a glossary of key terms/concepts consisting of a one-two page definition written on a level accessible to those with no previous study of world religions. In addition, the site includes selections from key primary texts for the particular religious tradition being studied, electronic lectures on the particular religion, an introductory bibliography and a list of additional Internet resources.

The religions covered are: Pre-Literate religions, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Israel, China, Africa (Sub-Saharan), Greco-Roman, Christianity (their weakest section), India, Japan, Native North American, and Islam.

This is an amazingly informative and rich site. Religions are placed in their cultural and historical contexts, short, clear explanations of technical terms are available, lectures and glossaries are carefully written to be accessible for beginners.

**Title: Internet Sacred Text Archive**

Address: <http://www.sacred-texts.com>

Contains links to a huge number of site dealing with different religions from the early Celts to tarot. This is one of the largest collections of texts available.

For instance, the Buddhism section contains the [Smokey the Bear Sutra](#) by Gary Snyder as well as most of the text available in the older series [Sacred Books of the East](#). It also has Lafcadio Hearn's [Gleanings in the Buddha-Fields](#) , Arthur Waley's [The No Plays of Japan](#) and just about everything in between. .

**Title: PHILTAR: Philosophy, Theology and Religion**

**Address: <http://philtar.ucsm.ac.uk/main.html>**

This site is devoted to providing the background needed for the academic study of religion. (It has a philosophy section also, but were not concerned with that.) The site excels at diagrams

of the development of the world's different religions. Each box on the diagram leads to a short essay on the item listed in the box. Needless to say, in certain areas such as Hindu devotional sects, the material amounts to a small book in its own right. For original material and essays look in the "Encyclopedia" section of the website.

**Title: Five Faiths Project**

**Address:** <http://www.ackland.org/fivefaiths/>

A rather original project designed to introduce a community to its own religious richness and, in the process, providing much information about how members of the five faiths (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism) adapt to life in America. The site is a combination of photographs of the lives of these different communities in America, story telling, art and descriptions of community events.

**Title: Exploring Religions**

**address:** <http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/religionet/er/default.htm>

Sponsored by the religious studies department at the University of Wyoming this site is a wonderfully useful college level introduction to the religions of the world. Each religion is organized using the following headings: Cosmos, Organization, Time and Worship, Texts and Tales, Time line, Religious Life, Glossary, Maps, and Life Styles.

Suitable for reading if you don't like standard textbooks.

## **Sites Focusing on Religions of the Ancient Near East**

***Title: Exploring Ancient World Cultures: Index of Internet Resources***

**Address: <http://eawc.evansville.edu/www/nepage.htm>**

This page contains links to and descriptions of a number of the major sites dealing with ancient Near-Eastern religions. One useful aspect of the site is that it contains direct links to many subsections of the sites it lists.

***Title: ETANA: Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives***

**Address: <http://www.etana.org/coretexts.shtml>**

This site and its companion, ABZU, are a researcher's dream come true. Literally hundreds of volumes of original sources, translations and interpretations of primary sources from Egypt, Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, Syria, Persia, Phoenicia and elsewhere posted on the net as complete volumes. You want a translation of the Middle Assyrian Law Codes? It's here. You want Sir Wallis Budge's ground breaking but out of print studies of ancient Egyptian religion? They are here.

Probably not terribly helpful for Sunday to Sunday sermon preparation, but immensely valuable for any real research on ancient Near-Eastern religion and culture.

***Title: ABZU: A Guide to Information Related to the Study of the Ancient Near East on the Web***

**Address: <http://www.etana.org/abzu/>**

A companion to ETANA and containing a mountain of secondary source material. Both ABZU and ETANA are notable for containing large numbers of older studies which are inaccessible to students except at the best academic libraries

***Title: Okeanos: Ancient Near Eastern Studies***

**Address: <http://faculty.washington.edu/snoegel/okeanos.html>**

One of the interesting, although for our purposes merely amusing rather than positively helpful, aspects of this website is its posting of a large number of online Bibles, among others, versions in Finnish, Polish, Russian, and Hungarian. It also contains an online atlas, bibliographies, a section on philology, archeology and so forth.

## **Greek and Roman Sites**

***Title: LacusCurtius HomePage***

**Address: <http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/home.html>**

While this site is primarily a bibliographic tool and a search engine for searching the web about things Roman, it also contains a large amount of primary source material. In addition, it is rich in photographs, maps, inscriptions. It contains a few major Latin texts and several complete books on Latin subjects

Among the sites referred to are eighty which have to do with religion, whether classical, Oriental, Mithraic, astrological or magical.

***Title: Greek Mythology Links***

**Address; <http://homepage.mac.com/cparada/GML/>**

All the material on this site is derived from primary classical sources and is an attempt to clarify the major figures in the Greek Pantheon. In the process, many minor figures are mentioned and discussed. All the material is referenced to the original source text so the history of any given figure can be traced through the development of Greek literature.

There are over 6,000 short summary entries on mythological figures, a selection of maps, a collection of images of mythological figures and a good introductory bibliography. There is a section with essays on the significance of mythology and a few good secondary source articles discussing aspects of mythology.

This site serves as an excellent resource at the introductory level.

## **Sites Focusing on a Particular Non-Christian Religion**

### **Islam**

***Title: Sufism, Sufis and Sufi Orders: Sufism's Many Paths***

**Address: [www.uga.edu/islam/Sufism.html](http://www.uga.edu/islam/Sufism.html)**

This site is a whole book on Sufism by Alan Godlas, University of Georgia, which discusses the nature, theology and practice of Sufism. There is a chapter with short discussions of historically important Sufis, chapters on the various Sufi orders, on the relation of Sufism to the rest of Islam and much more.

***Title: The Islamic World to 1600***

**Address: [www.ucalgary.ca/applied\\_history/tutor/islam](http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/islam)**

An extensive coverage of Islamic history before 1600. Covers the dynastic and political situation, the role of Islamic societies in art and science, biographies of key Muslim intellectuals. Rich in secondary source material on Islam. Contains a section of bibliographies and of maps.

***Title: Islamic Studies, Islam, Arabic and Religion***

**Address: [www.uga.edu/islam/](http://www.uga.edu/islam/)**

Contains a useful scholarly critique of other Internet resources on Islam.

Also has many links to other resources on the web. Covers the basic divisions of Islam: Islam and science, woman's issues and so forth. Contemporary as well as historical issues are covered.

***Title: Internet Islamic History Sourcebook***

**Address: [www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html)**

This is part of Paul Halsall's huge Historical Sourcebook site. It provides access to primary resources for the study of Islam, arranged by topic. Provides documents illustrative of: The Pre-Islamic Arab World, Muhammad and Foundations - to 632BC, The Caliphate, The Persians, The Turks, Western Intervention, The Islamic World Since 1945.

There is also a good selection of maps.

***Title: Islamic philosophy online***

**Address: [www. Muslimphilosophy.com](http://www.Muslimphilosophy.com)**

Dedicated to the study of Islamic philosophy both as the philosophy of Islam and as the philosophic output of Islamic scholars.

Watch the texts -- many are in Arabic, but there is enough English material to make the site worthwhile.

Contains a large collection of primary sources, older basic surveys and histories of Islamic philosophy. Contains links to sites dedicated to particular Islamic philosophers: Ibn Sina (Avicenna), Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rusha (Averroes) and so forth.

Also contains a rather large collection of secondary sources on Islamic philosophy

***Title: Islamic Family Law Project***

**Address: <http://www.law.emory.edu/ifl/>**

A huge site with massive bibliographies and mountains of information about the status of Islamic law in just about every Islamic culture in existence, including the United States of America. Besides a rich collection of secondary sources, the site gives summaries of key cases in Islamic family law, organized according to geographical origin, thumbnail sketches of how the history of each region has affected its usage of family law, which branch of Islamic jurisprudence is dominant in the area, how the Islamic family law has been influenced by and influenced indigenous cultures and a whole lot more. A very rich and informative site.

***Title: Finding the Law: Islamic Law (Sharia)***

**Address: <http://www.llrx.com/features/islamiclaw.htm>**

An immense resource put together by Andrew Grossman, a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer with an extensive background in international law. The site must be used with caution since it is a technical research site and, as such, has links to and examples of many different points of view which illustrate positions and beliefs which are mutually incompatible. An appreciation of context is important here.

The site contains essays on legal concepts and terms used in Islam. It has links to sites dealing with specific Islamic legal traditions and schools. The bibliographies are extensive. There is a section on the treatment Islamic law has received in western courts and a section which deals with the perspectives, works and biographies of key Islamic legal scholars. The site also offers

Grossman's analysis of which other sites dealing with Islamic issues, especially legal issues, are trustworthy. There is a section offering selected introductory Islamic legal texts, and a discussion of key historical issues in Islamic law.

## **Zoroastrianism**

***Title: Avesta -- Zoroastrian Archives***

**Address: <http://www.avesta.org/avesta.html>**

This site has the complete text of the extant portions of the *Avesta*, the *Bundahishn* (Cosmology), the *Arda Viraf*, hard to find ritual texts, Zoroastrian epics such as the *Karnamag I Ardashir I Babagan*, the adventures of the founder of the Sassanian Dynasty, texts on morality and Zoroastrian apocalypses. There are descriptions of Zoroastrian rituals as currently practiced, a few older books on Zoroastrianism, and a Glossary of Zoroastrian terms.

There is an excellent collection of links to other Zoroastrian sites and a spectrum of grammars and dictionaries for those who wish to wrestle first hand with Old Persian, Pahlavi and contemporary Pharsee. There are also some modern essays: on old Iranian calendars, angels in Zoroastrianism and several other subjects.

## **Hinduism**

**Title: Hindu Resources on-line**

**Address: <http://www.hindu.org>**

Pays a great deal of attention to contemporary events. The student will have to do a bit of sifting to sort out what's academically valuable from what isn't. Check especially the "Dharma and Philosophy" section which has a 700 word glossary of Hindu terms, a long essay on gods and goddesses, and other scholarly material. The site is particularly helpful in finding information on questions of current interest about religion in India, about Hinduism in various places outside the sub-continent, and in giving short summaries of numerous other websites having to do with Hinduism.

Title: Advaita Vedanta Home Page

Address: <http://www.advaita-vedanta.org/avhp/>

Tons of information on Vedanta, currently the central form in which Hinduism is expressed. The bibliography is good, but quite academic and won't be easily available outside a large research university. There are short descriptions of the main figures of Vedanta philosophy, a full biography of Sankara, and discussions of the positions of his major disciples.

## Buddhism

***Title: Buddhis***

**Address: [www.sacred-texts.com/bud/](http://www.sacred-texts.com/bud/)**

A good collection of Buddhist texts in translation dealing with diverse forms of Buddhism. The material consists mainly of older translations now in the public domain and draws heavily from Sacred Books of the East ed. By Max Müller, a foundational 19th century series of translations.

The site also contains many scanned 19th century Journal articles and early 20th century books and articles which are quite hard to find in standard libraries. Lafcadio Hearn's Gleaning in Buddha-Fields and Suzuki's Manual of Zen Buddhism, one of his earliest published works, are examples.

***Title: Digital Buddhist library and museum***

**Address: <http://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/BDLM/front.htm>**

Although most of the material on this site is in Chinese there are some e-journals and bibliographies in English. Worth a visit if you are looking for material on a specific type of Buddhism.

***Title: The Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library***

**Address: <http://www.thdl.org/>**

An extensive collection of information on the Tibetan/Himalayan region. Contains both primary and secondary sources dealing with Tibetan Buddhism and other Tibetan religions.

This site is aimed at a postgraduate studies level.

**Title: Himalayan Art**

**Address:** <http://www.tibetart.com>

A collection of hundreds of images of Tibetan art from many of the finest museums in North America. Each image is fully documented, as far as existing information will allow. There is also a series of really helpful essays with titles like: The Development and Symbolism of Tibetan Art and Iconography. The essays are scholarly but written with the intelligent non-specialist in mind.

I highly recommend this site. It is well organized, easy to search, scholarly and visually rich beyond belief.

***Title: Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library***

**Address:** <http://www.ciolek.com/wwwvl-Buddhism.html>

A gateway site listing online resources for various schools of Buddhism. Includes lists of resources for Pure Land, Zen, and Theravada in addition to sections on Buddhist Art, on line journals of Buddhist studies, etc.

Because of the richness of links this is a good place to begin hunting.

***Title: Journal of Buddhist Ethics***

**Address:** <http://www.buddhistethics.org/index.html>

An online academic journal, back volumes are available at this site to 1994. Easily accessed indexes and tables of contents so it's easy to find what you are looking for. The journal contains scholarly, peer-reviewed articles on both historical aspects of Buddhist ethics and the treatment of ethical problems in contemporary Buddhism.

The site is also a gateway to online resources for the study of Buddhism in general. It is especially rich in links to bibliographies and other reference material.

**Title: *Pure-Land Buddhism WWW Virtual Library***

**Address: [www.pitaka.ch/vlpl.htm](http://www.pitaka.ch/vlpl.htm)**

This site is a part of the Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library and contains an introductory essay on Pure Land Buddhism, a selection of primary texts and a series of bibliographies.

**Title: *Tibetan Buddhism***

**Address: <http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/index.html>**

A subsection of *The Government of Tibet in Exile* website, this has short essays on the basic traditions of Buddhism in Tibet, outlining their histories, similarities and differences. Certain ritual objects (Vajra Bell and Beads, Katas or silk Scarves), religious practices (throwing Tsampa in the Air), Mandalas, iconography, and other categories are also explained in short, clear essays.

There is considerable material on the oracle of Nechung and the Nechung monastery and the Tibetan art of divination.

This is a good straightforward introductory site. A good place to get oriented to what's what with Tibetan Buddhism.

**Title: *Huntington Archive of Buddhist and Related Art***

**Address: <http://kaladarshan.arts.ohio-state.edu/>**

A collection of visual images of Buddhist art with annotations as to the objects use, origin and history. As of the time this list was put together sections on Newar Buddhism (Nepal), Chinese Buddhism, and Buddhist Meditational Art had either been completed or largely completed. Plans call for a considerable expansion of the site.

This site is particularly helpful to students who want to begin to understand the complex iconographic traditions of Buddhism. Symbol structures present in various art works are analyzed in the notes accompanying the images. Images can be blown up to full screen to make details more easily visible.

**Title: Buddhist Studies**

Address: <http://buddhanet.net/e-learning>

A site rich in in-depth resources including instructional syllabi for classes in Buddhism arranged around age appropriate materials. The secondary school syllabus would be particularly valuable for community college students. In addition, the site contains effective modern translations of 110 Jataka Tales, the complete text of the Dhammapada, and a number of helpful full length books, such as a richly illustrated text Popular Deities in Chinese Buddhism, and the texts of a number of important sutras, including the Surangama, Diamond, and Prajna Paramitra. The full text of Suzuki's Manual of Zen is posted along with much useful miscellaneous information such as an introduction to the thought of Nagarjuna.

A valuable, helpful site.

**Title: Access to Insight: Readings in Theravada Buddhism**

Address: <http://accesstoinsight.org>

A site devoted entirely to Theravadan Buddhism, it contains a helpful introduction to this branch of the Buddhist family, and outline of the Tipitaka, a glossary of Pali and Buddhist terms, a good list of links and, most valuable, an extensive collection of on-line texts including a great deal of the Vinaya Pitaka, study guides dealing with different aspects of the history and content of Theravada practice and thought.

Title: The History, Philosophy and Practice of Buddhism

Address: <http://www.buddha101.com>

Contains a really helpful introductory essay divided into the areas of philosophy, history and practice. I highly recommend this site for people wanting an overview of Buddhism but tending to get lost in traditional printed formats.

## Jainism

***Title: Jain Data Base***

**Address: [www.ibiblio.org/jainism/database](http://www.ibiblio.org/jainism/database)**

An extensive site which is difficult to navigate but content rich if you take the trouble. There are a number of primary sources and a great variety of secondary sources, especially articles on different aspects of Jainism: explanations of rituals, contemporary ethical and social concerns, Jain history. The site is especially rich in articles bearing on Jain history.

***Title Jain History: An Outline***

**Address: [www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainh.html](http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainh.html)**

## Taoism

***Title: The Taoist Tradition: An Historical Outline***

**Address: <http://kirkland.myweb.uga.edu/rk/pdf/guides/TMGID>**

This site is aimed at the undergraduate student and contains short explanations of major Taoist texts, a chronological account of major developments in Taoism and identifies and discusses new movements within Taoism.

***Title: Bibliographies on Chinese History and Culture***

**Address: <http://website.leidenuniv.nl/~haarbjter/bibliographies.htm>**

Includes a bit on religion in contemporary and post communist China as well as bibliographies dealing with traditional religions in China. Bibliographic items are usually annotated.

***Title: Bibliography of Western Language Publications on Chinese Popular Religion***

**Address: [http://www.missouri.edu/~religpc/bibliography\\_CPR.html](http://www.missouri.edu/~religpc/bibliography_CPR.html)**

This bibliography covers the period from 1995 to the present and is organized in twenty subject categories. The site is strictly bibliographical but very helpful as a starting place for building a research bibliography.

***Title: Daoist Studies Website***

**Address: [www.daoiststudies.org/index.php](http://www.daoiststudies.org/index.php)**

This site contains:

1. An extensive bibliography of books and articles about different aspects of Daoism.
2. A research guide to Daoist Studies
3. A beginners guide to Daoism
4. A wide selection of links to additional sites

***Title: The I Ching on the Net***

**Address: <http://pacificcoast.net/~wh/index.html>**

Has several standard public domain translations of the I Ching posted as well as several classical commentaries. The translations and commentaries are entire.

***Title: Chinese Philosophy Page***

**Address: <http://www.chinesephilosophy.net>**

A collection of links leading to English translations of many classical texts of Chinese philosophy. (Leads also to texts in Chinese, this feature of the site may be of less interest of many of my readers!)

## **Japanese Religions**

***Title: Institute for Japanese Culture and Classics***

**Address: <http://www2.kokugakuin.ac.jp/ijcc/>**

1. An extensive list of basic terms used in Shinto with definitions. This amounts to a Shinto glossary.
2. A great deal of secondary source material on Shinto and traditional Japanese religions.
3. An extensive discussion (In the *Encyclopedia of Shinto*) about the concept of Kami

A valuable site to begin looking for material on Japanese religion.

## **Sites Dealing with Magic and Witchcraft and their Relation with Other Religious Traditions**

***Title: Bibliography for the Study of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion***

**Address: <http://www.oakland.edu/~dow/courses/an271/>**

This is part of the source material for a course in anthropology of religion assembled by Anthony Dow, a member of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Oakland.

Although of universal scope, the list of source material is particularly strong for groups from North and South America. Source material is organized into four basic categories: comparative studies and theoretical works, ethnographic reports, historical works, shamanism and healing. These topics are then divided by geographical area and materials are listed alphabetically by author.

***Title: Traditions of Magic in Late Antiquity***

**Address: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/pap/magic/>**

A site supplemental to an exhibit of magical papyri and related artifacts at the University of Michigan Library in Ann Arbor. Useful for appreciating the importance of magic in the Biblical world, a topic often ignored.

## **Sites Dealing with the Study of "New Religions"**

***Title: The Religious Movements Homepage @ The University of Virginia***

**Address:**

**<http://web.archive.org/web/20060907005952/http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/re/move/>**

The original composer of this site, Jeffrey Haddon, has died and the site is now being developed by Douglas Cowan. It appears that little work has been done in the last several years, but I include this site because it has been archived as Haddon left it and it still has lots of good information.

A site useful for its profiles of various cults and new religious movements -- and many religious movements not so new but, for some reason, perceived as out of the mainstream. The perspective of the sight is grounded in the importance of religious freedom as an element in the American experience, so there is an extensive and useful collection of materials on the history and development of religious freedom and its relation to new religions and religions new to

America. There is also an extensive collection of materials on broad issues relating to cults, such as brainwashing. There is also a collection of course materials helpful for teaching about cults and new religions.

### **Sites Dealing with Folklore**

**Title:** *Folklore and Mythology Electronic Texts*

**Address:** <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktex.html>

A large collection of the texts of folktales, oriented strongly toward post-Renaissance European sources but containing some East Asian material and a good collection of older Germanic myths, sagas, and legends. Material is organized either by thematic links in the stories (stories of the Red-Riding Hood structure grouped together) or by common titles. Many variant re-tellings from differing sources are provided as is some bibliographic material. A useful site for exploring the shared themes of folklore.

## **Sites Dealing with Jewish History**

**Sites which cover the whole of Jewish history from Old Testament origins to the present day.**

***Title: Dinur: The Jewish History Resource Center***

**Address: <http://www.dinur.org/1.html?rsID=219>**

This site is a general portal to other sites (about 6,000) containing material on Jewish history. It's based at the Dinur Center of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The site is searchable by historical period (12 divisions, three of which deal with Old Testament times) and contains a page with links to primary sources online as well as an online historical maps and atlases section. Material is also divided into more than 30 categories having to do with different aspects of Jewish history.

***Title: Heritage: Civilization and the Jews***

**Address: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/heritage/>**

This is the site with material dealing with the PBS program series of the same title. It is similar in format to PBS's other site valuable to the historical study of western religion, *From Jesus to Christ*, which is listed in this document.

Jewish history is covered chronologically in nine epochs. The site also has a Time line, resource lists and lesson plans for teachers. An excellent way to get the basic players and problems of Jewish history in mind.

***Title: RAMBI: The Index of Articles on Jewish Studies***

**Address: <http://sites.huji.ac.il/jnul/rambi/>**

This site, hosted by the Jewish National and University Library, is one big, searchable, bibliographic collection. The database can be searched by author, subject, section or source. A good place to go if you want to know where to go for information on any topic having to do with Jewish studies.

***Title: Academic Jewish Studies Internet Directory***

**Address: <http://Jewishstudies.virtualave.net/>**

A gateway for sites dealing with a broad selection of topics relevant to Judaism. This is a general search engine for things Jewish.

**Title:** *Middle East & Jewish Studies*

**Address:** <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/>

This is the site of the Middle Eastern and Jewish Studies programs at Columbia University Library.

It gives bibliographic resources, especially reference resources and a selection of electronic journals .

**Title:** *The Works of Flavius Josephus*

**Address:** [www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/josephus/josephus.htm](http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/josephus/josephus.htm)

This site offer the complete works of the ancient Jewish historian and political writer. The translation is that of William Whiston, which is the old war-horse standard 19th century translation, so use with caution. The specific works on line are: [Antiquities of the Jews](#), [War of the Jews](#), [the Life of Flavius Josephus - Autobiography](#), [Against Apion](#) and [Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades](#).

## **Sites Dealing with Some Particular Aspect of Judaism**

**Title: *Religious Studies 463: Jewish Mysticism***

**Address: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Rels463/Rels463\\_index.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Rels463/Rels463_index.html)**

Created for an undergraduate course, this site contains bibliographies, overviews of different aspects of the subject matter area, and many links. Bibliographies include Kabbalah, German Pietism, Hasidism, Jewish feminism and other topics. At present there are thirteen essays. For example, *Agents Scully and Mulder vs. Sefer Yetzirah, Mysticism during the Talmudic Era: Sources, From the Bahir to the Zohar, Lurianic Kabbalah, The Ascent of the Merkabah* and so forth.

This is a helpful site for learning to untangle the complex of different movements which make up Jewish mysticism.

**Title: *The Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies***

**Address: [www.icjs.org/](http://www.icjs.org/)**

The focus of this site is the promotion of understanding between Christians and Jews. The site has a section of short articles suitable for use in congregational contexts, a section called “Flashpoints” which talks about concepts that contribute to conflict, giving an explanation and history of where the conflict comes from. The Scholar’s Corner has a number of papers which discuss Jewish-Christian relations in greater depth. The site has a great set of informative resources

**Title: *Jewish-Christian Relations***

**Address: <http://www.jcrelations.net/>**

Another site rich in information on Christian-Jewish relations. Among other attractions, the site has an up-to-date coverage of events in the history of Christian-Jewish relations, about a hundred scholarly articles including such key theologians as Walter Kasper, Krister Stendahl, Elie Wiesel, Rowan Williams and Paul Van Buren. There is also a large collection of the official statements of various bodies, both Christian and Jewish, about questions of interrelationship. The site is unusually responsible about its sources and contains biographies of all the major contributors to the site.

## **Sites Dealing with the Whole Bible**

**Title: SBF: Studium Biblicum Franciscanum Jerusalem**

**Address: <http://198.62.75.1/www1/ofm/sbf/SBFessay.html>**

Contains a series of articles on different aspects of scripture by teachers at the Franciscan Faculty of Biblical Studies and Archeology in Jerusalem.

**Title: Eikon Image Database for Biblical Studies**

**Address: <http://research.yale.edu:8084/divdl/eikon/>**

A series of images relevant to the study of the Bible, organized by biblical book, geographic location, type of object or topic. Each image includes a short commentary (occasionally not so short) on the image and sometimes a short bibliography.

Images can be enlarged, and frequently views from different perspectives are possible for the same object.

For instance, the picture of the entrance to the *Treasury at Petra* includes several alternative views of the entrance, close ups, a couple of pages of commentary on what one is looking at, and a short bibliography.

**Title: Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars**

**Address: [www.aabs.org/](http://www.aabs.org/)**

This site contains information about the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars including newsletters, officers, how to join. Of interest to students is the "Papers and Statements" section, which is, at the time of writing, small but contains several papers on the relation between scripture and the life of the church which fit into that grey area between academic and parochial life. One paper, for instance, explores the authority of the scripture in forming the life of the Christian community. Another explores possible contemporary understandings of apocalyptic.

**Title: *Bible and Archeology, Bible News, Interpretation and Archeology Excavations in the Holy Land***

**Address: <http://www.bibleinterp.com/index.htm>**

This site tends to be the *Biblical Archeological Review* of websites -- interested in current discoveries and a good way to keep current on what the discoveries and controversies about discoveries are. Contains much material on recent archeological discoveries and their interpretation. On the other hand, has to be used with a grain of salt because the process of scholarly sorting hasn't been applied in depth to much of the material. The site is strong on the popularization of current scholarly conflicts and some of the material has a "yellow journalism" feel about it.

On the other hand, the site has tons of material by contemporary scholars and some old stalwarts like Norman Gottwald and J.E. Wright. As always, the reader is responsible for the material he or she accepts as usable.

The site is aimed at the general public and at beginning students. Its material is a bit more accessible than that of some other academic sites.

**Title: *Biblical Studies on the Web***

**Address: <http://www.bsw.org/>**

This site contains an online edition of the Journal **Biblica** and a list of online journals which allows one to know, at a glance, whether the on-line edition is full text, abstracts, tables of contents and so forth.

**Title: *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism***

**Address: <http://rosetta.reltech.org/TC/TC.html>**

This site contains the text of the Journal, *Textual Criticism*, a peer reviewed periodical dedicated to the textual criticism of scripture. Complete texts of all journal articles are available at the site, extending back to the first issue in 1996.

## **Sites Dealing with Old Testament and Intertestamental Studies**

***Title: Internet Ancient History Sourcebook: Israel***

**Address: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/asbook06.html>**

This is the Hebrew section of Halsall's *Ancient History Sourcebook*. Provides links to material on the Old Testament Period through the Talmud. Material is divided into fifteen categories. An extremely rich and helpful site for both the study of the Old Testament and of early Judaism. There is secondary material as well as primary sources.

***Title: Old Testament Gateway***

**Address: [www.otgateway.com/](http://www.otgateway.com/)**

This site intends to be complementary to Mark Goodacre's *New Testament Gateway* site. Besides having sections containing material dealing with each individual book in the Old Testament the site also has sections on noncanonical works, OT Archeology, and other broad categories.

***Title: iTanakh***

**Address: <http://www.iTanakh.org/>**

A classified directory of Internet resources for the academic study of the Tanakh (Old Testament). Each index heading on the home page takes one to a page of annotated links.

The site references articles dealing the interpretation of particular Old Testament passages, theories and methods of Biblical interpretation, ancient Middle-Eastern languages, particular subjects such as angels, canon, divination, exile, gender, holiness, law, marriage, polytheism, royalty, sin, tabernacle, time, war, worship, etc.

***Title: Journal of Hebrew Scriptures***

**Address: <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/>**

An electronic journal focused on Old Testament linguistic and literary issues and aimed at postgraduate students and undergraduate majors in religious studies or related fields. Extensive bibliographies.

Articles in the journal accessible through either Adobe Acrobat or MicrosoftWord.  
Searchable site.

***Title: Material Culture of the Ancient Canaanites, Israelites and Related Peoples:  
An Information Database from Excavations***

**Address: <http://www.bu.edu/anep/>**

A site rich in photographs and drawings of artifacts and in historical background information for the Near East from the Middle and Late Bronze Age and Iron Age I and II. The artifacts are interpreted by means of the use of J. B. Pritchard's Ancient Near Eastern Texts Related to the Study of the Old Testament.

The site allows three kinds of exploration:

1. Chronological and cultural framework organized period by period -- integrates Biblical material, archeological discoveries and contemporary historical sources.
2. A topical index using important aspects of culture such as dress, warfare, religion, architecture . . .
3. A hyperlink index linked to over 90 topics of Canaanite, Israelite and Phoenician culture.

All major entries have bibliographic references.

***Title: The New Jerusalem Mosaic***

**Address: [http://jeru.huji.ac.il/open\\_screen2.htm](http://jeru.huji.ac.il/open_screen2.htm)**

Contains all sorts of background material on ancient Jerusalem: clothing styles, food, water supply, and so forth. Site also has maps and diagrams.

***Title: Internet Jewish History Sourcebook***

**Address: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/jewish/jewishsbok.html>**

Covers the whole history of Judaism from earliest times until the modern state of Israel. There is a significant amount of Old Testament material.

***Title: Old Testament Life and Literature***

**Address: [www.infidels.org/library/modern/gerald\\_larue/otll/index.shtml](http://www.infidels.org/library/modern/gerald_larue/otll/index.shtml)**

The online edition of Gerald Larue's introductory level text book Old Testament Life and Literature. Despite the unprepossessing web address and title, this work is scholarly and as fair as most presentations of the Old Testament are.

This is a searchable site, so you can find the sections of text dealing with any particular subject you wish to explore. This is a good supplement to reading any other Old Testament introduction such as Anderson.

***Title: Exploring Ancient World Cultures: Index of Internet Resources***

**Address: <http://eawc.evansville.edu/essays/nepage.htm>**

Another site with a great deal of miscellaneous stuff about the Old Testament

## **Sites Dealing with the New Testament**

***Title: The New Testament Gateway***

**Address: [www.ntgateway.com](http://www.ntgateway.com)**

An extensive site linking its user to massive amounts of both primary and secondary material on many aspects of the New Testament. Among the areas covered are noncanonical literature, studies of individual New Testament books or parts of books, Paul, the cultural and social background, the Synoptic problem (be careful, the webmaster has a non-standard solution), textual criticism, women and gender issues, Jesus in art, Jesus in film, the search for the historical Jesus movement and many others.

This site is comprehensive, searchable, and the place to start for online New Testament research.

***Title: Resource Pages for Biblical Studies***

**Address: <http://www.torreys.org/bible/>**

Broken down into four sections: 1) Bible texts, translations and related texts  
2) Biblical studies electronically published  
3) Aspects of the Mediterranean social world  
4) The Philo of Alexandria Page

Section one includes more than just different versions of the Bible. It also includes sections on textual criticism, on Josephus, rabbinical, papyrological info, gnostica and so forth.

Section 2 contains not only links to material organized book by book, but also bibliographies, research projects, reviews, journals and material on the historical Jesus.

Section 3 is heavy on the sociological approach, but includes much material on New Testament archeology

The Philo Page has texts of Philo available online, secondary articles on Philo and a section of links to the homepages of scholars specializing in Philo.

***Title: From Jesus to Christ***

**Address: [www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion)**

Contains a mountain of background information on the New Testament. Focuses on archeological interpretations and historical evidence useful for understanding the New Quest for the Historical Jesus.

In addition to background discussions and texts, the site contains pictures of archeological sites, accounts of archeological findings and maps.

The material is divided into five categories, each with sub-divisions. The site is full of worthwhile information, organized, for the most part, in chunks small enough to read in five minutes.

***Title: Electronic New Testament Educational Resources***

**Address: <http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/>**

Created by Felix Just S.J., this website bristles with New Testament information and sources. Besides sections dealing with each book of the New Testament there is a list of separate topics leading to collections of articles. Examples are *Parables and Images*, *Household Codes in the New Testament*, and even *The Number of the Beast: Some Fun with 666*.

Just has also posted on the site a useful collection of official Roman Catholic documents demonstrating the history of the relationship between that church and the academic investigation of scriptures.

This is a site worth searching no matter what aspect of the New Testament you are investigating.

***Title: Selected Articles by Jerome H. Neyrey***

**Address: <http://www.nd.edu/~jneyrey1/articles.html>**

Neyrey is a member of *The Context Group*, a loose community of scholars dedicated to investigating the New Testament through the methods of the social sciences. At the time of writing this list, the site contained twenty-seven articles on different aspects of the New Testament, all illustrating the use of social science tools and categories in New Testament studies. Neyrey is particularly interested in the gospels, especially John.

Selected Article Titles: *Who is poor in the New Testament?*, *Spaced out in John: Territoriality in the Fourth Gospel*, *Witchcraft Accusations in 2 Cor 10-13: Paul in Social Science perspectives*.

In my judgment, the articles on this site are a valuable collection which would be helpful to any serious student of the New Testament.

**Title: *K.C. Hanson's HomePage***

**Address: <http://www.kchanson.com/>**

A wonderful melange of New Testament material which repays browsing. Hanson is another member of *The Context Group* and his site has a number of his full-text articles on the results of applying social science to the interpretation of the New Testament. In addition, the site has his own collection of ancient documents, a series of chronologies of the ancient world, bibliographies, three collections of photographs illustrative of the history, monuments and culture of 1) Ancient Greece and Rome, 2) Ancient Syria and Palestine, and 3) Ancient Mesopotamia as well as a section on New Testament Papyri and Codices. He also has cross links to the other members of the Context Group with websites.

Well worth exploring.

**Title: *The Johannine Literature Web***

**Address: <http://www.catholicbibleresources.net/John/index.html>**

"This website provides a wide variety of materials helpful for research and/or teaching purposes."

This site contains not only texts and translations, essays and bible study guides, an extensive bibliography, structural outlines of each chapter of John's Gospel, but also a collection of art and images relating to John's gospel organized chapter by chapter and a set of maps and pictures of places mentioned in the gospel (careful -- some of the sites are more traditional than established by scholarly methods)

A fair amount of the material on this site seems to come from relatively conservative sources. It will pay to check the background of authors/sources. (Not that it doesn't pay to check them anyway !)

**Title: *The Fourth Gospel and John's Epistles***

**Address: <http://www.fourthgospel.com/>**

A bibliography of material on *The Gospel according to John* searchable by author and organized under the following headings: books, periodical articles, articles in books, and material posted on the web.

**Title: *The Jewish Roman World of Jesus***

**Address: <http://www.religiousstudies.uncc.edu/JDTABOR/indexb.html>**

This site describes the political and social conditions in the Eastern Mediterranean basin during the life of Jesus and the first few centuries of the Christian Church. Site contains two long essays, one on the Roman environment into which Christianity came and one on the Jewish environment. In addition, the site includes a series of brief sketches on a variety of topics relevant to the study and understanding of the New Testament and the early church. Historical quotations which illumine the subject matter are a particularly attractive feature of the site.

The shorter sketches are divided into four basic categories: Hellenistic/Roman Religion and Philosophy, Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls, Christians Origins and the New Testament, and Ancient Judaism.

A good place for beginners to begin.

**Title: *Wesley Center Online: The Works of Flavius Josephus***

**Address: [http://wesley.nnu.edu/biblical\\_studies/josephus/](http://wesley.nnu.edu/biblical_studies/josephus/)**

This site has the William Whiston translations of the complete works of Josephus: ***Antiquities of the Jews, The War of the Jews, Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades, Against Apion,*** and the ***Autobiography***. Whiston is an old war-horse of a translation and, on some disputed points needs to be supplemented by more modern works, but it does make available the mass of works by the only Jewish historian contemporary with the rise of the early church.

**Title: *Interpreting Ancient Manuscripts***

**Address:** [http://www.earlham.edu/~seidti/iam/interp\\_mss.html](http://www.earlham.edu/~seidti/iam/interp_mss.html)

A scholarly introduction to textual criticism, paleography and the history of the manuscript tradition of the New Testament. Also contains a glossary of text-critical terms, short bibliography and a list of Greek manuscripts containing New Testament text. Fairly rich in secondary material.

**Title:** *The Gospel of Thomas*

**Address:** <http://home.epix.net/~miser17/Thomas.html>

Primary and secondary sources for the study of the Gospel of Thomas. A lot of good information. The organization of the site is a bit confusing, the distinction between material housed at the site and links to other sites isn't always clear. There are, however, several helpful downloadable books on Thomas including the webmaster's (Stevan H. Davies) own book, *The Gospel of Thomas and Christian Wisdom*. A translation of Thomas is posted as are translations of a number of other New Testament apocrypha and pseudipigrapha.

## **Sites Dealing with The Dead Sea Scrolls**

***Title: Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran***

**Address: [www.flash.net/~hoselton/deadsea/deadsea.htm](http://www.flash.net/~hoselton/deadsea/deadsea.htm)**

Provides an extensive and technical bibliography of secondary works relating to the Dead Sea Scrolls, an extensive series of links to the sites of particular scholars working on the scrolls, English translations of a fair amount of the Dead Sea Scroll material, and a considerable number of online articles, some of them extremely technical.

The site also provides both ancient and modern time lines, profiles of the major actors in the story of the scrolls, both ancient and modern, and a glossary of technical terms.

***Title: Scrolls from the Dead Sea: The Ancient Library of Qumran and Modern Scholarship***

**Address: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/scrolls/toc.html>**

An older site, based on an exhibition relating to the scrolls at the Library of Congress in 1993. The site includes translations of many of the scrolls, maps, a glossary, a bibliography (not current, of course) and resources for teachers

A good introduction to the scrolls.

***Title: The Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature***

**Address: <http://orion.mscc.huji.ac.il/>**

This is the homepage for the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature and is based at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Provides "Beginners" and "Advanced" lists of readings and online articles.

## **Finally, a Site which Deals with the Roman Catholic Interpretation of Scripture**

***Title: Catholic Church Documents Related to Biblical Studies***

**Address: <http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/>**

Contains a well selected body of material on the Roman Catholic understanding of scripture as revelation and the techniques of its interpretation. Includes documents from Vatican II, the Pontifical Biblical Commission, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Papal Encyclicals (Divino Afflante Spiritu, Spiritus Paraclitus, Pascendi Dominici Gregis and Providentissimus Deus).

## **Sites Covering Multiple Aspects of Christian History**

***Title: Apocalypse: The evolution of apocalyptic belief and how it shaped the western world***

**Address: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/apocalypse/>**

Another rich site similar to *From Jesus to Christ*. The material is divided into five primary areas: Apocalypticism, *The Book of Revelation*, The Antichrist, Pictorial Chronology and A Round table Discussion. The discussions cover not only Apocalypticism in the Bible, but its continuing historical influence in the west down to the present day.

***Title: The Ad hoc image and text database on the history of Christianity***

**Address: <http://research.yale.edu:8084/divdl/adhoc/>**

A collection of images and some texts related to the development of Christianity and maintained by members of the Yale Divinity School. The main purpose of the site is to provide images useful for teaching about Christianity and the site is, therefore, mainly of use to instructors. It would also be helpful for students working on any project in the history of Christianity which could benefit from enrichment with visual resources. At the time I visited the site there were only some 600 images available, but plans call for this number to expand greatly. Content on the site seems to be growing rapidly.

The site also has a useful and very discriminating list of links to other resources.

***Title: Paul Halsall/Fordham University Internet History Sourcebooks Project***

**Address: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/>**

A huge compilation of public domain and copy permitted texts dealing with different aspects of history. The site covers much more than church history, but a little judicious searching will turn up an immense number of documents relevant to the study of church history.

The basic divisions of the material are the 1) Internet Ancient History Sourcebook, 2) The Internet Medieval Sourcebook and 3) Internet Modern History Sourcebook.

In addition, there are subsidiary Sourcebooks, several of which are of immense interest to students of religion:

Internet African History Sourcebook

Internet East Asian History Sourcebook

Internet Global History Sourcebook  
Internet Indian History Sourcebook  
Internet Islamic History Sourcebook  
Internet Jewish History Sourcebook  
Internet History of Science Sourcebook  
Internet Women's History Sourcebook  
People With a History: An Online Guide to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual and Trans\*

History

In addition, the site houses the following comprehensive bibliographies of interest to students of religion:

The Crusades  
Saints: A Research Guide  
The Byzantine Saint: A Bibliography  
Listening to Medieval Music (discography)  
Bibliographical Guide to Lesbian and Gay History  
Bibliography of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Catholic Studies

Some subsections of this site are discussed separately under their appropriate specialist headings.

**Title: Fides Quaerens Internetum (The Christian Theology Page)**

**Address: <http://people.bu.edu/bpstone/theology/theology/html>**

A site listing links to the home pages dealing with a number of particular theologians, including Karl Barth, John Paul Yoder, Martin Buber, Duns Scotus, Hans Frei, and so forth. Also lists the web pages of different Christian traditions, especially ones which focus on the beliefs of the various denominations.

## **Sites Dealing with Patristic Studies and the Early Church**

***Title: The North American Patristic Society: Internet Resources***

**Address: <http://moses.creighton.edu/NAPS/napslinks/main.htm>**

This is the place to go for links to sites with information on the early church. Each entry is given a short annotation, frequently with valuable information on the site. For instance, they note that the St. Pachomius Library site does **not** include Origen of Alexandria. (Perhaps in deference to his traditionally doubtful orthodoxy on a number of theological points.) In one or two frequently pungent words the strengths and weaknesses of a site are catalogued, summarized, and presented. This list of links is extensive, well presented and very useful.

Currently the major headings are Encyclopedias, Early Christian Texts, Early Christian Authors (Listed in alphabetical order from Augustine of Hippo to Tertullian), Oriental Christianity (Subheadings: General, Syriac, Armenian, Georgian, Coptic, and Ethiopic), Societies and Institutes, Other Resources and Guides (Subheadings: General Resources and Guides, Late Antiquity, Byzantine and Medieval Studies, Gnosticism, Papyrology, Archeology, and, of course, Miscellany.)

This is a superbly helpful site.

### ***Evagricus Ponticus***

***[http://www.ldysinger.com/Evagrius/00a\\_start.htm](http://www.ldysinger.com/Evagrius/00a_start.htm)***

**This site has new translations (sometimes the only ones available in English) of most of the works of this important ascetical theologian. For those of you who are squeamish, he has been condemned as heretical by the Roman Catholic and a number of Orthodox churches, but is commemorated as a saint by the Armenian and Georgian Churches. He is unquestionable an influential and important thinker.**

***Title: Augustine of Hippo***

**Address: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jod/augustine/intro.html>**

Contains some primary works: the complete Latin text of the Confessions with notes, and the complete text of the City of God. The site is still very much under construction and there are many of the more important writings of Augustine that aren't here yet.

There is much good secondary source material to choose from.

***Title: Cassiodorus***

**Address: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jod/cassiodorus.html>**

Contains a full length biography of Cassiodorus, the Latin texts of several of his works, Jordanes, **The Origins and Deeds of the Goths**, and some secondary essays in various languages, especially German.

***Title: The Military Martyrs***

**Address: <http://www.ucc.ie/milmart/>**

A good bibliography, not only of the phenomenon of military martyrs as a whole, but of the cult of each individual martyr, a helpful set of links, and a number of translations of the acts of military martyrs. Both primary and secondary sources are available on the site.

## **Sites Dealing with the Middle Ages**

***Title: Luminarium***

**Address: <http://www.luminarium.org/lumina.htm>**

This site offers three selections of important literature.

First, from the later middle ages, An Anthology of Middle-English Literature 1350-1485.

Second, A selection of 16th century Renaissance Literature 1485-1603.

Third, A selection from the early 17th century, 1604-1660

These primary sources include material by a number of people important to the study of religion: Richard Hooker, Margery Kempe, John Donne, the Everyman poem and Julian of Norwich, to name a few.

There are also a large number of secondary sources, articles and essays, dealing with the authors whose works form the body of the site. These secondary sources could be very useful for anyone seeking information on Middle English and Renaissance figures in English Christianity.

Title: The ORB: ON-line Reference Book for Medieval Studies

Address: <http://the-orb-net>

A collection list of resources to just about everything of interest to the student of the Middle Ages. For instance, the section on hagiography lists five pages of resources. The site is rich in topical essays, links and bibliographies. A must visit if you are working in Medieval Studies.

***Title: The Crusades***

**Address: <http://crusades.boisestate.edu/>**

This site covers the crusades and the background of the crusades in pilgrimage as a religious action. There are short essays on many aspects of all the major and some minor crusades. There are also essays on the history of all the Crusader principalities and on the Byzantine Empire during the crusading period. The site also contains an account of an imaginary pilgrimage from southern France to Jerusalem with discussions of the social, economic and religious background of the custom of pilgrimage and its significance in

medieval life. There are splendid images of monuments and towns on the pilgrimage route with background information on the major towns on the routes and the relation of each to the pilgrimage and crusading movement.

The writing seems to be very clear and straightforward, well suited to an introductory course.

***Title: The Labyrinth: Resource for Medieval Study***

**Address: <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu/>**

A searchable Medieval Studies site sponsored by Georgetown University and containing many texts in the original languages as well as monographs and articles, journals and book reviews, and bibliographies.

The site is organized by national culture and by “international culture,” which includes sections such as Archeology and Cartography, Arts and Architecture, Medieval History, Latin, Manuscripts (Paleography), and a number of others.

In addition, there are a number of special topics: Arthurian studies, crusades, heraldry, arms and chivalry and others. The site includes pedagogical resource materials, and a list of and links to text, image and archival databases having to do with Medieval Studies.

***Title: Internet Medieval Sourcebook***

**Address: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html>**

This site is a part of Paul Halsall’s huge collection of historical materials and is organized in three main sections:

Selected Sources -- A collection of selected and excerpted primary texts organized for teaching.

Full Text Sources -- Full texts of Medieval Sources

Saints’ Lives -- hagiographical sources for ancient, medieval and Byzantine periods.

The site is so large that it has its own help page, ***Help!*** This really is helpful and should be consulted if you find yourself overwhelmed and not sure where to go to have your best

chance at finding whatever.

The site includes a selection of secondary sources, whose organization mirrors that of the primary sources.

**Title:** *The Cistercians in Yorkshire*

**Address:** <http://cistercians.shef.ac.uk/index.php>

Gives detailed floor plans, locations, histories and discussions of people involved with the great Cistercian Houses of Yorkshire: Byland, Kirkstall, Fountains, Rievaulx, and Roche. Also contains subsections with a description of Cistercian life in general, a glossary of monastic terms, information on the extent of Cistercian land ownership and other topics.

**Title:** **Mapping Margery Kemp**

**Address:** <http://www.holycross.edu/departments/visarts/projects/kempe/>

Contains the text of Margery's masterpiece, **The Book of Margery Kempe**, descriptions of relevant aspects of Medieval life, and a section of related texts and sources.

**Title:** *Corpus Thomisticum*

**Address:** <http://www.corpusthomisticum.org/>

This site is an attempt to digitalize the complete works of Thomas Aquinas, provide extensive bibliography and provide a record of the illustrations and illuminations found in Medieval manuscripts of Thomas' work. Drawback: the language of the site is Latin. Diligent searching will turn up enough material in English to make a visit to the site valuable if you are working with Aquinas.

**Title:** *The Electronic Grosseteste*

**Address:** <http://www.grosseteste.com>

This site is making available a new critical edition of Grosseteste's Latin works. It also

includes information on the life of Grosseteste and Baur's edition of his philosophical works, *Epistolae* and *Dicta*.

**Title:** *The Lollard Society*

**Address:** <http://lollardsociety.org/>

A good many primary sources are on the sight, but for most undergraduates, the usefulness of the site is in its large bibliography with 100's of entries on Lollardy and related subjects, a map of the areas of England under Lollard influence and the introductory material.

**Title:** *Bede Net*

**Address:** <http://www.Bede.net>

Extensive bibliography on Bede and his times and some good short introductory material on Medieval spirituality.

**Title:** *Mediaeval Logic and Philosophy*

**Address:** <http://pvspade.com/Logic/index.html>

This is a very specialized site dealing with the formal and technical study of logic and philosophy in the Middle Ages. On the other hand, there is a lot of stuff: original sources in translation such as Ockham's *Summa logiae* and Walter Burley's books, extensive course notes for an introduction to Medieval philosophy, the works of Peter Damian and so forth. There is also a large selection of secondary sources to choose from.

**NOTA BENE:** This site is no longer maintained.

## **Sites Dealing with Other Periods of the History of the Christian Church**

***Title: Project Wittenberg***

**Address: [http:// www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/wittenberg-home.html](http://www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/wittenberg-home.html)**

A site containing the selected writings not only of Martin Luther, but also of important figures of later Lutheranism: Martin Chemnitz, Paul Gerhardt, Philip Melanchthon, Jakob Andreae, and others. The compilers of the site are Missouri Synod Lutherans, so the slant of secondary resources tends to follow the party line of that rather conservative church. Let the reader beware. But for study of Lutheran theologians, information on the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, and connections with other sites dealing with Martin Luther it's a useful collection.

***Title: The Philip Melanchthon Quinquennial***

**Address: <http://www.melanchthon.de/e/>**

This site gives historical background for Philip Melanchthon. It's dual language, English and German, with a good deal more material available in German than English.

## **Sites Dealing with the Position of Women in Christianity**

***Title: Diotima: Materials for the Study of Women and Gender in the Ancient World***

**Address: <http://www.stoa.org/diotima/>**

This site is content rich, with many secondary and primary sources not available elsewhere on the web and hard to find in standard libraries. Well worth a visit for anyone studying gender issues in early Christianity and the ancient world. The site contains sections of primary sources, secondary sources, a separate section of Biblical studies, excellent bibliographies, an archive of images, a collection of course outlines and resources useful for teaching.

This is one of the best Internet sites I have found for the study of religion. The articles are, for the most part, competent and scholarly. Their focus varies from standard discussions of Biblical passages dealing with women to the Greek text of Sappho's poems.

***Title: Christian + Feminist***

**Address: <http://www.users.csbsju.edu/~eknuth/xpax/>**

"This page is dedicated to the proposition that faith and feminism are not mutually exclusive." This quotation from the top of this homepage pretty much gives the slant of the resources offered. Not a huge site, but with an interesting mix of resources -- some secondary studies of medieval women mystics, some primary sources from the history of American religious feminism, some third world feminist literature.

***Title: Matrix: A Scholarly Resource for the Study of Women's religious Communities from 400 to 1600 CE***

**Address: <http://monasticmatrix.usc.edu/>**

This site is wonderful. Although focusing on women's religious communities from 400 to 1600 it is one of the best, if not the best, site I've seen dealing with the Middle Ages. It contains a glossary of technical terms; good bibliographies; graphics and images of art objects; site-plans; maps; architecture; brief biographies of persons significant to women's religious life in the Middle Ages; a rich array of secondary sources; a rich array of primary resources; and a descriptive list of women's communities, hospitals, oratories, reclusaria and other sites associated with the religious life of women.

To give you an idea of the richness of this site, the bibliography has over five thousand items and is constantly expanding. The biographical section contains over 600 entries.

Material on the site will appeal to both the beginning student and the scholar doing Ph.D. level research. The "Monasticon" is particularly helpful to the latter.

***Title: Medieval Feminist Index***

**Address: <http://www.haverford.edu/library/reference/mschaus/mfi/mfi.html>**

This collection of material relevant to the study of women during the Middle Ages is indexed from about four hundred journals and covers the period from 1994 until the present. The site is aimed at the postgraduate level researcher. It includes non-English publications and indexes journal articles, book reviews, and essays in anthologies and Festschriften.

Search can be by author, title, subject, language, year of publication, and a few other categories. Very helpful for finding sources or constructing bibliographies.

***Title: Images of Women in Ancient Art. Issues of Interpretation and Identity***

**Address: <http://www.arthistory.sbc.edu/imageswomen/>**

A complete on-line art history course by Dr. Chris Wilcombe of Sweet Briar College. It focuses on the social, political and religious interpretations of artifacts representing women in six broad areas or periods: Egypt, the Aegean Basin, Palestine, Greece, the early prehistoric period and barbarian Europe. There is a bibliography for each section of the class and extensive essays by the author. Much better for technical art history than for biblical studies.

Also has an extensive index of art history and gender study web links.

***Title: The Ordination of Women: Catholic Internet Directory***

**Address: <http://www.womenpriests.org/index.asp>**

A site full of valuable material on this subject. The presentation is unusually balanced -- the full texts of all the official documents forbidding the ordination of women are posted on the site as well as material supporting their ordination. There are many scholarly background studies, most of the historically relevant documents from the early and medieval church are posted, scriptural materials and multiple studies of the relevant passages.

## **Sites Dealing with Hagiography**

**Title:** *ORB: The online reference book for Medieval Studies/ Hagiography*

**Address:** <http://the-orb.net/encyclop/religion/hagiography/hagindex.html>

The site consists of original essays by Thomas Head of Hunter College and CUNY which constitute a good introduction to various aspects of hagiography. Also included is a guide to primary sources and another one to secondary sources. Both guides connect to numerous sites on the web as well as giving bibliographic material for library research. The site also has a collection of bibliographies compiled by Head dealing with specific times and topics in hagiography (*The Cult of the Saints in the Carolingian Empire*, *Female Sanctity in the Later Middle Ages*, *The Cult of the Saints from the Tenth through the Twelfth Centuries* and many more).

An attractive part of the site is its links to art work depicting the lives and acts of saints. In addition there are short annotations of other websites dealing with hagiographical matters.

This site is really worth a visit if you want to understand the place of sainthood in Christianity.

**Title:** *Christian Hagiography*

**Address:** <http://www.kbr.be/~socboll/>

The webpage for the Société des Bollandistes, and a marvelous resource it is for anyone attempting to build bibliography on anything connected with hagiography or discover which books to look in to find what kind of information. Includes indexes and article precis for various Bollandist publications. I should think this site indispensable for serious hagiographical work.

## **Sites Relating to Contemporary Christianity as a Whole**

***Title: World Council of Churches Faith and Order Texts and Studies***

**Address: <http://www.oikoumene.org/index.php?id=2139>**

Although the whole website for the World Council of Churches can be heartily recommended for studying attempts at inter-denominational cooperation, this subsection is worth particular attention for students of religion. It contains a collection of important papers and addresses dealing with many issues of ecumenism: organizational, liturgical, ecclesiological, theological, hermeneutical, ethical. Many of these papers are valuable explorations of the subject in their own right, aside from any ecumenical implications explored in the writings. This site is a valuable source of material on the contemporary positions of churches and the contemporary thinking of a number of the world's best theologians on topics such as baptism, scripture interpretation, Eucharist and other sacraments, the vocation of distinct Christian communities, the nature of unity in the church and of the church, attempts to foster a common date for the celebration of Easter, and an ecumenical study guide on the Nicene Creed.

This is a rich and useful site.

***Title: The Center for Progressive Christianity***

**Address: <http://www.tcpc.org/>**

This is a site devoted to exploring and explaining liberal Christianity. Although it certainly has an axe to grind, the articles posted and the bibliographical material listed contain much excellent material. If you, personally, have any leanings toward a liberal understanding of Christianity this site is for you. The article list includes material by the very best of the liberal theologians of the 20th century.

***Title: Faith and Reason***

**Address: <http://www.faithandreason.org>**

The text and supporting material of a Public Broadcasting Program dealing with various areas such as evolution, genetics, cosmology, technology, and purpose in which faith and reason seem in tension. The site is on an introductory level, although a quite intelligent introductory level. It works mainly by means of a series of interviews with folks who are experts in their fields.

## **Sites Relating to Particular Individuals Important in the Modern Church**

***Title: John Howard Yoder***

**Address: <http://theology.nd.edu/people/research/yoder-john/index.shtml>**

John Howard Yoder was an important 20th century ethicist. This site contains oodles of his writings, including many works not published in other places.

**Title: Newbigin.net**

**Address: <http://www.newbigin.net>**

Contains an extensive bibliography about Leslie Newbigin as well as the texts of many (over 200) of Newbigin's works, including many difficult to find in other places.

The site also contains a number of works about Newbigin and critiques of his theology.

## **Sites Related to the Anglican Communion as a Whole**

***Title: The Anglican Library***

**<http://www.anglicanlibrary.org/>**

First, this site contains a useful selection of links, including links to thirteen Anglican journals published on line. It also contains a rich collection of articles and full length books illustrating the evolution of Anglicanism, many of which are out of print or otherwise hard to obtain.

***Title: Project Canterbury***

**<http://anglicanhistory.org/>**

A source for a broad spectrum of Anglican writings. *Tracts for the Times* is on this site. In addition, there is a goal to transcribe onto the sight the whole of *The Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology*. A number of more obscure and less available works by various important Anglican authors can be found here. For instance, the section dealing with Bishop Gore has a number of his sermons and other occasional works posted but none of his major books. The site is searchable by time period, place of document's origin, important figures in

Anglican church history, by topic and by relations with other churches.

Many hard to obtain documents can be found here. The site leans toward preserving documents of Anglo-catholic provenance, but must be forgiven for the sake of the really immense body of material which is becoming available to us.

**Title: *Archive of Resolutions from Lambeth Conferences of Anglican Bishops***

**Address: <http://www.lambethconference.org/archives/index.cfm>**

This site gives the texts of all resolutions of the Lambeth Conference since it began in 1867. The site is searchable by Conference and by subject. Most helpful in tracing the history of official discussion on a number of contested topics and in finding out what the history of Anglican “policy” is.

**Title: *The Book of Common Prayer***

**Address: <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp>**

This site has the complete texts of the succession of revisions of the Book of Common Prayer in the United States, a selection of The Books of Common Prayer of other churches in the Anglican Communion and the texts of the significant revisions of the English BCP: 1549, 1552, 1559, 1562, 1662.

**Title: *Anglican Communion Web Site***

**Address: <http://www.lambethconference.org>**

This site deals with interrelationships among the different bodies of the Anglican Communion and is a good source for, for instance, speeches given by the Archbishop of Canterbury on his visits to various Anglican bodies, links to the websites of various Anglican Churches around the world, conferences involving people from more than one division of Anglicanism, information on ministries shared by different constituent churches of the Communion, and material, of course, on various Lambeth Conferences.

**Title: *Church of England***

**Address: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/>**

This is the official website of the Church of England and includes an introduction to that branch of the Anglican communion, and a lot of information divided into categories like *children and young people, special occasions, worship, The church’s view on . . .*, and

*Gazette*. There is also a good collection of papers dealing with different topics of contemporary interest. This is a source of first resort for information on contemporary happenings in the English Church.

***Title: Anglicans Online***

**Address: [Http://anglicansonline.org](http://anglicansonline.org)**

This is a completely unofficial site, giving lots of news about happenings in the Anglican Communion and having a great collection of resources organized in alphabetical order and tons of material on theology, Bible, the local church, ethics, history of religion etc. All with an Anglican slant or by Anglican authors. Not all the posted material is of equal quality, but a good many different viewpoints are represented. As with all Internet sites, it is your responsibility to know the standpoints and reliability of the various authors. The heart of the site, for the study of Anglicanism, is the "Resources" section.

***Title: Anglican Library Society***

**Address: <http://stpaulsparish.org/AngLibSociety/>**

An extensive list of links to things Anglican ranging from the official sites for the Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion to a Dictionary of Archival Terminology and Change Ringing Resources.

The attitude of these folk is reasonable and refreshing. Their annotations of the various websites are sometimes humorous and sometimes wise.

If it's Anglican and you can't find it elsewhere, check here. You want addresses and phone numbers of vendors of library materials? They are here. You want access to the online catalogue of the National Library of New Zealand? This site has the online address.

## **Sites Having to do with Canon Law, Especially in the Anglican Communion**

***Title: Ecclesiastical Law Society***

**Address: [Http://www.ecclawsoc.org.uk/](http://www.ecclawsoc.org.uk/)**

This site deals with ecclesiastical law in England and Wales and contains case reports and information on individual judgments. At the time of writing, the site was a bit barren, but will probably come to contain more information. Its two strong points for students are 1) A large number of case reports covering legal matters in the Church of England during the past several years. These case reports are key-word searchable. 2) The tables of contents of the society's journal, *The Ecclesiastical Law Journal*.

There are links to other sites important for the study of canon law as it relates to the Church of England.

***Title: Church of England - Legal Services***

**Address: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/churchlawlegis/>**

This address takes you to the menu page of the Legal Services division of the Church of England. The site is a bit complicated, especially for those who don't know their way around the complexities of the Church of England. However, the complete set of the Canons of the Church of England in downloadable format is on the site. The canons are divided so as to be downloadable by subject matter area.

Another subsection ([www.cofe.anglican.org/legal.land.html](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/legal.land.html)) deals with the complexities of land law and the Church of England. It includes definitions of the major terms and a set of links to various special groups dealing with glebes, redundant churches, investments and corporate property, and parsonages.

***Title: Measures of the General Synod of the Church of England***

**Address: <http://www.hmsso.gov.uk/legislation/uk-meas.htm>**

This site contains the full texts, organized by year, of all measures passed by the General Synod since 1988. Of possible interest to Episcopalians are the two measures passed in 1993 enabling the ordination of women in the Church of England. Other legislation includes rules dealing with the care of cathedrals, pensions, diocesan boards of education, team and group ministries, and ecumenical relations.

Also at the home page of Her Majesty's Stationery Office UK statutory Instruments ([www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/stat.htm](http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/stat.htm)) there is a searchable database of all the statutory instruments of England and Northern Ireland. This leads to legal matters which arise in or are approved by the House of Commons.

**Title: General Convention of the Episcopal Church**

**Address:**

[www.churchpublishing.org/general\\_convention/](http://www.churchpublishing.org/general_convention/)

This site contains everything having to do with the General Convention, including the *Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church*, the *Rules of Order* for the various bodies of General Convention, and *The Archives of the Episcopal Church* which include the texts of the acts of General Convention, the Resolves of the Executive Council, and two quasi-official news sources. Also contains downloadable copies of the "Blue Books," which contain the reports of national commissions, committees and other official bodies of the church and which are the journals of convention.

The site also includes downloadable editions of the canons of the Episcopal Church.

**Title: Medieval Manuscripts of Canon Law and Roman Law**

**Address:** <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~jurarom/manuscr/>

Much of the material here is in Latin, (Medieval legal Latin, at that) and so, I suspect, of limited useful for most of us. But enough is in English to make persistent exploration rewarding. For instance, the English translation of Ivo of Chartes is found here, as is a subsection giving bibliographies and short biographies of many of the prominent canonists of the later medieval world (1140-1500). There is a connection to a rich collection of Medieval legal and canonical documents at the Halsall site at Fordham, for instance as well as a series of web connections to other sites important to Medieval canon law studies such as the website of the Medieval Academy of America and the University of Aberdeen's Civil Law Centre: Roman Law Resources.

If your Latin or German is good enough, this site is a treasure, with complete texts of Gratian, the Corpus iuris civilis, the Stephan Kuttner Institute for Medieval Canon Law articles and on and on.

See also the sight <http://www.canonlaw.info> This gives contemporary Roman Catholic

thinking on many canonical issues and leads to other resources for the contemporary study of canon law in Roman Catholicism. It must, therefore be used with caution by Episcopalians, who have a legal tradition, but a different one.

## **Sites Dealing with Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Churches**

***Title: Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies***

**Address: <http://syrcom.cua.edu/Hugoye>**

This is a peer reviewed journal devoted to studies of the Syriac speaking church, its history, present circumstances, liturgies, relations with other Christian bodies. In checking the list of authors, I discovered that some of the very best in the field publish in this journal.

The site is fully searchable.

Given the traditional and unfortunate western ignorance of oriental Christianity this journal is a welcome addition to the resources available to students. I recommend it highly.

***Title: Byzantine Catholic Church in America  
Byzantine Christian Faith, Worship and Spirituality  
Documentation of All Things Eastern Christian***

**Address: <http://www.byzcath.org/faith/byzftth.htm>**

This is **not** an official site for one of the branches of the Orthodox church in North America. The plan for the site eventually calls for an extensive set of files dealing with Orthodox liturgy, with the separate sacraments, the various feast days of the Orthodox calendar, Vespers and Matins. Has links to sites giving good editions of the acts and canons of the seven ecumenical Councils. Also has a good set of links to the Encyclicals and Apostolic Letters of Pope John Paul II and of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. Site also contains the documentation of the Joint International Theological Commission between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches. In addition, the discussions between the Melkite Church and the Roman Catholic Church are included.

The site has a bibliography which is worth consulting, although not as full as some other online bibliographies dealing with Orthodoxy.

***Title: Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism***

**Address: <http://www.marquette.edu/maqom/>**

This is a wonderfully rich site. Established by an ongoing graduate student research seminar at Marquette University it contains previously published and unpublished scholarly articles, lectures, reviews, critical responses to these things, bibliographies, and electronic

publications.

The site currently lists nine pages of accessible resources organized under 27 themes plus bibliographies. Sample themes are: *Jewish and Christian Mysticism: Definitions, Corpus Dionysiacum, Anthropomorphism in Rabbinic and Eastern Christian Sources, Jewish Temple Traditions and Christian Liturgy, Ascent to Heaven in Jewish and Christian Mysticism* as well as themes dealing with individual writers and theologians.

For people interested in Christian spirituality and its development or in the impact of religions on each other this is a most valuable collection of materials.

***Title: Margoneetho: Syriac Orthodox Resources***

**Address:<http://sor.cua.edu/>**

Not an official site of the Syriac Orthodox Church, but closely connected to and receiving encouragement and support from that church's hierarchy. The site has a lot of good general information on the Jacobin Syriac churches and communities. The site also has the complete texts of most of the more commonly used Syriac Orthodox liturgies. The material on the history, scripture, worship, music and condition of the church today is useful at an introductory level.

## **Sites Dealing with Roman Catholicism or Some Element of the Roman Tradition**

***Title: Catholic Pages Directory***

**Address: <http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/default.asp>**

A huge site covering just about everything Roman Catholic. For academic purposes, it contains a good collection of modern (post 17th century) documents -- encyclicals, Vatican II decrees and documentation, Roman catechisms -- links to other Roman sites, material on Roman position statements on ethical issues -- social justice, abortion, sexuality -- liturgy, sacraments, seasonal materials -- Lent, Easter, Christmas -- current controversies and a whole lot more including who's who at the Vatican.

## **Sites Dealing with Various Monastic Orders**

***Title: OSB. General Information and Monastic Topics***

**Address: <http://www.osb.org/gen/>**

An interesting combination of material on the current life, history and liturgics of the Benedictine Order.

Either has on site or linked a most helpful collection of bibliographies ranging from Benedictines and art to articles about Cluny to Gregorian Chant to bibliographies of the works by and about such historically important Benedictines as Cyprian Vagaggini and Rembert Weakland. The links list is most helpful: not confined to English language sources and not confined to Benedictines – although strongly slanted towards them, of course -- but connecting with a wide variety of resources having to do with many different forms of monasticism: Eastern, Western, Roman and non-Roman.

There is also a great collection of liturgical connections and information on liturgical topics of special interest to monastics such as lectio divina, a calendar of Benedictine saints and a benedictine martyrology. Also of special interest is the material on Benedictines for Peace.

***Title: The Franciscan Archive***

**Address: <http://www.franciscan-archive.org/>**

Contains the texts of papal documents having to do with Franciscan history, a massive bibliography of articles by Franciscans and about Franciscan history and practice, a history of the Franciscan movement, conciliar documents dealing with the Franciscans and a history of Franciscan Missions in California

A site well worth checking out for leads on many topics of late medieval Christianity and the development of Roman Catholicism.

## **Sites Having to Do With Liturgy**

***Title: An Anglican Liturgical Library***

**Address: <http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/contents.html>**

Contains the texts of worship services from various different churches of the Anglican communion and those with whom they are in communion. Site includes some interesting services from groups one wouldn't necessarily associate with Anglicanism: The Malabar Independent Syrian Church of South India and the services of the Old Catholic Church in Germany.

But the center of the site is the texts of worship services from the Churches of England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, the Royal Army Chaplains Department, Episcopal Church in the USA, the Anglican Church of Canada.

This is a good place to find the actual texts of worship services.

***Title: Church of England: Common Worship***

**Address: [www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/commonworship/index.html](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/commonworship/index.html)**

This site contains the texts of the liturgical services and prayers used in public worship in the Church of England which replaced the **Alternative Service Book** in 2000. The site includes musical settings, the Revised Common Lectionary, much information on how liturgical change works in the Church of England, essays on space and colour, on the legal aspects of common prayer in the Church of England, extensive rubrical notes and suggestions for the conduct of the different services. All in all, a site rich in useful liturgical information as well as the texts of services.

***Title: Online Resources for Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy***

**Address: <http://liturgy.nd.edu/>**

Massive bibliographies dealing with the Eucharist, Women and Worship, and general liturgics. Indispensable for bibliography and tends to be a bit more up-to-date than many liturgical bibliographies on the web.

***Title: Liturgy at St. Gregory's***

**Address:** <http://www.saintgregorys.org/worship/liturgy>

A part of the website of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. This is a liturgically advanced church with all kinds of notes on the background and meaning of various liturgies, materials from their home grown series of workshops -- very worthwhile -- a series of Great Thanksgivings composed by the St. Gregory's clergy, customaries for doing various services, and a marvelous explanation of the part worship plays in the life of the congregation.

**Title:** *Liturgics and liturgical study: The Divine Services of the Orthodox Christian Church*

**Address:** [http://www.monachos.net/library/liturgics\\_Resource\\_Area](http://www.monachos.net/library/liturgics_Resource_Area)

A series of good articles on various aspects of the liturgy of Eastern Orthodoxy. Samples: "Early Christian and Byzantine Music: History and Performance," "Texts for the Feast of the Theophany (Epiphany) - 6/19 January," "Images of the Cross in the Old Testament," and several more.

This site has a lot of content dealing with liturgics even outside its formal liturgical section and I'd suggest strongly using the site search tool and not just the list of articles at this particular site.

**Title:** *Lift Up Your Hearts: Worship and Spirituality Site of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

**Address:** <http://www.worship.ca/>

Much practical guidance for effective liturgy here. Well written, sensible, aimed at parish life. A great collection of links

**Title:** *ELCA Worship*

**Address:** <http://archive.elca.org/worship/>

Contains liturgical information on a large number of topics, including accessibility of worship space, full communion partnerships, language, music, Occasional Services, funerals, church year (some good short essays in that), art, architecture and environment.

Again, a site of practical guidance for effective liturgy.

**Title: *The Order of Saint Benedict: Monastic Topics: Liturgy***

**Address: <http://www.osb.org/liturgy/>**

This site is divided into the following broad categories: liturgical texts, liturgical commentary, liturgical sites, music, and publishers.

Liturgical texts (the sub-heading on the home page) is divided into Eastern and Western and includes a wide variety of material. For instance, the *O Antiphons* of Advent are here, with commentary, so is the Tridentine Mass in Latin and English, the Liturgy of the Hours, and so forth.

Liturgical Commentary includes the documents of Vatican II relevant to the liturgy, and a number of articles on different aspects of the liturgy.

Liturgical sites is a short collection of links having to do with the Liturgical Calendar, Eastern liturgical sites, general liturgical and Western liturgical sites. Ones of particular interest would be the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on the Liturgy, General Introduction on the Roman Missal, Frank Henderson's site on Women and Medieval Liturgy, the Site of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, which has much practical information on the conduct of services. (Remember that since these folks aren't Episcopalians all this material has to be used with a grain of caution.)

## **Sites Covering Broad and Miscellaneous Topics**

***Title: Audio Interviews: Listen to Religious Thinkers***

**Address:**

**[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/audiointerviews/professions/religious\\_thinkers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/audiointerviews/professions/religious_thinkers.shtml)**

This site has the texts of BBC interviews with eight religious thinkers important to the 20th century: the current Dalai Lama, Mohandas Gandhi, Bede Griffiths, Trevor Huddleston, Basil Hume, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, William Temple and Desmond Tutu. The material available is actual BBC recordings of interviews and speeches delivered by the figures discussed. Each figure is given about 5 minutes of time. To actually hear the voice of William Temple and Trevor Huddleston adds greatly to one's experience of them.

***Title: PHILTAR: Philosophy, Theology and Religion***

**Address:** <http://philtar.ucsm.ac.uk/>

This site includes both materials specially produced for it and many, many carefully selected links to outside sources. Material are organized according to the following categories: Trans-cultural Religions, Regional religions, Science and Religion, Encyclopedia of Religion. The site is well organized, with family trees of the different sub-sections so one can easily find one's way around. The Encyclopedia of Religion provides short articles of use to undergraduate students on all sorts of religious topics. This is a good place to check for some fairly specific materials dealing with rather out of the way religious groups.

***Title: Institute for Theology and Peace***

**Address:** [www.ithpeace.de/bibl/default.asp](http://www.ithpeace.de/bibl/default.asp)

This site is simply a huge bibliography (over 100,000 items) devoted to different aspects of the relation between theology and peace. Fortunately, the site is searchable by title, author or key word. For the investigation of all issues having to do with the ethics of war and peace, the history of thought about peace, just war theory, contemporary ethical thinking about peace, and so forth, it can't be beat as a bibliographical source.

***Title: Liberation Theology and Land Reform***

**Address:** <http://www.landreform.org>

This site contains the material from an on-line course taught by Lindy Davies for the Henry

George Institute. The focus is on Latin America, but enough material is given about land reform and its connection and separation from the church in other parts of the world to make the value of the material universal rather than local.

***Title: The forum on Religion and Ecology***

Address: <http://environment.harvard.edu/religion/main.html>

Contains an essay on the relation between each of the world's major religious traditions and the natural world, a bibliography for each religion dealing with its attitudes to the natural world, and a series of essays mapping the relation between religion and the natural world on one hand and science, economics, ethics, public policy, and gender on the other. The site provides an introductory map of an extremely complex and important subject.