Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials

Introduction

The *ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials* provides citations to articles, essays, books and book reviews related to religion and theology. It covers all major world religions, and many of the journal articles are available in full-text.

Getting connected

U of T faculty and students can access the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials by following these steps:

1. Go to the U of T Libraries' homepage: https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca
2. Click on Databases under the search bar, then click on "Article databases by subject A-Z"
3. Choose *Christianity* or *Religion* or *Islamic Studies* from the list of subjects.
4. Click on ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials from the list of resources.

If you are **not** on campus, you will be asked for your UTORid and password.

Getting help

If you need further help using this database (such as how to do advanced searches), click 🛈 next to the search boxes, or ask a reference librarian.

If you need help making sense of the EBSCO interface (the arrangement on the screen), click `Help` in the upper right corner, or ask a librarian.

You can also get help by clicking on the CONTACT THE LIBRARY link in the upper right corner.

Doing a Search

1. Enter search terms in any of the three "Search" boxes.
2. Click `Search`.
3. The results are displayed in the lower part of the search screen. An individual record looks like this:
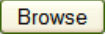
Finding the full-text of a journal article

When the full-text of an article is available from ATLA, click on PDF Full Text . Even if this link doesn't appear, the article *may* still be available in full-text. Click Get it UTL to see if its available full-text. If the full-text is not online, look up the title of the journal or book (not the title of the article) in the Library catalogue. If the print journal is not available at U of T, the article can be obtained through inter-library loan.

Clicking on the article title will provide further information, but *not* the full-text. For related articles, click one or more of the terms listed under "Subjects".
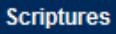
Searching for works by an author

1. Click on "Indexes" at the top of the screen. Choose the "Author" index from the drop down "Browse an Index" box.

2. Enter the author's name in the "Browse for" box. Write the surname, comma, space, followed by the first initial (e.g. Daly, M). Click Browse .

Check the box(es) next to the author's name you want. Click Search at the top of the page.

Finding book reviews

1. In the "Search Options" section, under "Limit your results," in the "Publication Type" menu, select "Review."

2. Enter the title of the book in the "Search" box at the top of the screen.

3. Click Search .

Searching for works on a biblical verse

1. Click Scriptures at the top of the screen. This will open a list of the books in the Bible in canonical order.

2. Find the book of the Bible you want. To select a particular chapter, click on [Expand] next to the appropriate book. To select a particular verse in a chapter, click on [Expand] next to the appropriate chapter. Click on the verse you want.

3. The search results will show articles and other resources about that particular Biblical verse.

Searching *ATLA Religion Database* and other indexes simultaneously

Other indexes use the same interface as the *ATLA Religion Database*. These include *Old Testament Abstracts* and *New Testament Abstracts*.

To search multiple databases at the same time, click the Choose Databases link above the search boxes. Place a checkmark next to the appropriate databases and click OK .

Refining your search

To limit your search by publication type, year published, or language, check the appropriate options under "Limit your results", which is below the search boxes, under the "Search Options" section.

Search Options

Reset

Search Modes and Expanders

Search modes ?
- ○ Boolean/Phrase
- ○ Find all my search terms
- ○ Find any of my search terms
- ○ SmartText Searching Hint

Apply related words
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Also search within the full text of the articles
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Apply equivalent subjects
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Limit your results

Full Text
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Open Access
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Journal Title
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Image Quick View
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Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
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Year Published
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Publication Type
| All |
| Article |
| Book |
| Essay |

Genre
| All |
| Art works |
| Autobiographies |
| Bibliographies |

Image Quick View Types
- ☐ Black and White Photograph   ☐ Chart
- ☐ Color Photograph   ☐ Diagram
- ☐ Graph   ☐ Illustration

Expanding your search

Use an asterisk (*) at the end of a search term to find various forms of that term:

Typing: **missio*** will return results with the words: mission, missions, missionary, missiology, etc.

Use a question mark (?) within a search term to catch alternate spellings:

Typing: **savio?r** will return results with both savior and saviour.

Using OR between synonymous search terms will help you find more articles on the topic:

(e.g.) teenager OR youth OR adolescent

Combining terms to focus the search

Use AND between search terms to find articles on a more specific topic. For example, *Buddhism AND reincarnation* finds articles that contain both terms.

You can also combine terms from previous searches:

1. From the **Search History/Alerts** box, just below the three search boxes, place a checkmark next to the searches that you would like to combine.

2. Click on either **Search with AND** or **Search with OR**

To print, e-mail, save, or export a citation

To print, e-mail, save or export a citation, click on the folder icon ⊞ beside the citation to put the item in your folder. When finished adding, click 📁 **Folder** at the top of the screen. Next, select the citations by clicking the "Select" box.

- To print the citations, click the print icon 🖨.
- To e-mail the citations, click the e-mail icon ✉.
- To save results as a file, click the save icon 💾.
- To export the citations, click on the export icon ➡.

You are then given options for formatting the citations.
Emailed citations that already have a PDF Full Text link will automatically send the PDF article as a separate attachment.