



Some Useful LC Call Numbers for Religions (BL-BX):

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| BL 74-98: | World Religions | BP 300+ | Bahaism |
| BL 300-325: | Mythology | BQ: | Buddhism |
| BL 690+ | European religions | BR: | Christianity – history & biography |
| BL 1100+ | Hinduism | BS: | Bible |
| BL 1300+ | Jainism | BS 701+ | Old Testament |
| BL 1600+ | Semitic religions | BS 1901+ | New Testament |
| BL 2400+ | African religions | BT: | Christian Doctrinal Theology |
| BM: | Judaism | BV: | Christian Practical Theology |
| BP 1-253: | Islam | BX: | Christian Denominations |
| DS 101-151 | History of the Jews | E 98 .R3 | Native American Religions |

Looking it Up: Selected Reference Materials

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| <i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> | BS 440 .A54 1992 |
| <i>Concise Encyclopedia of Islam</i> | BP 40 .G42 1991 |
| <i>Encyclopedia Judaica</i> | DS 102.8 .E496 |
| <i>Encyclopedia of American Religions</i> | BL 2530 .U6 M443 1996 |
| <i>Encyclopedia of Native American Religions</i> | E 98 .R3 H73 1992 |
| <i>Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics</i> | BL 31 .E4 |
| <i>Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of World Religions</i> | BL 31 .M47 1999 |
| <i>The New Catholic Encyclopedia</i> | BX 841 .N44 |
| <i>Oxford Dictionary of World Religions</i> | BL 31 .O84 1997 |
| <i>Who's Who in Classical Mythology</i> | BL 715 .H62 1995 |

In-Depth Coverage: Circulating Books

**1. COUGARCat
Library Catalog:**



| To find... | Search by... | Example |
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| ... a specific book | Title | essential koran |
| ... items by an author | Author | pagels, elaine |
| ... books on a topic | Keyword | buddh* and united states |
| | buddh* retrieves | Buddha, Buddhism, Buddhist ... |
| ** Check the subject headings assigned to items for additional useful search terms! | | |

Need an item that is checked out? Click  and enter your ID number to be next in line.
 Need a book we don't have? Try SUMMIT (orbis.uoregon.edu) to identify items; request Interlibrary Loan.

2. E-Books:

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Freebies: Many “public domain” books are posted on the Web – including many religious texts and works. Our website links to some major providers - choose **Research Gateway >> E-Texts on the Web**



Periodicals: Research, News, Hot Topics & Features

Journals: formal, peer-reviewed articles in which researchers report their new work

Magazines: news and features for non-specialists or the general public

Some periodicals with a focus on religions:

| Print copies held at CCC Library: | Full-text in <i>Academic Search Premier</i> (EBSCO) | |
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| <i>Biblical Archeology Review</i> <i>Christian Century</i> <i>Christianity Today</i> <i>Current Anthropology</i> <i>The Humanist</i> | <i>Anglican Theological Review</i> <i>Asian Philosophy</i> <i>History of Religions</i> <i>Journal of Religion</i> <i>Journal of Religious Ethics</i> | <i>Journal of Religious History</i> <i>Journal of Religious Thought</i> <i>Muslim World</i> <i>Religion & American Culture</i> |

Article Indexes (Research Gateway>Article Indexes, or drop-down menu; ask for passwords to use from home)

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO) - all-purpose index for undergraduate research, extensive full-text

Try the **Subject Terms** tab to browse subject headings for more precise results.

Use **Refine Search** to limit to items available in **full text** or held **at CCC**; or to scholarly (**peer-reviewed**) items.

Additional indexes via Multnomah County Library website, for users with a Multnomah County Library card:

Humanities Index – citations (no full text) to articles from several hundred source journals in the humanities.

MLA Bibliography – comprehensive index (citations only) for the serious researcher in language and literature.

Obtaining Articles

Owned at CCC:

Alphabetical by journal title in the **Periodicals** section.

Our **Periodicals List** is on the website and in red notebooks in the Library.

Not owned at CCC:

Request an article **Interlibrary Loan** (form at Circulation Desk), or

Check **SUMMIT** (=“ORBIS”) catalog for other area libraries that own the title



World Wide Web Resources: a few good starting points

(see also our Research Guides on Web Searching and Web Evaluation)

Google (www.google.com)

“More...” >> **Directory** >> **Society** >> **Religion & Spirituality**

Librarians’ Index to the Internet (lii.org)

Society & Social Issues >> **Religion**

To find a religious organization’s website, include **site:.org** in a *Google* search

methodist site:.org

buddhism site:.org

REMEMBER: Information available on the Web is information that people are willing to **give away**. Be skeptical, and evaluate the credibility of the information using the **same criteria** (author’s credentials, publisher’s reputation, writing style and accuracy, references cited...) you would with print material.