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## [Christianity and Church History](#)

# Introduction to the Collections

The [General Research Division](#), located in Room 315, collects extensively in many aspects of Christianity and other western religions, as well as in those areas of religion which impinge on other scholarly disciplines. Materials on many religions are available in other divisions in The New York Public Library. [The Dorot Jewish Division](#) (Room 84) collects in Judaism, while [The Asian and Middle Eastern Division](#) (Room 219) has extensive holdings in Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Baha'i, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, and the other major religious traditions of the East.

Among the strengths of the collection are:

- Sociology and anthropology of religion
- Philosophy of religion
- Psychology of religion
- Liberation theology
- Relationship of church and state
- Church History
- Bible-Antiquities
- Atheism
- Agnosticism
- Monasticism and Religious Orders
- Mormons
- Mysticism
- Theology (collected selectively)

Within Christianity, the Library has significant holdings in the following areas:

- History of various churches and denominations
- History of Christianity in specific countries
- Christian thought
- Christian ethics
- Religious biography and autobiography

The Library collects the writings of the principal Christian theologians as well as critical literature about them. The Library does not collect in pastoral theology and counseling, nor in those areas which relate primarily to the practical aspects of clerical and parochial life.

The New York Public Library collects extensively in editions of the Bible, both in its original tongues as well as in translations into English and many other languages, many of which represent rare editions. In addition, the Library collects selectively in biblical commentaries and

studies; however, these works can readily meet the needs of the undergraduate student in this area. The Rose Main Reading Room and the stacks do contain many editions of the Bible, the standard Biblical commentaries, and works on the Bible and personalities contained therein. [The Dorot Jewish Division](#), Room 84, collects in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, including critical studies by Jewish and non-Jewish scholars.

## Background Research

The items listed below are meant as a starting point for your research, and are by no means comprehensive. General reference works such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and directories offer background information and answers to specific questions. All items are located in the [Rose Main Reading Room](#), unless otherwise noted.

### Encyclopedias

Balmer, Randall, **Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism** (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2004) \***R-RMRR BR1640 .B35. b7710170**

**Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition**, edited by Jaroslav Pelikan and Valerie Hotchkiss (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), 4 vols., \***R-RMRR BT990 .C64**. *An examination of the creeds of eastern and western Christianity from the apostolic church to the present, concluding with an historical and theological guide to the nature and purpose of creeds in the Christian tradition.* **b7247038**

**Encyclopedia of the American Religious Experience; Studies of Traditions and Movements**, edited by Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams (New York: Scribner, 1987), 3 vols., \***R-RMRR BL 2525 .E53**. *Anthology of scholarly essays examines the history and character of American religions, exploring organizational development and the spread and influence of various movements and trends.* **b2412560**

**Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions**, edited by Stephen D. Glazier, (New York: Routledge, 2001) \***R-RMRR BL2462.5 .E53. b6608788**

**Encyclopedia of Apocalypticism**, edited by Bernard McGinn et al., (New York: Continuum, 1999), 3 vols., \***R-RMRR BL501 .E53**. *Examines the origin of apocalypticism in Western religions and its development and various manifestations from the classical period to the present.* **b5631357**

**The Encyclopedia of Christianity**, edited by Edwin Fahlbusch et al., edited by Geoffrey W. Bromley et al. for the English-language version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans; Leiden; Boston: Brill, 1999- ), 5 vols., \***R-RMRR BR95 .E8913**. *A translation of **Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon**, a scholarly examination of Christian history, doctrine, movements, trends, and biography.* **b5791315**

**The Encyclopedia of Islam**, (Leiden: Brill, 1960-) (available in print and electronic formats in Asian and Middle Eastern Division).

**Encyclopaedia Judaica**, (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2007), 22 vols., \***R-RMRR DS102.8 .E497** Another print copy is available in the Jewish Division. In addition, this work is available electronically throughout the Library. (link to this electronic source) **b8478951**

**Encyclopedia of Mormonism: The History, Scripture, Doctrine, and Procedure of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, edited by Daniel H. Ludlow (New York: Macmillan, 1992), 5 vols., \***R-RMRR BX 8605.5 .E62. b2642148**

**The Encyclopedia of Religion**, edited by Lindsay Jones, (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005), 15 vols., \***R-RMRR BL31 .E46. . Includes historical and philosophical approaches to religion as well as social scientific interpretations for both Christian and non-Christian religions. For the older edition of this work edited by Mircea Eliade, please consult CATNYP. b8509835**

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics**, edited by James Hastings, (New York: Scribner, 1970), 13 vols., \***R-RMRR BL31 .E4. This comprehensive work explores all facets of the field of religion with a particular focus on historical, theological, philosophical, and ethical themes. b1619986**

**Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature**, edited by Bron R. Taylor et al., (London; New York: Thoemmes Continuum, 2005), 2 vols., \***R-RMRR BL31 .E465. b8045693**

**Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America**, (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press, 2007), 2 vols., \***R-RMRR BV3773 .E53**, with another copy at Schomburg. *An examination of the revival tradition in American Christianity, examining its causes, prevalence, effects, and relationships to the larger society.* **b8293441**

**The New Catholic Encyclopedia**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Detroit: Thomson/Gale Group, 2003), 15 vols., \***R-RMRR BX841 .N44. b7054708** (The 1913 edition of **The Catholic Encyclopedia** is available in electronic and print formats, and the 1967-79 edition of the **New Catholic Encyclopedia**, issued in the wake of Vatican II, is available in print format.) (link to this electronic resource)

**The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation**, edited by Hans J. Hillerbrand [New York: Oxford University Press, 1996], 4 vols., \***R-RMRR BR302 .8 .O93. b4037610**

**Encyclopedia of Religious Rites, Rituals, and Festivals**, edited by Frank. A. Salamone, (New York: Routledge, 2004), \***R-RMRR BL31 .E47. b7875188**

**Encyclopedia of Science and Religion**, edited by J. Wentzel Vrede van Huyssteen, (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003), 2 vols., \***R-RMRR BL240.3 .E53. b7593574**

**Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America**, edited by Rosemary S. Keller and Rosemary Reuther (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006), 3 vols., \***R-RMRR BL458 .E52. Explores the role of women in North American religious traditions and employs a cross-disciplinary approach in its analyses. b8025911**

**Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion**, edited by Serinity Young (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999), 2 vols., \*R-RMRR BL458 .E53. *A comprehensive analysis and study of women in the world's religions, with particular strengths in non-Western faiths. Contains synoptic outline which provides conceptual themes to the reader.* b5935967

**Religion Past and Present: Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion**, edited by Hans Dieter Betz et al., (London; Boston: Brill, 2007 - ), multi-volume set in progress, \*R-RMRR BL31 .R4213. *An English-language translation of Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, a scholarly compendium of articles on a vast range of subjects within the field of religion.* b8053960

**Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices**, edited by J. Gordon Melton et al., (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2002), 4 vols., \*R-RMRR BL80.3 .R45. *An examination of religions, beliefs, practices, motifs, history, and themes, with particular attention to cross-disciplinary approaches.* b7220668

**Sacramentum Mundi**, (New York: Herder and Herder, 1969-1970), 6 vols.,\*R-RMRR BR95 .S24. *Detailed analysis of the theological principles and concerns of the Roman Catholic Church, and a scholarly guide to the major doctrinal developments and controversies of Christianity.* b1044316

#### **Dictionaries, Handbooks, and Standard Texts**

**The Book of Saints: A Comprehensive Biographical Dictionary**, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., (New York: Continuum, 2002), \*R-RMRR BX4655.3 .B66 b7113445

Butler, Alban, **Butler's Lives of the Saints** (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1995-2000), 12 vols. \*R-RMRR BX4654 .B8ZK. (Other dictionaries of the saints may also be found in this same area of the Rose Main Reading Room.) b3830865

**The Catholic Almanac**, (Huntington, Indiana: Our Sunday Visitor, annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. AY81 .R6 N3**). *Handbook of the Roman Catholic Church with succinct information on doctrine, practice, and ethics relevant to that church; includes current liturgical calendar and notable events and personalities of the preceding year.* b8278355

**Dictionary of Historical Theology**, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub., 2000), \*R-RMRR BT21.2 .D53. b6952155

**Eerdmans' Handbook to Christian Belief**, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982), \*R-RMRR BT77 .E35. b2038944

**A Handbook of Ancient Religions**, edited by John R. Hinnells (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), \*R-RMRR BL41 .H325. *An examination of classical and non-Western religions which also provides an understanding of religious life at the origins of Christianity.* b8563995

Handy, Robert T., **A History of the Churches in the United States and Canada**, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1976), \*R-RMRR BR510 .H35. b2209144

Hudson, Winthrop S., **Religion in America: An Historical Account of the Development of American Religious Life**, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1999), \*R-RMRR BL2525 .H83. b5642389

Kelly, John N. D., **The Oxford Dictionary of Popes**, updated ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), \*R-RMRR BX955.2 .K45. b8033511

Mead, Frank Spencer, **Handbook of Denominations in the United States**, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001; available under **Pub. Cat. BL2525 .M425**). *Brief description of the major Christian bodies in the United States, including beliefs, practices, polity, and history.* b6696615

Melton, J. Gordon, **The Encyclopedia of American Religions**, (Wilmington, NC: McGrath Pub. Co., 1978- , latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. BL2525 .M4493**.) *Dictionary of American religious bodies, Christian and non-Christian, providing basic information on their history, doctrine, and practice; especially valuable for its coverage of small or new religious movements which are not examined elsewhere. This is also available electronically.* (link to this electronic resource) b5234519

**New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship**, edited by J. G. Davies, (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1986), \*R-RMRR BV173 .N49 b2043604

**Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church**, edited by F. L. Cross, 3rd edition, revised (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005),\*R-RMRR BR95 .O8. *The most comprehensive one-volume work dealing with all aspects of the Christian Church.* b7823513

**Oxford Dictionary of World Religions**, edited by John Bowker (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997),. \*R-RMRR BL31 .O84. b4489993

**Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology**, edited by Roger S. Gottlieb (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006),. \*R-RMRR BL65 .E36 O94. b8278604

**Oxford History of Christian Worship**, edited by Geoffrey Wainwright and Karen W. Tucker (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), \*R-RMRR BV15 .O95. *A scholarly analysis of the history of Christian liturgy covering all times and the various Christian traditions and movements* b8011885

Piepkorn, Arthur Carl, **Profiles in Belief: The Religious Bodies of the United States and Canada**, (New York: Harper and Row, 1977-1979), 4 vols. in 3, \*R-RMRR BL2530 .U6 P53. *An examination, sensitive to theological and historical concerns, of the principal Christian bodies in North America; includes extensive historical information and doctrinal analysis.* b1431654

Walsh, Michael J., **New Dictionary of Saints; East and West** (London; New York: Burns and Oats, 2007), **JFF 07-711. b8579890**

**Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics**, (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1986), **\*R-RMRR BJ1199 .W47. b2038993**

**Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality**, (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983), **\*R-RMRR BV4488 .W47. b2043612**

**Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology**, (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983), **\*R-RMRR BR95 .W494. b2043612**

Williams, Peter W., **America's Religions: From Their Origins to the Twenty-first Century** (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002), **\*R-RMRR BL2525 .W485. b7013435**

Wood, James Edward, **Church and State in Historical Perspective: A Critical Assessment and Annotated Bibliography** (Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2005), **\*R-RMRR BL65 .S8 W66. b7818533**

**World Christian Encyclopedia**, edited by David B. Barrett, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 2 vols., **\*R-RMRR BR157 .W67**. *A comprehensive work which attempts to list every Christian body by country; valuable for its statistical information on membership and attendance. Provides historical commentary and analysis of present and future trends for Christianity in every country.* **b5147910**

## Directories

**Annuario Pontificio**, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, annual; latest edition under **Pub. Cat. BX845 .A75**.) *List of Roman Catholic officials throughout the world as well as of the offices which constitute the Roman Catholic bureaucracy. Notable for its enumeration of all Roman Catholic dioceses and archdioceses.* **b2794558**

**Episcopal Church Annual**, (Wilton: Morehouse-Barlow, annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. BX5830 .L785ged**.) *Listing of all Episcopal dioceses, parishes, and clergy. Particularly valuable for providing the names of all former diocesan bishops (arranged under the name of the appropriate diocese where they served).* **b2407109**

**National Directory of Churches, Synagogues, and Other Houses of Worship**, (Detroit: Gale Research Inc., 1994), 4 vols., **\*R-RMRR BL2525 .N38**. *Arranged geographically and, within that, by denomination, this guide provides the only comprehensive listing of houses of worship throughout the country.* **b2886835**

**Official Catholic Directory**, (Wilmette, Illinois: P. J. Kenedy, annual; latest edition under **Pub. Cat. BX845 .C5**.) *Lists all Roman Catholic dioceses, archdioceses, parishes, and clergy in the United States and Canada; all Roman Catholic organizations and institutions (including parochial schools) are listed under the name of the appropriate diocese. Names of former*

*bishops of dioceses may be found under the entries for the dioceses where they served.*  
**b3117503**

**Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches**, (Nashville: Abingdon, annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. BR513 .Y4.**) *Includes the principal Christian churches of the United States and Canada and lists the headquarters, principal officers, juridical divisions, and publications of each body.* **b1115709**

## Using the Library Catalogs to locate materials at NYPL

For general instructions on using the Library's catalogs, please consult ["How To Find Books"](#). The following information is specific to the subject of Religion.

When researching an item in the catalogs, check under the subject entry most specific to your interest:

- historical personality (*Luther, Martin*)
- church or denomination (*Church of England*)
- doctrine (predestination), a movement (*Oxford Movement*)
- ritual or practice (*baptism*).

In performing your research at The New York Public Library, you may need to consult two catalogs: The Dictionary Catalog, an 800-volume set of materials acquired by the library before 1972, and CATNYP, the online catalog of materials acquired after 1972. (Please note that as a result of an active retrospective conversion project, the vast majority of the items in The Dictionary Catalog will also be found in CATNYP.) CATNYP employs Library of Congress Subject Headings, available at the Information Desk or at [www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco); however, as noted below, it is best to employ a keyword search when utilizing CATNYP. For advice on subject headings in the pre-1972 Dictionary Catalog, consult the librarians at the Information Desk.

Searching by keyword will usually generate the most accurate and beneficial results, as this approach utilizes keywords from both titles and subjects. For example, in order to search the Episcopal Church and its history during the Civil War, a researcher ought to employ the keywords Episcopal Church and Civil War.

### Saints

Works by or about Christian saints are to be found under the name of the saint in question. Thus, if you wish to research Saint Bartholomew in the Dictionary Catalog, check under *Bartholomew*, not Saint Bartholomew. In CANTYP, a keyword approach permits the researcher to enter Saint Bartholomew to find all references to this apostle.

## Church History

In the field of church history, there are different arrangements in the Library's two catalogs. The Dictionary Catalog uses the subject heading *Church History* to include not only general works in the area, but also materials dealing with church history in specific countries. Therefore, books on Polish church history will be found under *Church History-Poland*. However, to find church histories of individual countries in CATNYP, please employ the keyword approach, as in this example: *Poland* and *Church History*.

Similarly, the Dictionary Catalog lists works on the Quakers under *Friends, Society of*, while CATNYP places this same group under two separate subject headings, *Society of Friends* and *Quakers*; once again it is preferable to employ a keyword approach for this group. The churches of Eastern Christianity are placed under the subject heading *Eastern Orthodox Church* in the Dictionary Catalog, but CATNYP uses the subject heading *Orthodox Eastern Church*, that same term being appropriate as a keyword.

## The Bible

The different editions of the complete Bible are listed in the Dictionary Catalog before the editions of the New and Old Testaments and other separately published parts of the Bible. Different editions of the complete Bible are arranged by language and, within that, by year. In the Dictionary Catalog these listings commence with the heading *Bible. Polyglot* (volume 71, page 344) and continue with listings by individual languages beginning with *Bible. Afrikaans. 1957* (volume 71, page 347).

For English-language Bibles look under *Bible. English* (volume 71, page 358); like all other entries, these are broken down by year beginning with the earliest imprint. The first editions of the King James Bible are listed in the Dictionary Catalog under *Bible. English. 1611* (volume 71, page 373). The Roman Catholic Douai-Rheims version of the Bible is found under *Bible. English. Douai Rheims* (volume 71, page 455).

These same subject headings can be used to search CATNYP, and these can be employed also as keyword searches.

Two electronic databases offer access to the Bible in full-text. Please note that these databases are only available from within the Library:

### The Bible in English

Contains 20 different versions of the English Bible from the tenth to the twentieth century.

### The King James Bible

This online version, which includes the Apocrypha, allows one to go to a specific chapter and verse, browse by book, and search for keywords.

In addition to these databases the research is recommended to examine the following which provide full text of the Bible as well as of other publications, both religious and secular: **Early**



**English Books Online** (covers the period from 1475 to 1700); **Early American Imprints, Series I, Evans** (covers the period 1639 to 1800); **Early American Imprints, Series II, Shaw-Shoemaker** (covers the period 1801 to 1819); and **Eighteenth Century Collections Online** (covers the period from 1701 to 1800 for Britain only). (Provide link to these databases)

## The New Testament

The Library has many separate editions of the New Testament and the Old Testament. Like whole editions of the Bible, these two divisions are also arranged by language and then by year. In The Dictionary Catalog, entries for the New Testament begin with *Bible. New Testament. Polyglot* (volume 72, page 372) and continue with *Bible. New Testament. Albanian* (volume 72, page 373). Other languages follow in alphabetical order. *Bible. New Testament. English.* begins in volume 72 on page 382.

Dual-language New Testaments are normally found after the primary language. Thus, *Bible. New Testament. Spanish-English* follows *Bible. New Testament. Spanish* (volume 72, page 491); *Bible. New Testament. Greek-English.* appears in volume 72, page 468, and *Bible. New Testament. Greek-Latin* is found in volume 72, page 469.

Specific books of the New Testament are also included in the Dictionary Catalog; thus *Bible. New Testament. Acts* is found in volume 73 on page 25, and other books of the New Testament follow this entry in alphabetical order. Note that the New Testament Apocrypha (in English) is found under *Bible. New Testament. Apocrypha. English* beginning on page 39 of volume 73.

## The Old Testament

The arrangement of entries for *Bible. Old Testament* parallels that for *Bible. New Testament*. The entries for the former begin in volume 73, page 267, with *Bible. Old Testament. Polyglot* (arranged by year) followed by the alphabetical arrangement for different languages. Like the New Testament, the listings for the Old Testament are also subdivided according to the appropriate book beginning with *Bible. Old Testament. Amos* (volume 73, page 389).

There also exist distinct references for *Bible. Old Testament. Pentateuch* (volume 73, page 551), *Bible. Old Testament. Apocrypha* (volume 73, page 392), and *Bible. Old Testament. Pseudepigrapha* (volume 74, page 166).

In researching the Bible on CATNYP, it is advisable to employ the keyword approach to locate appropriate materials. For example:

New Testament and Apocrypha (for this topic, also employ New Testament and Apocryphal);

Old Testament and Spanish;

Bible and Icelandic;

Gospel and Thomas.

# Locating Journal Articles

## Periodical Indexes (electronic and print resources)

Please note that electronic resources are only accessible from within the Library. You can find dedicated computers located in [Room 315, the Public Catalog Room and the Rose Main Reading Room](#), as well as in many of the divisions throughout the Library. For a complete listing of electronic resources available, please visit the [Selected Electronic Resources](#) page.

**ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials.** This resource contains citations to articles, books, and book reviews from journals specializing in religion, church history, and theology; the full text is supplied for many articles. Coverage varies according to publication, although most date from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries; articles are mainly in English with some in other major European tongues.

**Index to Jewish Periodicals.** This definitive index on Jewish history, thought, and activity, provides a comprehensive guide to English-language articles, book reviews, and feature stories in nearly 200 journals devoted to Judaic studies. It is available electronically throughout the Library and in print format in the Jewish Division. Please note that the print index commences in 1963, and the electronic version in 1988.

**The Catholic Periodical Index** was published from 1930 through 1966 and was superseded by **The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index** published from 1967 to the present. This is available in print format only. **The Catholic Periodical Index** is under the call number of **JFM 07-47, b1938093** and **The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index** is under the call number of **JFM 07-48. b1938092**. A related resource is **The Guide to Catholic Literature**, published from 1888 through 1967; it is less comprehensive than the other indexes, but ought to be consulted for a thorough search of a given topic. Its call number is **JFM 95-558. b3508704**. These indexes provide a key to Roman Catholic activity and thought; although some of the periodicals indexed may also be found in the **ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials**, others are unique to these sources.

Researchers are advised to consult Selected Electronic Resources to locate other databases of use to them. (link to the Selected Electronic Resources menu) The following are especially recommended:

EBSCO Research Databases; Philosopher's Index; Index to Christian Art; America: History and Life; Historical Abstracts; America's Historical Newspapers; ProQuest Historical Database; American Periodical Series Online; Readers' Guide Retro; Nineteenth Century Masterfile (which includes Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906); and the electronic databases for newspapers. (link to the individual databases)

# Selected Internet Sites on the World Wide Web

The Internet now offers many web sites in the field of religion. The following ones are especially recommended:

[American Academy of Religion](http://www.aarweb.org) (<http://www.aarweb.org>), an organization which fosters and encourages the study of religion.

[Society of Biblical Literature](http://www.sbl-site.org) (<http://www.sbl-site.org>), a society which specializes in the critical study of the Bible and cognate literatures.

[American Bible Society](http://www.americanbible.org) (<http://www.americanbible.org>), translates the Bible into many languages and maintains a library of rare and notable Bibles.

[American Society of Church History](http://www.churchhistory.org) (<http://www.churchhistory.org>), a society promoting scholarship and research in church history, with a particular focus on the American scene.

[The Catholic Encyclopedia](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/) (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>), contains information on the entire cycle of Catholic interests, action, and doctrine. Please note that **The Catholic Encyclopedia** available on this site is the 1913 edition.

## Detailed Subjects

### Church Fathers

It was only in the mid-nineteenth century that the works of the Latin and Greek Fathers of the Church were finally collected and published in a comprehensive edition which would be widely available to scholars and researchers.

Migne, J. P., **Patrologiae Cursus Completus. . . Series Latina** (Paris: Migne, 1844-1865), 221 vols., **JFM 00-63. b8072315**

Migne, J. P., **Patrologiae Cursus Completus. . . Series Graeca** (Paris: Migne, 1857-1880), 166 vols., **JFM 00-50.**

(For both series by Migne, please check CATNYP under the author's name to obtain the correct volume number. The Latin Fathers are also available in an electronic format on computers in the Library, as noted below.)

[Patrologia Latina](#). Electronic version of Migne's nineteenth-century printed collection of the works of the Church Fathers. This is the complete set, including prefatory material, original texts, critical apparatus, indexes, illustrations, and Migne's column numbers. (available in the Library only)

There is no single translation into English of Migne's comprehensive work. However, there do exist in English several multi-volume editions of the writings of the Church Fathers. There are readily available in the Reading Rooms.

**The Ante-Nicene Fathers: Translations of the Fathers down to A.D. 325** (New York: Scribners, 1917-1925), 10 vols., \*R-RMRR BR60 .A5. b3115754

**A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church** (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1956 and 1961), two series each of 14 vols., \*R-RMRR BR60 .S4. b5183780 and b5183782

**Ancient Christian Writers: The Works of the Fathers in Translation** (New York: Newman, 1978 reprint), 40 vols., \*R-RMRR BR60 .A35 b1586167

**Fathers of the Church** (Washington: Catholic University of America Press, in progress), 71 vols., \*R-RMRR BR60 .F3(followed by initial of author's name).

**Library of Christian Classics** (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1953-1966), 26 vols., \*R-RMRR BR45 .L52. b6924436

The following guides to the Church Fathers are recommended:

Dirksen, Aloys Herman, **Elementary Patrology** (St. Louis: Herder, 1959), \*R-RMRR BR67 .D5. b5183732

Kelly, J.N.D., **Early Christian Doctrines**, 5th rev. ed., (London: Black, 1977) JXD 86-75. b2031157

McGuckin, John Anthony, **Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology** (London: SCM Press, 2005), \*R-RMRR BR162.3 .M38. b7759915

## **Bibles**

Readers interested in the Bible and studies on it are advised to consult first the Bible entries under the earlier section on [Using the Catalogs](#). However, the Reading Rooms do contain Bibles and significant works relating to the Bible which merit specific reference here.

## **Noteworthy Editions**

Editions of the whole Bible in English may be found in the South Hall of the Rose Main Reading Room under \*R-RMRR BS. The Reading Rooms also contain versions of the Bible in other western languages; speak to a librarian for locations. The following special editions of the Bible ought to be noted:

**Bible. Polyglot. 1874. Hexaglot Bible** (London: Dickinson and Higham, 1874), 6 vols., \*R-RMRR BS1 1874. *Complete Bible in Greek, Latin, French, and German, as well as Old Testament in Hebrew and New Testament in Syriac.* b3510709

**Bible. New Testament. English. 1962. New Testament Octapla** (New York: Nelson, 1962) \*R-RMRR BS2025 1962 .W4. *Eight English versions of the New Testament.* b5190457

**Bible. New Testament. Greek. 1968. The Revised Standard Version Interlinear Greek-English New Testament** (London: S. Bagster, 1968), \*R-RMRR BS1965 1968. b1336891

**Bible. New Testament. Greek. Scholz. 1975. The English Hexapla: Exhibiting the Six Important English Translations of the New Testament Scriptures** (New York: AMS Press, 1975), \*R-RMRR BS2025 1975 .S36 1975. b1296175

### **History of the Bible**

**The Cambridge History of the Bible** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970), 3 vols., \*R-RMRR BS445 .C26. *A comprehensive history of the Bible with a particular focus on the development of the English Bible. Valuable for its discussion of the principal English versions and their relation to church, culture, and society.* b5191152

Daniell, David, **The Bible in English: Its History and Influence** (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), \*R-RMRR BS455 .D27. b7485220

Metzger, Bruce, **The Bible in Translation: Ancient and English Versions** (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2001), \*R-RMRR BS450 .M46. b7486965

Norton, David, **A History of the Bible as Literature**, (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1993), 2 vols., \*R-RMRR BS585 .N67 b3233539

### **Concordances of the Bible**

Concordances to the Bible may be found in the Main Reading Room under \*R-RMRR BS425.

### **Bible Dictionaries and Guides**

**The Anchor Bible Dictionary** (New York: Doubleday, 1992), 6 vols., \*R-RMRR BS440 .A54 and another set in Jewish Division. b2650010

Calvocoressi, Peter, **Who's Who in the Bible** (London: Viking, 1987), \*R-RMRR BS570 .C35. b7099287

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## **Liturgy and Worship**

Researching the liturgies and prayer books of different Christian churches requires the utilization of different strategies. Even a cursory examination of the Library's catalogs indicates a variety of subject headings for this topic, even within the parameters of one church. In searching CATNYP for the Roman Missal, both before and after Vatican II, it is recommended that a keyword approach be employed. The following are recommended:

Catholic Church and Liturgy

Catholic Church and Prayers and Devotions

Missal

Missals

Missale Romanum.

Roman Missal. (All these options ought to be used.)

In the Dictionary Catalog, the appropriate subject heading is:

Catholic Church, Roman - Liturgy and Ritual. This is then subdivided into headings such as Breviary, Missal, Hours, etc.

The following titles are especially useful, but search the catalog for other appropriate entries.

Catholic Church. **Saint Andrew Daily Missal** (Saint Paul: E. M. Lohmann, 1956), **B-10 526**. *A comprehensive and detailed text, with notes, of the pre-Vatican II liturgy.* **b4246312**

Catholic Church. **Daily Roman Missal: Sunday and Weekday Masses for Proper of Seasons, Proper of Saints, Common Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead: Complete with Readings in One Volume, Including Devotions and Prayers**, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Huntington, Ind.: Our Sunday Visitor, 2003). *Contains the current sacramentary and lectionary for all Sundays, holy days, and weekdays.* On order.

Catholic Church. **New Latin-English Sunday Missal** (Cambridge, Cambridgeshire: Association for Latin Liturgy, 1982) **JFC 92-3662**. **b2696783**

Catholic Church. **The Roman Catholic Daily Missal, 1962** (Kansas City, MO: Angelus Press, 2004) **JFC 07-365**. *This is the text of the Roman Missal immediately before Vatican II; it is this edition which is now authorized by the Vatican for the celebration of the post-Tridentine Mass.* **b8543044**

Catholic Church. **Sacramentary** (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1985) **JFF 87-561**. *Contains the text of the liturgy (including collects [prayers], Eucharistic prayers and prefaces, and certain chants) for the current celebration of the Mass with an appendix of major texts in Latin.* **b2132146**

Catholic Church. **Lectionary for Mass** (New York: Catholic Book Pub. Co., 1970) **JXF 87-26**. *Contains the text of Scripture readings for the Mass as well as the intervening chants.* **b2127269**

Catholic Church. **Lectionary for Mass**, 2<sup>nd</sup> typical ed. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1998- ), 4 vols. *This is the revised edition of the above volume and contains the text of Scripture readings for all Sundays, holy days, and weekdays as well as the intervening chants.* On order.

Catholic Church. **New St. Joseph Sunday Missal: The Complete Masses for Sundays, Holydays, and the Easter Triduum** (Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Pub. Co., 1999) **JFC 03-2202**. *Contains the current sacramentary and lectionary for all Sunday and holyday Masses; valuable for its commentaries and explanations by the Rev. John C. Kersten.* **b7508502**



Catholic Church. **New Saint Joseph Weekday Missal** (Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Pub. Co., 2002), 2 vols. *Contains the current sacramentary and lectionary for weekday Masses.* On Order.

**The Book of Divine Worship: Being Elements of the Book of Common Prayer Revised and Adapted According to the Roman Rite for Use by Roman Catholics Coming from the Anglican Tradition** (Mt. Pocono, PA Newman House Press, 2003) **JFE 04-8487**. *A missal incorporating elements of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer as revised in accordance with the theology and practice of the Roman Missal.* **b7628316**

In researching the liturgies and worship of other Christian churches, please employ a keyword search in CATNYP linking the church with the appropriate subject, as seen in the following examples.

Episcopal Church and Liturgy

Lutheran Church and Prayer Books

Episcopal Church and Prayer Books

Lutheran Church and Prayers and Devotions

It is recommended that all three subjects be used in separate searches and linked with the appropriate church.

### **Religious Statistics**

**Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches**, (Nashville: Abingdon, annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. BR513 .Y4**.) *For statistics pertaining to the United States and Canada.* **b1115709**

**World Christian Encyclopedia**, edited by David B. Barrett, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), **\*R-RMRR BR157 .W67**. *Information on the number of religious adherents internationally or by country.* **b5147910**

**The World Almanac and Book of Facts** (New York, World Almanac, annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. AY67 .N5 W7**.) *This is also available in print in other divisions and also electronically.* **b3072726**

**The Statesman's Yearbook** ( London: MacMillan Press Ltd., annual; latest edition available under **Pub. Cat. JA51 .S7**.) *Information on religious affiliations by state.* **b2514339**

**Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States** (New York: Worldmark Press, triennial; latest edition available under **\*R-RMRR E156 .W67**.) *Information on religious affiliations by state within the United States.* **b3459638**

## Where to Go for More Help

To supplement the materials recommended in this research guide, consult the librarians in the appropriate divisions. They will be pleased to suggest various research strategies and resources suitable for your needs.

### **General Research Division, Humanities and Social Sciences Library**

Located in Room 315, the reference desk is staffed during the hours that the Library is open.

E-mail Reference Service is available at [grdref@nypl.org](mailto:grdref@nypl.org)

### **Dorot Jewish Division, Humanities and Social Sciences Library**

Located in Room 84, the staff of the Dorot Jewish Division is available to assist you with your research in all aspects of Judaica Studies. Limited Telephone Reference Service is available at (212) 930-0601. E-mail Reference Service is available at [freidus@nypl.org](mailto:freidus@nypl.org)

### **Asian and Middle Eastern Division, Humanities and Social Sciences Library**

Located in Room 219, the staff of the Asian and Middle Eastern Division can assist you with your research on Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Bahai, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, and the other religious traditions of the East. Limited Telephone Reference Service is available at (212) 930-0716. E-mail Reference Service is available at [asiaref@nypl.org](mailto:asiaref@nypl.org)

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