



World Religions

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the various religions of the world.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- Religions of the World
www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/cultural/religion/
Minnesota State University's Emuseum provides an introduction to the major world religions.

Key Resources at a Glance:

- Virtual Religion Index
virtualreligion.net/vri/
An excellent portal for locating religious studies resources.
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.
www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/Internet/front.htm
Comprehensive guide to online resources
- ReligiousTolerance.org
www.religioustolerance.org/var_rel.htm
Provides thorough profiles of 53 belief systems.

Reference Background

- *Encyclopedia of World Religions* (1998)
- *Oxford Concise Dictionary of World Religions*, edited by John Bowker, (2000)
- Internet History Sourcebooks Project
www.fordham.edu/halsall

Resources

Books

- *The World's Religions: Our Great Wisdom Traditions*, by Huston Smith. (1991)
- *The many faces of faith: a guide to world religions and Christian traditions*, by Richard R. Losch.

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- World religions
- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hindu
- Islam
- Jainism
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- Taoism
- New Age

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Religions
- [name of religion]

Call Number

- 200's (Dewey Decimal)
- BL-BR (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Journals

- Religious Studies Electronic Journals
www.ucalgary.ca/~lipton/journals.html
- *Time. Special Edition: World Religions*. Issue 1, 2004.

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library
www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html
- Resources for the Study of Buddhism
<http://online.sfsu.edu/~rone/Buddhism/Buddhism.htm>
- The Hindu Universe
www.hindunet.org
- The Internet Sacred Text Archive
www.sacred-texts.com/index.htm
- The Islam Page
www.islamworld.net
- Jainism: Jain Principles, Tradition, and Practices
www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainhlinks.html
- Jewish Virtual Library
www.us-israel.org/index.html
- Judaism and Jewish Resources
www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html
- Gateway to Sikhism
allaboutsikhs.com/home.php
- Taoism Information Page
www.clas.ufl.edu/users/gthursby/taoism
- Zoroastrianism Page
coulomb.ecn.purdue.edu/~bulsara/ZOROASTRIAN/zoroastrian.html

Multimedia Resources

- Religions of the World, Schlessinger Media, 1999.

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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