

# Religious Studies

Important resources for the study of religion at the University of Michigan

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| Getting Started                           |
| Reference Sources                         |
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| Islamic Studies                           |

## Scholarly societies & research initiatives

- [American Academy of Religion](#)  
Learned society and professional association of teachers and research scholars in the field of religion
- [Society of Biblical Literature](#)  
Kargest international association of scholars who teach and research the variety of fields that make up biblical studies. SBL is an interdisciplinary, humanistic, academic society that includes scholars of history, literature, archaeology, anthropology, theology, and more.
- [International Qur'anic Studies Association \(IQSA\)](#)  
Learned society dedicated to the study of the Qur'an. We hold conferences around the world and publish cutting-edge research and scholarship.
- [Coptic SCRIPTORIUM](#)  
Platform for interdisciplinary and computational research in texts in the Coptic language, particularly the Sahidic dialect.
- [Enoch Seminar Online](#)  
Online resources related to the study of Second Temple Judaism and Christian, Rabbinic and Islamic origins, from the Enoch Seminar
- [Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion \(MAVCOR\)](#)  
Initiative focused on "the study of the religious lives of things." Site presents numerous resources including Material Objects Archive, Conversations, Courses and Syllabi, and links to other projects, events, museums and research centers.
- [ISLAMiCommentary \(archived\)](#)  
"A public scholarship forum, managed out of the The Duke Islamic Studies Center that aims to inform public discourse and policy on Islam and Muslim communities from a variety of perspectives." Includes both original and aggregated content from a variety of sources. A component of the Transcultural Islam Project. (Note that both projects ceased production on June 30, 2016, with the end of the grant)
- [The Jubilees Palimpsest Project](#)  
Pioneering the Recovery of Illegible Text from Ancient Manuscripts Through New Tools in Digital Archaeology
- [Websites on Religion \(ATLA\)](#)  
"The Atla Websites on Religion LibGuide is a growing, selective, annotated collection of web resources for the study of religion."
- [PRISM - Program in the study of mysticism \(Tampere University\)](#)  
"Research into transcendence, union, and transformation of consciousness. The five-year strategy (2025 – 2029) seeks to re-place mysticism in the study of religions by (i) generating new information about mysticism, (ii) galvanizing scholarly expertise in the field, and (iii) stimulating popular interest. The program works toward these objectives by awarding grants to leading researchers and teams worldwide, as well as by way of competitive project grant-makingas well as a program core to form an integrated program that amounts to more than a cluster of projects. This core will involve conceptualizing to theorize mysticism, convening scholarly expertise on common platforms, and communicating widely to attract further scholarly and public interest."

## Online magazines, commentary, and podcasts on the study of religion

- [The Immanent Frame : Secularism, religion and the public sphere](#)  
"The Immanent Frame (TIF) publishes interdisciplinary perspectives on secularism, religion, and the public sphere. Featuring invited contributions and original essays, TIF serves as a forum for ongoing exchanges among leading thinkers from the social sciences and humanities."
- [Religion Dispatches](#)  
The latest from this online magazine covering critical and timely issues at the intersection of religion, politics, and culture. As of June 2018, a vertical of Rewire.News
- [Religion Dispatches Archive \(2008-2018\)](#)  
Archive for this online magazine covering critical and timely issues at the intersection of religion, politics and culture.
- [The Religious Studies Project](#)  
The Religious Studies Project (RSP) is an international collaborative enterprise producing weekly podcasts with leading scholars on the social-scientific study of religion.
- [New Books Network | Religion & Faith](#)  
Discussions with scholars of religion about their work, and particularly their new books.

## Assorted selection of online guides & portals for religious studies

- [African Traditional Religions: Ifa](#)  
"This Ifa textbook was created by Dr. Will Coleman, Associate Professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center, with assistance from Brad Ost, Head of Reference Services and Theological Librarian at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library. Funding for this project was provided through a generous grant from Atla, Collectors and Connectors in Religion & Theology." An open educational resource (OER)
- [Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library](#)  
This site keeps track of leading information facilities in the fields of Buddhism and Buddhist studies.
- [Hell-On-Line \(Eileen Gardiner\)](#)  
"HELL-ON-LINE is developing as a comprehensive on-line collection of over 100 visions, tours and descriptions of the infernal otherworld from the cultures of the world: principally from the Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Zoroastrian, Islamic and Jewish traditions from 2000 BCE to the present."
- [Mahavidya](#)  
Academic resources for teaching and learning about Hinduism
- [Religious Studies Web Guide](#)  
"This web site, in existence since 1995, focuses on free (open-access) internet resources ( bibliographies/indexes, library and archive catalogues, dictionaries/encyclopedias, e-texts and journals) supporting the academic study of religion. It is compiled by Cheryl Adams, Library of Congress and Sandra Lipton, University of Calgary Library."
- [Syriac Orthodox Resources](#)  
Overview of church history and practice with bibliography.
- [Virtual Religion Index](#)  
This site analyzes & highlights important content of religion-related websites to speed research. Links are provided not only to homepages but to major directories & documents within.
- [Internet Sacred Text Archive](#)  
"This site is a freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics. Texts are presented in English translation and, where possible, in the original language."
- [YodAlpha: A Search Engine Dedicated to Religious Theological and Biblical Studies](#)  
"YodAlpha is designed to give users easy access to open scholarly literature in religious and biblical studies, sourced from numerous academic journals, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Our index contains tens of thousands of links to articles, theses, dissertations, book reviews, and presentations."

For a wide range of additional open online resources, see the ATLA Websites on Religion research guide

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