



## Research Guide: Philosophy and Religion

This research guide is a bibliography listing some of the many reference sources for Philosophy and Religion available at FLITE. These materials are designed to give students and researchers a starting point for a particular topic and will usually point the way toward other, more in-depth sources relating to that topic.

### General Sources

**A Concise Encyclopedia of Buddhism:** The \*Encyclopedia\* is a terse, one-volume work which provides comprehensive information on Buddhist doctrines, practices, figures, literature, and mythological motifs. Numerous 'see' references help guide the reader to related entries; additionally, the work is augmented with a plethora of illustrations throughout the text. The resource includes a list of abbreviations, a pronunciation guide, a chronology, a thematic bibliography, and a thematic index.

**Located in Reference: BQ 128 .P69 2000**

**A Concise Encyclopedia of Hinduism:** An introduction to the religion of Hinduism, this resource provides the reader with capsule analyses of virtually any and all topics related to the many aspects and expressions of one of the preeminent Eastern religions. Technical terms employed are taken from the original Sanskrit (including diacritics and hints at pronunciation), while the aim of the work is to achieve a balance "... between people and places, scriptures and philosophical systems, art and architecture, mythology and history." An added feature of the work is a chronology beginning with the earliest Vedic hymns; additionally, appendices, a thematic bibliography, and a thematic index are provided.

**Located in Reference: BL1105 .K56 1998**

**The Dictionary of Seventeenth-Century British Philosophers [2 vols]:** This two-volume specialized *Dictionary* furnishes biographical, bibliographical, and critical data on roughly 400 British philosophers flourishing primarily in the seventeenth century. Entries are for the most part concise, and include at their conclusion bibliographical sources for further reading. Major and minor philosophical figures are examined, as are in some instances theologians, scientists, mathematicians, and poets.

**Located in Reference: B 1131 .D537 2000**

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics [13 vols.]:** Although over forty years old, this thirteen-volume work remains a cornerstone in the field. The scope of this monumental and scholarly resource is virtually exhaustive, and purports to "... contain articles on all the Religions of the world and on all the great systems of Ethics ... [and contains] articles on every religious belief or custom, and on every ethical movement, every philosophical idea, [and] every moral practice. Readers and reviewers submit errata; as a result, subsequent volumes incorporate corrections influenced by the expertise of countless specialists and scholars worldwide.

**Located in Reference: BL 31 .E4 1961a**

**Encyclopedia of Ancient Deities:** The *Encyclopedia* is an invaluable beginning resource for examining ancient deities, rituals, and mythologies. The work includes over 10,000 entries, and contains headings for "... spirits, places, festivals, sacred objects, heroes, monsters, demigods and mythical beasts." One of the more comprehensive resources of its kind on the subject, the work provides a bibliography and an extensive index.

**Located in Reference: BL 782 .C67 2000**

**Encyclopedia of Occultism & Parapsychology [2 vols]:** A two-volume compendium of information on "... the occult sciences, magic, demonology, superstitions, spiritism, mysticism, metaphysics, psychical science, and parapsychology." Alphabetical entries include boldface cross-

references which signify more in-depth treatment for those keywords elsewhere in the work. Bibliographical sources are included at the conclusion of entries; additionally, the work includes biographical and bibliographical notes and indexes.

**Located in Reference: BF 1407 .E52 1996**

**Encyclopedia of Religion:** The fifteen-volume *Encyclopedia of Religion* includes essays from a significant number of contributors (spanning some fifty-odd pages) who represent a number of doctrines, faiths, practices, traditions, and dogmas. Virtually every world religion and denomination is given ample treatment by a noted scholar, with a number of these renowned in their respective fields. An interesting feature of the work is the inclusion of fourteen visual essays that provide various liturgical objects of worship and other iconic aspects pertinent to the visual culture of religions; the final volume (v. 15) includes an Appendix, a Synoptic Outline of Contents, and a lengthy and protracted Index.

**Located in Reference: BL 31 .E46 2005**

**The Koran With a Parallel Arabic Text [2 vols]:** Translated from the Classical Arabic, this edition of the *Koran* has the benefit of a parallel text, with the Arabic text furnished in calligraphic style. Chapters and verses are clearly marked for the text of the contemporary English translation, and footnotes are provided for explanation where necessary. The edition includes a comprehensive index.

**Located in Reference: BP 109 .D38 1990**

**The Oxford Companion to Philosophy:** An excellent single-volume resource on the various doctrines, schools, theories, and traditions of philosophy. The *Companion* treats epistemology, metaphysics, moral philosophy, logic, aesthetics, and the philosophy of mind extensively; additionally, contemporary philosophers (American and British constituting the largest groups) are examined, as are subordinate topics which do not address primarily the essays devoted to the individual philosophers. Logical symbols, maps of philosophy, a chronological table of philosophy, sources of illustrations, and an Index as well as a List of Entries are included.

**Located in Reference: B 51 .O94 1995**

**The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion:** The *Dictionary* is a one-volume, scholarly resource on the Jewish religion, encompassing the beliefs, attitudes, and various practices of Judaistic faith and theology. Codes of conduct, prayer, and aspects of meditation are included, as are 'cultural specificities' pertaining to the term 'religion' as it applies to Judaism. Concise treatment of entries (listed in alphabetical order) as well as numerous cross-references are included, and 'see' references are provided within and at the conclusion of each of the entries.

**Located in Reference: BM 50 .O94 1997**

**The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions:** The one-volume *Dictionary* contains brief entries for topics pertaining to religion and religious figures from virtually every religion known to humankind. Where possible, etymologies are furnished immediately succeeding the boldface entries, and cross-references (indicated by asterisks) as well as 'see headings' are provided. A topic index and an index of Chinese headwords are furnished; additionally, an essay outlining the meaning of religion is included.

**Located in Reference: BL 31 .O9 1997**

**Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy:** *Routledge* provides an excellent general introduction to the key doctrines, schools, and theories of roughly 1,300 philosophers. Boldface subdivisions for each of the major headings are provided within the ten-volume set, and several of the entries furnish a List of Works where possible. References for further reading are given at the conclusion of major entries; additionally, the final volume is devoted to an extensive Index, numbering some 450 pages.

**Located in Reference: B 51 .R68 1998**

## Internet Resources

For Internet Sources on Philosophy and Religion see  
<http://www.ferris.edu/library/Subject/philosophy.html>