BIOGRAPHICAL TOOLS
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Index to biographical material published in books and periodicals. Obituaries of national and international interest published in New York Times.

See annotation on Religious Dictionaries and Encyclopedias handout.

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Contains many sketches of 20th century religious leaders. See annotation on Religious Dictionaries and Encyclopedias handout.

Short paragraphs with basic information on living notables from over 150 countries.

Scholarly dictionary of English biography containing 50,113 substantial signed articles by 10,000 contributors on people “of the British Isles and their connections overseas” who died before Dec. 31, 2000. “It covers people who were born and lived in the British Isles, people from the British Isles who achieved recognition in other countries, people who lived in territories formerly connected to the British Isles at a time when they were in contact with British rule, and people born elsewhere who settled in the British Isles for significant periods or whose visits enabled them to leave a mark on British life.” “It incorporates in rewritten or revised form all 38,607 lives contained in the Dictionary of National Biography, published between 1885 and 1900 and its supplements, published between 1901 and 1996” with the addition of 13,500 new lives. Volume 61 is an index of contributors listing their articles.

A biennial publication. Short articles containing basic information on famous living Americans.

Scholarly dictionary of American biography. Includes no living persons. The supplements bring the closing date to 1980. A comprehensive index to the 10v set and the ten supplements was published in 1996. It contains a list of people who are subjects of articles, a list of contributors & articles they wrote, and an index of all the topics of importance discussed substantively. It also contains indexes of birthplaces, schools & colleges, and occupations of the subjects of the biographies.


R.R.922/M528. Melton, J. Gordon. *Religious Leaders of America*. 2nd ed. Detroit: Gale Research, 1999. Contains “biographical profiles on more than 1,200 American and Canadian religious figures whose impact on the religious community has occurred since 1865.” Includes a number of living figures and gives special attention to women, African Americans, American Indians, and leaders from a wide range of religious groups. Includes an index of biographees according to religious tradition and a master name and keyword index.


R.R.922/B632. Lewis, Donald M. *The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography, 1730-1860*. 2v. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1995. Contains about 3,570 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 344 contributors on "figures of historical, literary or religious significance who flourished at any time between 1730 and 1860 and were associated with the evangelical movement in the English-speaking world.” Although it includes well-known figures, they are not treated as exhaustively as the neglected or minor ones. The index in vol. 2 is arranged by country and subarranged by denomination.

R.R.922/B615e. Larsen, Timothy, ed. *Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2003. Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) on 405 “figures that would be of interest to scholars, ministers, ordinands, students, and others interested in the history of evangelicalism” by 204 contributors. “The scope is the English-speaking world.” Includes those who were a part of the pre-history of evangelicalism, including many Reformers and Puritans, who influenced the evangelical community. The earliest subject is John Wyclif (d. 1384). Since 1935 was established as the latest birth year, includes several living figures. Indexes of names and subjects in the back.
R.R.922/W628h. Hinnells, John R. Who's Who of World Religions? New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992. Contains signed biographies of all types of religious figures (living & dead) by 68 scholars. More well-known figures tend to be treated less exhaustively than those difficult to find information about. Each biographee is classified under one of 26 subject areas and the bibliographic references in the articles are keyed to the extensive bibliography which is sub-arranged under the same 26 headings.


R.R.925/W628. John Templeton Foundation. Who's Who in Theology and Science? Framingham, MA: Winthrop Publishing, 1992. Brief biographical information on just under 1,000 people from the U.S. and 41 other countries currently active in the dialogue between science and theology. Divided into four directories: A. Sketches of individuals actively publishing in the field with a list of some of their relevant publications, B. Sketches of individuals with an active interest in the field, C. Directory of organizations, and D. List of significant journals in the field. Contains alphabetical, geographical, and subject indexes and indexes of organizations and journals.


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