PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

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Periodical Indexes are shelved in the cabinets at the back of the library classroom.

INDEX. 016.5/P822 Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1907. Provides subject indexing to about 300 19th century periodicals.

INDEX. 016.05/P822. Index. Wall. Cumulative Author Index for Poole's Index to Periodical Literature. 1802-1906.

INDEX 016.2/C555. Christian Periodical Index, 1956- Provides subject, author (beginning with 1991), and book review indexing to about 112 conservative and/or Evangelical periodicals. Published two times a year with annual cumulation. Beginning with v. 28 published in 2 vols.: vol. I: Authors & Reviews; vol. II: Subjects. Indexing of material from 1982 (and some earlier) to present and retrospective indexing for some volumes not indexed in the print version are available online through EBSCOhost. Consult EBSCO handout for searching instructions for online version.

Religious and Theological Abstracts, 1958- This online database is available at: www.rtabstracts.org. Access through the HST website. Click on “Library,” “Find Articles,” and “Access RTA.”

This online version of Religious and Theological Abstracts contains all the abstracts submitted since it began in 1958. It is updated quarterly. In 2008 articles from about 510 periodicals or annuals were included; approximately 35% of these are not indexed in the ATLA Religion database. Although many foreign language publications are included, all abstracts are in English. Abstracts in the print version were arranged under general topics under the following major headings: biblical, theological, historical, and practical. Since specific subject headings were not applied to the articles, searches are keyword searches of article titles and the abstracts. In some cases this limits searches for articles about individuals if the person’s full name is not in the article title or abstract or if the name is followed by an apostrophe in the title or abstract.

Advanced search allows searches by author, title, date, periodical, and exact phrase (equivalent to enclosing a phrase in quotation marks in simple search). Under author search, enter author with last name first & first name last (do not include these in quotation marks). Under title search, if searching by the “exact start of title,” include the initial article in the title. Searches from the simple search box and from the “with all the words” field in advanced search are executed in the same way. Terms are connected with an understood “and” and searches will retrieve records containing entries with all the words. The Scripture search is not reliable from either search screen. It is best to search for Scripture in the “with the exact phrase” field from the Advanced Search screen. It will probably take 3 searches from this field to find material on the text in question. To see the abstract click on the entry in the results list.

1. Enter the Scripture without abbreviation, e.g., Genesis 3:16. Usually the books of the Bible are abbreviated in the abstracts and if the Scripture is not mentioned in the article title or if the title is in a foreign language, the Scripture search without abbreviation will miss many articles.
2. To locate articles abstracted after 1978 enter a search to retrieve all articles in which the text is mentioned in the abstract by entering the text with the book of the Bible abbreviated without the period (e.g., Gen 3:16). The practice of abbreviating without the period began in 1979. The books of the Bible are abbreviated according to *The SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd ed. (124-25): Gen, Exod, Lev, Num, Deut, Josh, Judg, Ruth, 1-2 Sam, 1-2 Chr (or sometimes 1-2 Chron), Ezra, Neh, Esth, Job, Ps, Prov, Eccl, Cant (Song of Songs), Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezek, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Obad, Jonah, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zech, Mal, Matt, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Rom, 1-2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1-2 Thess, 1-2 Tim, Titus, Phlm, Heb, Jas, 1-2 Pet, 1-3 John, Jude, Rev.

3. To locate articles abstracted before 1979 enter search with books of the Bible abbreviated (according to the list in #2) with the period included (e.g., Gen. 3:16).

Contains English abstracts of articles from about 385 English and foreign language journals and abstracts of about 750 books a year. Articles and books in separate sections under the following general headings: New Testament: General, Gospel-Acts, Epistles-Revelation, Biblical Theology, N.T. World, including archaeology, Dead Sea Scrolls, Jewish backgrounds, Greco-Roman backgrounds, early church, and Gnosticism. Published three times a year. Before 1983 journals indexed were listed in the back of each issue; beginning with 1983 they are listed in the front of the first issue of each volume. Issue three contains cumulative Scripture, author, and book notices indexes. The advantage of using the print volumes is the Scripture index in the back of each volume. Vol. 1-13 contained a "biographical notes" section on N.T. scholars. A cumulative Scripture and author index was published for vol. 1-15 (1956-71). Indexing of material from 1985 to within the last 2 years is available online through EBSCOhost. Consult EBSCO handout for searching instructions for online version.

INDEX.016.221/O44. *Old Testament Abstracts*. 1978-
Contains English abstracts of articles from about 335 English and foreign language journals and abstracts of about 300 books a year. Indexes not only material on Scripture and O.T. theology, but also on the Ancient Near East, archaeology, epigraphy, philology, history, geography, intertestamental literature & Apocrypha, including the Dead Sea Scrolls. Began abstracting articles from Festschriften and collected essays with v. 15 #2 (June 1992). Published three times a year. Journals indexed are listed in back of each issue. Cumulative author, Scripture, and Semitic words indexes in back of third issue. Indexing of material from 1978 to within the last 2 years is available online through EBSCOhost. Consult EBSCO handout for searching instructions for online version.

Indexes over 1,500 English and foreign language journals and proceedings. Contains brief definitions of about 15,000 subjects and reference to standard theological encyclopedias and dictionaries for many of the entries. The author index, which the Library has on microfiche, was published under the title *Periodical Articles on Religion, 1890-1899*, Author Index.

INDEX.016.282/C363. *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*. 1967-
Reviews." Vol. 44 (2009) was the last print volume published. Indexing of material from 1981 to present is available online through EBSCOhost. Consult EBSCO handout for searching instructions for online version.

INDEX.016.2009/A938. Australasian Religion Index. 1989-
Provides author, subject, Scripture, and book review indexing to 75 religious and theological journals published in Australia and New Zealand. Published with semiannual issue and annual cumulation. Among the periodicals indexed not included in the ATLA Religion Database are the Australasian Catholic Record, Buried History, Journal of Religious Education, New Testament Textual Research Update, Prudentia, Reo: A Journal of Theology and Ministry, Sophia (after 1990), and Vox Reformata. Vol. 18 (2008) was the last print volume published. All indexing from 1989 to present is available online at http://www.anztla.org/AriLogin.aspx. Cannot search by chapter and verse. Search Scripture by entering book of the Bible in the subject field; scan the results list. Longer books of the Bible have ranges of chapters as the subject heading (e.g., Bible (OT) – Genesis 25-36). Locate the range your chapter is included in by looking at the records’ full entries. Open one of the records and click on the subject heading with the range including your chapter to retrieve articles (the original record will not appear in the list) on chapters and verses in that range. Enter books of the Bible with more than one book as follows: Corinthians I, Corinthians II, except for the epistles of John, which are entered Epistle of John I, Epistle of John II, and Epistle of John III.


INDEX.016.296/138. Index to Jewish Periodicals. 1963-
Provides subject, author, and book review indexing to about 100 English language Jewish periodicals. Author and subject arranged in one alphabet. Articles on biblical texts are arranged alphabetically by book of the Bible under the subject heading “Bible.” Before 1988 book reviews were listed under the author's name. Since 1988 book reviews are listed under subject heading "Book Review." Vol. 1-24 (1963-86) published semiannually without annual cumulations. All indexing from 1988 to present is available online through EBSCOhost. Consult EBSCO handout for searching instructions for online version.

Contains a long list of abbreviations for journals, periodicals, major reference works, and series.


Contains an extensive list of abbreviations for periodicals, series and reference works in theology and related fields. Arranged in two major alphabetical sections: abbreviations with title of work and titles (with bibliographical information) and their abbreviations. Several European publications refer readers to this list rather than providing their own list of abbreviations.
Some periodicals have their own cumulative indexes and these prove valuable for older journals (e.g., Church History Index [1889-1961] Bibliotheca Sacra [1934-1970] and Princeton Seminary Bulletin [1907-1962]). Consult the periodical’s record in the online catalog to ascertain if a cumulative index has been done.

**UNION LISTS**

MICROFICHE. Memphis Area List of Serials, 1986 ed. 
Listing of journal holdings of libraries in Memphis Area. (Located in microforms area)

MICROFICHE. Tennessee Union List of Serials. 1992 ed. 
Listing of journal holdings of 77 Tennessee libraries. (Located in microforms area)

**HOW TO FIND A JOURNAL YOU HAVE LOCATED IN THE INDEXES:**
1. Consult online catalog for the call number. Bound journals are shelved by their Dewey Decimal number. Journals on microfilm and microfiche are stored alphabetically in filing cabinets in the microforms area.

2. Inquire at front desk for titles not yet bound.

3. If HST does not hold the journal, check the Memphis Area List of Serials for other libraries' holdings.

4. For those libraries not in Memphis check WorldCat.