

RELIGIOUS DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

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R.R.230.003/E56b. Bowden, John, ed. *Encyclopedia of Christianity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 200 authors. The articles are primarily for those wanting a general orientation to Christianity. Includes thirty-three gateway articles with articles to which they are a gateway listed immediately under their titles. Includes cross references in the outside margins to other articles and to more than 400 prominent figures profiled in the “Who’s Who” on pages 1261-1318. Contains a number of black & white illustrations and 21 color plates. Includes glossary and index in the back.

*R.R.230.003/E56. Fahlbusch, Erwin, et al. *Encyclopedia of Christianity*. 5v. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999-2008.

Based on the 3rd rev. ed. of the *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon* (1986-97). Expanded some articles, added others, and tailored others to an English readership. Contains signed articles on almost any topic related to Christianity (e.g., doctrines, branches of study, theologians & other key figures, Christian groups, traditions & movements, ecumenical bodies, key biblical figures, books of the Bible, academic disciplines, church practices, church titles & officeholders, documents & practices of specific Christian traditions, non-church organizations, philosophical issues & schools, worldwide concerns, relations between Christianity and other major religions & philosophies, and the transmission and use of the books of the Bible). Includes articles for each continent and over 170 countries containing the latest statistical information on religious affiliation and ecclesiastical breakdown of each and latest U.N. statistics on nonreligious data. A number of articles discuss Christian theology in various regional expressions (e.g., African, Asian, etc). Some articles are lengthy and written in sections by different scholars. Contains numerous cross-references and bibliographies.

R.R.230.003/C178. Patte, Daniel, ed. *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Contains more than 3,500 signed entries by 828 scholars on the history of Christianity in the world, on each continent, & and in each nation; Christian beliefs & practices of all major Christian traditions; different understandings of Christian beliefs & practices in different historical, cultural, religious, denominational, & secular contexts; methodology & the different approaches used in the study of Christianity; and the relationship and interaction of Christianity with other religious traditions of the world. Also includes “clusters of entries on beliefs and practices, each examining the understanding of a given Christian belief or practice in different historical and contemporary contexts.” Bibliographies for articles are provided on a website: <http://discoverarchive.vanderbilt.edu/handle/1803/3906>.

R.R.270.03/E56. Kurian, George Thomas, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*. 4v. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Contains 1,402 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 368 contributors. The set purports to be “a panoptic and magisterial survey of the cultural complex and civilization created by the Christian church over the past 2000 years.” The articles fall into seven categories and are listed by these categories in volume one (viii-xxxv): core articles that define a field and include commentary, historical background & comprehensive reviews of literature; chronological history articles that survey the expansion of Christianity century by century; global, regional, & territorial articles that cover the ethnic, national &

regional peculiarities of Christianity; articles on denominational and confessional Christianity; biographical articles (constitute about 1/3 of the articles); interpretative essays on key issues, events, places, concepts & ideas that have driven Christianity over the centuries; and breakout entries that "are carried forward from the core entries" and explore in greater detail some facet of the topic or concept. Volume 4 contains 11 appendices: Chronology of Christian music, English Versions of the Bible, Chronology of the electronic church, World Council of Churches membership, Popes of the Roman Catholic Church, Feast days of saints and other notables of the church, liturgical books, Major creeds of the Christian church, Comparative denominational chart, and Historical statistics of the Christian church. Also in volume 4 are a bibliography (2615-19), index of entries by author, and general index. Includes cross-references, illustrations, and maps.

R.R.203/J138. *New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. 13v. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1951-57.

A condensed and modified translation of the 3rd ed. of the *Realencyklopedie für protestantische Theologie und Kirche* (1896-1913). The subtitle indicates that it covers "biblical, historical, doctrinal, and practical theology and biblical, theological, and ecclesiastical biography from the earliest times to the present day." Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 600 scholars. Its strength is in area of church history. Contains hundreds of sketches of persons living at the time of publication. Vol. 13 contains person/subject index to set and a bibliographical appendix which updates bibliographies down to April 1, 1914. In 1955 a 2 vol. *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* was published to update articles in the original set and to add new articles in light of the most recent scholarship, particularly in area of church history. A number of biographies of living people were included. Full text available on the Internet at <http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/encyc/home.html>

R.R.203/J138/1991. Douglas, J. D. *New 20th Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991.

Follows the scope of the *New Schaff-Herzog* and the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. Contains about 2,100 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 366 scholars. Repeated some of the articles in the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia*, and revised others and updated bibliographies. "There are many new articles on contemporary issues." It "is strong in theology, biblical studies, church history, and comparative religions." It is "more consistently and intentionally evangelical" than its predecessors.

R.R.203/H279. Hastings, James. *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*. 13v. New York: C. Scribner's Sons, 1908-28.

Contains long signed articles (with bibliographies) "on all the religions of the world and on all the great systems of ethics." Includes articles "on every religious belief or custom, every ethical movement, every philosophical idea, and every moral practice," and on famous persons and places in these areas. Contains numerous comparative articles reflecting the teachings of different religions on a topic with each section written by a different scholar. Vol. 13 contains a general index and indexes to foreign words, Scriptures, and authors of articles.

*R.R.200.3/E56/2005. Jones, Lindsay, ed. *Encyclopedia of Religion*. 2nd ed. 15v. Detroit: Macmillan, 2005.

Contains over 3,300 signed articles (with bibliographies) by more than 2,000 contributors. Treats the religious traditions & communities of the world; core concepts, terms, theories, methods & controversies; men & women who have affected the course of religion, basic concepts, symbols, rituals, ideas & objects; and relationship of religion to other facets of human civilization. This edition contains nearly 600 new

articles on topics not in 1st edition and about 300 new articles that replace those in the earlier edition. Retained about 50 articles from the 1st edition with a new article contributed on the same subject. Retained about 1,800 of the original articles with few changes. These are identified with date 1987 after the author's name. If revised, both 1987 & 2005 follow author's name. Many of these 1,800 had bibliographies supplemented with new sources and are designated "revised bibliography." Vol. 15 contains an index, synoptic outline of contents, and 21 articles not submitted in time to be included in the proper sequence in the set.

*R.R.200.3/M596. Stuckrad, Kocku von, ed. *The Brill Dictionary of Religion*. 4v. Leiden: Brill, 2006. A revised ed. of the *Metzler Lexikon Religion* published 1999-2002. The editor removed "the focus on Europe and on Germany in particular," dropped some entries, and added others. Contains over 500 signed articles with bibliographies, cross references, maps, and black & white illustrations. Includes color plates in the back of each volume. The articles are organized under the following six thematic fields: the human being; the individual & the group; environment, society, & culture; elements of religious systems; history of religions; and geography & territoriality of religion. Also includes entries on critical terms for the study of religion. The articles within the thematic fields explain the basic elements of religion, present overviews of important religious & philosophical traditions, discuss themes of public interest in contemporary societies, treat important representatives of religious traditions & influential figures in the study of religion, discuss religion in cultural and anthropo-geographical units, provide overviews of historical periods, and give brief information on certain historical phenomena and terms. Vol. 4 contains and index.

*R.R.203/R382/2007. Betz, Hans Dieter, Don S. Browning, Bernd Janowski, and Eberhard Jüngel, eds. *Religion Past & Present: Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion*. 14v. Leiden: Brill, 2007-13. An English translation and adaptation of the 4th ed. of *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. Contains over 15,000 signed entries (with bibliographies) by over 3,000 authors with coverage of "not only all the major theological disciplines . . . but also allied fields such as history, philosophy, sociology, psychology, science, law and economics." "Lightly" edited some of the articles in the original and added a small number of new articles. The editors also tried to provide information about existing English editions of German works cited in the bibliographies. Contains cross-references. Abbreviation lists in front of each volume. Vol. 14 is an index.

R.R.203/E57. Meagher, Paul Kevin, Thomas C. O'Brien, and Consuelo Maria Aherne. *Encyclopedic Dictionary of Religion*. 3v. Washington: Corpus Publications, 1979. Contains 20,000 signed articles with bibliographies. Primarily concerned with the Roman Catholic religion, but also provides a broad range of information about the Eastern Churches, Protestantism, Judaism, and non-Christian religions. Covers most topics relating to religion and includes articles on important persons.

R.R.200.3/H295. Smith, Jonathan Z. *HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*. San Francisco: Harper-SanFrancisco, 1995. Contains more than 3,200 articles (without bibliographies) prepared by an international team of 327 scholars. A topic is discussed because it represents a significant religious tradition or is essential for the understanding of a significant religious tradition, it is representative of a wider set of religious phenomena or of issues recurrent in the study of religion, or it is a term that occurs in public discourse about religion. Major articles cover religions of antiquity, Buddhism, Chinese Religion, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Japanese Religion, Judaism, New Religions, the study of religion, and religions of traditional peoples. Contains cross-references.

R.R.200.3/I61. Ospín, Orlando O., and James B. Nickoloff, eds. *An Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2007.

Contains introductory signed articles by 65 scholars. It "intends to provide basic definitions and background information on concepts, persons, objects, and events that seem to be important or useful for the academic study of the world's major religions." See also references follow most articles.

R.R.291.23/E56. Collins, John J., Bernard McGinn, and Stephen J. Stein, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Apocalypticism*. 3v. New York: Continuum, 1998.

Contains 43 comprehensive signed essays (with bibliographies) that "offer original syntheses of scholarship on critical themes, periods, and issues in the history of Western apocalypticism" in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Vol. 1: The Origins of Apocalypticism in Judaism and Christianity. Vol. 2: Apocalypticism in Western History and Culture. Vol. 3: Apocalypticism in the Modern Period and the Contemporary Age. Each volume contains indexes of Scripture and names.

R.R.200.82/E56. Young, Serinity, ed. *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*. 2v. New York: Macmillan Reference, 1999.

Contains over 600 signed articles by 393 contributors that reflect "contemporary approaches to women's history and experience in world religion from the beginning of time to the present." The articles address all world religions, "but the broadest coverage is given to the major religions of the world through a series of interrelated articles." The authors assume the validity of the comparative method in the study of religion and women. Bibliographies follow all articles and many provide cross-references. Vol. 2 contains index.

R.R.322.1/E56. Wuthnow, Robert, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*. 2v. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1998.

Contains 256 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 203 contributors. Articles range from a few hundred to 8,000 words. "The encyclopedia's aim is to describe the historical roots of the relations between politics and religion in the modern world and to explain the web of their global inter-connections." Many articles contain cross-references. An index to both volumes is included in the back of each volume. Vol. 2 contains the following appendixes: excerpts from or the complete texts of 21 source documents that relate to articles, excerpts from 27 world constitutions with provisions on religion, a glossary of terms, and a compilation of Internet sites relevant to the study of politics and religion.

R.R.306.1/E56. Landes, Richard A., ed. *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movements*. New York: Routledge, 2000.

Contains 149 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 65 contributors. Its purpose is to provide "a guide to the religious or spiritual social movements throughout history and around the world that have promised to create a better world or usher in a new one." Treats dozens of movements, general topics, and concepts & theories in the scholarly study of millenarianism. Most articles were written before the beginning of 2000 although a few were updated after it began. Includes cross-references and an index.

R.R.323.44203/E56. Cookson, Catharine, ed. *Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom*. New York: Routledge, 2003.

Contains 140 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 110 contributors on the "seven major elements of religious freedom: key concepts, U.S. history, world history, world religions, major issues, minority groups & their rights, and key documents." The United States's experience is a main focus, but also

offers "insights and coverage that cross global regions and historical epochs." Includes cross-references and an index.

R.R.273.0973/E56/2013. Leonard, Bill J., and Jill Y. Crainshaw, eds. *Encyclopedia of Religious Controversies in the United States*. 2nd. ed. 2v. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2013.

Contains 395 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 61 contributors on major people, ideas, terms, institutions, groups, books, and events that reflect religious controversy. Excerpts from 17 primary documents provide further perspectives on the issues. The 1st edition "traced controversies in American religious life from the colonial era to the end of the 20th century." This edition "updates those earlier essays, adding commentary and more recent bibliography" and reflects new 21st century controversies or new developments in earlier ones." "Particular attention is given to new religious trends and questions related to sexuality, gender, race, and politics." Cross-references are indicated by bold text within the articles. Contains an index and a general bibliography (865-84).

R.R.291.17503/E56. Van Huyssteen, J. Wentzel Vrede, ed. *Encyclopedia of Science and Religion*. 2nd ed. 2v. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003.

Contains more than 400 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 218 contributors on the "impact of the sciences on religious belief in a global context." Included are some historical biographies of important individuals. Vol. 1 has a synoptic outline which groups all entries into broad, topical categories. Volume 2 includes an index and an annotated bibliography of selected works "regarded as indispensable in the field of science and religion." Written for a wide range of readers from high school students to scholars. Includes cross-references.

*R.R.280.403/E56. Hillerbrand, Hans J., ed. *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. 4v. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Contains over 1,000 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 574 contributors covering the following areas in Protestantism: biographical; creeds, confessions & religious works; cultural & social issues; geographical; historical events; institutions & organizations; movements; theological; and traditions & faith groups. Vol. 4 contains an index and an appendix of "Statistics of Global Protestantism in a Variety of Contexts." Includes cross-references.

R.R.282/H415. *Catholic Encyclopedia*. 17v. New York: Robert Appleton Co., 1907-12.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) "on the constitution, doctrine, discipline, and history of the Catholic Church." Represents authoritative pre-Vatican II thought. Deals not only with theological topics, but also with all that Catholics have done in all areas. Vol. 16 contains an index to the set and additional articles "about prominent persons deceased, dioceses erected, ecclesiastical legislation enacted, and subjects suggested since the completion of the set." Vol. 17 (1922) is a supplement with articles to update the set chiefly in the areas of biography, geography, new organizations, and movements. A second supplement (1950-58) published in loose leaf updates since the first supplement is a series of articles dealing with dogmas, orders, persons, and events by country. This edition can be accessed free on the Internet at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/index.html>

*R.R.282/N532. *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. 19v. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1967-96.

Contains about 17,000 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 4,800 contributors. Attempts to provide "full information on the doctrine, organization, and history of the Catholic Church through the close of Vatican Council II." Editorial work for the original set was completed at the beginning of Sept. 1966. Excluded biographies of living persons. Contains numerous illustrations, maps, and cross-references.

Vol. 16 (1974), 17 (1979), 18 (1989), and 19 (1996) are supplements containing updates of earlier articles and articles on new topics.

*R.R.282/N532/2003. *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. 2nd ed. 15v. Detroit: Thomson/Gale, 2003. Contains over 12,000 entries (most with bibliographies) by more than 4,000 scholars from 6 continents. The aim is to provide authoritative summaries for every important Catholic topic in theology, ethics, worship, history, social trends, and biography. Contains articles on the doctrine, organization & history of Christianity and on persons, institutions, cultural phenomena, religions, philosophies, and social movements that have affected the Catholic Church from within and without. Incorporates and revises material from the 1967 ed. and the 4 supplements published in 1972, 1978, 1988, & 1995. Each 1967 article was re-examined; most received new bibliographies and one third were heavily reworked. Ten percent of the articles are new, with many of these being biographical articles. Contains articles on the Catholic Church in over 140 countries. Includes numerous cross-references. Vol. 15 contains a list of contributors and a subject index. Some reviewers have cautioned that many of the 1967 articles were not revised or updated bibliographically, and some were drastically cut to control the size of the set. In some cases the 1967 articles may be better. Annual supplements (beginning with 2009) are published updating and revising prior entries and also adding new entries including articles on “new ecclesial documents, personalities, and matters of emerging interest.” Each supplement also focuses on special themes—2009: Science and the Church, 2v; 2010: Modern History and the Church, 2v; 2011: Literature and the Arts, 2v; 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy, 4v.

R.R.973.0496073/E56. Salzman, Jack, David Lionel Smith, and Cornel West. *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History*. 5v. New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1996. Contains 2,200 signed articles by 735 contributors. The articles, two-thirds of which are biographical, range from the beginning of the 17th to the end of the 20th century and deal with events, historical eras, legal cases, areas of cultural achievement, professions, sports, and places (there are entries on all 50 states & on cities of special significance for black Americans). Contains more than 1,000 illustrations, cross-references, and bibliographies. Among the appendixes in vol. 5 are tables of African-American population by state and over time, lists of awards, economic data, degrees earned in education, and sports championships. Subject index in vol. 5. A supplement published in 2000 provides more than 600 updates and more than 100 entirely new entries.

R.R.299.603/E56. Glazier, Stephen D., ed. *Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions*. New York: Routledge, 2001. Contains 145 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 72 scholars from 13 nations focusing “exclusively on religion, its place in African and African-American societies, and its impact on society in general.” “The primary purpose... is to provide an up-to-date and authoritative guide to the religions of African and African-American peoples with special attention given to religious movements in Africa and the religions of the African diaspora in North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.” Articles treat religions, religious movements, churches, & organizations; concepts & theories central to understanding African & African-American religions; and provide surveys of African or African-American religions in nations or regions. It has two appendixes in the back: “The Anthropology of Religion in Africa: A Critique of Concepts and a Model:” and a select bibliography.

*R .R.909.097671/O98i. Esposito, John L. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. 6v. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. Contains more than 1,050 signed entries and subentries (with bibliographies) by about 550 scholars dealing “with all aspects of Islam and the societies in which it exists.” This set “represents a substantial

expansion” of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* published in 1995. It contains new articles, and where necessary updated bibliographies and revised articles. The articles (ranging from 250 to 10,000 words) deal with the following categories: History and geography; Religious belief; Religious Practice, devotionalism, and ritual; Mysticism; Islamic law; Theology, philosophy, ideology; Politics; Economics: Culture and Society; Institutions, organizations, and movements; Biographies; and Islamic studies. Designed for a general audience. Volume one contains a “Chronology” (xxix-lx). Volume 6 contains a “Topical Outline of Entries” (59-71) and an index. Includes cross-references, maps, and illustrations (black & white).

R.R.909.097671/E56. Martin, Richard C., ed. *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2v. New York: Thomson/Gale, 2004.

Contains 504 signed articles (with bibliographies) by ca. 500 scholars on “the doctrinal, legal, social, and spiritual ideas that inform the various traditions of Islam”; “Islam’s beliefs, practices, and traditions in their broader cultural & political contexts”; teachings and practices of the different Muslim schools; the spread of Islam; its relation with other religions; and Islamic perspectives on universal religious issues. Includes illustrations and cross-references. Vol. 1 has a synoptic outline of entries and vol. 2 contains a glossary, timelines, and an index. It was “prepared as a teaching and learning resource for teachers and students, from high school through university.”

R.R.909.07/D554. Strayer, Joseph R., ed. *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*. 13v. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1982-89.

Contains about 5,000 signed articles by 1,300 contributors. Covers the period from A.D. 500 to 1500 in “the Latin West, the Slavic world, Asia Minor, the lands of the caliphate in the East, and the Muslim-Christian areas of North Africa.” Articles range from 10,000 words for major treatment to 50 to 100 words for definitions and/or identifications. The bibliographies are primarily in English, but also contain references to important works in other languages. Has numerous cross-references. Vol. 13 is an extensive index. A supplement volume was published in 2004 containing 309 articles on topics not covered in the original set.

R.R.940.23/E56. Grendler, Paul F., ed. *Encyclopedia of the Renaissance*. 6v. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1999.

Contains nearly 1,200 signed entries (ranging from 250 to 7,500 words) by 638 contributors on every aspect of the Renaissance in Europe from 1350 to 1650. Includes many biographical articles. The bibliographies with each article include primary sources and the most important scholarly secondary works in any language and the most useful in English. Includes cross-references, over 750 illustrations, 35 maps, and 17 genealogical tables. Vol. 1 contains a chronological table, 1300-1724, and vol. 6 contains an index and a “systematic outline of contents.”

*R.R.270.603/O98. Hillerbrand, Hans J. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation*. 4v. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Contains over 1200 signed articles by more than 450 authors on the whole range of events and happenings of the 16th century. Contains bibliographies and cross-references with a “synoptic outline of contents” and subject index in vol. 4.

R.R.270.603/L679. Ganzer, Klaus, and Bruno Steimer, eds. *Dictionary of the Reformation*. Translated by Brian McNeil. The Encyclopedia of Theology and Church. New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 2004.

A translation of *Lexikon der Reformationszeit* (2002) which contained articles taken from the 3rd ed. (1993-2001) of the *Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche*. Updated the extensive bibliographies following articles. Provides a historical time line in the back from 1509 through 1598.

R.R.940.25/E56. Kors, Alan Charles, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment*. 4v. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Contains almost 700 signed articles by 460 contributors. Items in bibliographies following articles frequently have brief annotations. “The Encyclopedia presents the history of Enlightenment studies; the political geography of the Enlightenment; the agencies and spaces of the Enlightenment (the world of the book; salons, academies, journals, and diverse gatherings); reading publics and receptions of the Enlightenment (popularizers, appropriators, and critics); the thought of the Enlightenment (essential debates and concepts; significant schools and movements of thought; major authors; and the impact of the Enlightenment upon religion, philosophy, politics, science, economics, law, the arts, and efforts of improvement); and the legacy of the Enlightenment.” Includes cross-references. A “Topical Outline of Articles” is included in vol. 1 & 4. Vol. 4 contains a list of contributors and index.

**Wikipedia*. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/main_page)

A Web-based, free content encyclopedia project, which began in 2001. With more than 41,000,000 articles in 294 languages, in September 2016 it contained 5,231,667 articles in English. Articles are “written collaboratively by volunteers from all around the world” (just under 500,000 contribute to the site in some way) and most can be edited by anyone who has access to the Internet. There are about 70,000 active contributors. In 2013 about 31,000 editors—from expert scholars to casual readers—regularly edited Wikipedia. The hyperlinks found within the articles and within the bibliographies enhance the usefulness of the articles. Consult “About Wikipedia” from the main page and click on “Researching with Wikipedia” for information on the nature of this resource, its strengths & weaknesses, and how articles are refined and edited.