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Subject index, with abstracts, of articles from ATLA Religion Database (1949-1984) and D.Min. theses from Research in Ministry (1981-84). Contains author & book review indexes.


* R.R.016.27/I61. International Christian Literature Documentation Project. 2v. Evanston, IL: ATLA, 1993. Indexes "printed materials (wherever published) that document Christian life and mission in the non-Western world." Indexes 18,635 monographs and pamphlets and 6,774 essays in 1,843 multi-author works. Vol. 1 is subject index and vol. 2 is author-editor and corporate name index. Indicates at least one holding library (of the nine participating libraries) for each entry in the author-editor volumes.

A photographic reproduction of the card catalog of one of the major Protestant mission libraries housed at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Not only contains author and subject entries for books in collection, but for each periodical article from the journals held by the library. See vol. 17 for list of journal holdings.


* R.R.266.001/D554. Müller, Karl and others. Dictionary of Mission: Theology, History, Perspectives. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1997. A translation, update, and expansion of a German work published in 1987. Some of the original articles were augmented and/or rewritten and a few new articles were added. Contains 110 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 98 contributors on basic concepts of mission theology. Nine of the articles are on theologies of countries, e.g., African theology, Chinese theology, etc. Contains cross-references.

* R.R.266.003/D554. Corrie, John, ed. Dictionary of Mission Theology: Evangelical Foundations. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2007. Contains 166 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 139 contributors, 60% of whom are Majority World thinkers. Focused on mission theology this volume “aims to highlight and explore the missiological implications of a wide range of Christian doctrines and theologies” and “to explore the theological dimensions of mission engagement in as many of its aspects as possible.” Articles represent a “contextual view of mission” and “attempt to chart the contours of an evangelical missiology which both has its roots
in cherished and recognized evangelical categories and also seeks to move evangelical mission thinking on beyond those categories.” Includes author and subject indexes.


*R.R.266.003/E92. Moreau, A. Scott. *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000. Contains more than 1,400 signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 330 “missionaries, theologians, and educators from a variety of cultural, denominational, and ethnic backgrounds.” Articles cover the theory, practice, theology, and history of missions from an Evangelical perspective. Includes 483 biographical articles. Written on a popular level to ensure access to the non-technical reader. Contains extensive cross references, a six-part master outline of the dictionary, and an index of persons.


“An electronic database containing the essential biographical facts of African Christian leaders, evangelists, and lay workers chiefly responsible for laying the foundations and advancing the growth of Christian communities in Africa.” “Covers the whole field of African Christianity from earliest times to the present and over the entire continent.”


“An international undertaking aimed at producing an electronic database containing the essential biographical facts of Chinese and foreign Christian missionaries, church leaders, evangelists, and laity chiefly responsible for laying the foundations and advancing the growth of Chinese Christian communities and their influence in societies around the world. Although the database is widely inclusive of time periods and faith traditions, the distinctive focus of the project will be on the lesser-known Chinese Christians of the modern era.” Administered by the Global China Center, Charlottesville, VA.


R.R.275.003/D554. Sunquist, Scott W., ed. *A Dictionary of Asian Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001. Contains 1260 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 408 contributors (almost exclusively Asian) on subjects that help describe Asian Christianity. Covers the area to the east of the Roman Empire until the Arab conquest of the 7th century and after that the area from Pakistan to the east. Includes many survey articles on Christianity and religious groups by country, as well as articles on organizations, movements, and people. An asterisk following a term in an article signifies an article on that subject in the dictionary.
R.R.275.4003/O98. Hedlund, Roger E., ed. The Oxford Encyclopaedia of South Asian Christianity. 2v. New Delhi, India: Oxford University Press, 2012. Contains over 1,100 signed articles (with brief bibliographies) by 461 contributors on the “various facets of Christianity and its varied traditions throughout the South Asian region.” Intends to record “the historical presence and cultural contributions of Christianity throughout South Asia.” The topics include events, institutions, places, theological issues & concepts, churches, denominations, texts & treatises, historical developments, contemporary themes, ground-level saints, local pioneers & martyrs of the Faith, Christianity & nation-building, distinctive South Asian expressions of Faith, and models of ecclesiology. An essay on each country “seeks to give an overview of the history and particularly Christian component of that country.” This work is “intended for both non-technical readers in South Asia as well as for the general public worldwide.” Includes cross-references. An index and “Bibliography on Christianity in South Asia” is included at the end of each volume.

R.R.200.9/J73/2010. Mandryk, Jason, ed. Operation World. 7th ed. Colorado Springs, CO: Biblica, 2010. A prayer resource for people who want accurate and up-to-date information on “peoples, languages, religions, denominations, spiritual trends and prayer needs” of the world. Contains an alphabetical list of the countries of the world with brief information on their geography, peoples, economy, politics, religion, answers to prayer, and challenges for prayer. There are summary tables and maps on population, population of the world’s major religions, world evangelical population, evangelical growth, and unreached peoples in the back. The “statistical base date is June 2010.”

R.R.266.058/M678d. Mission Handbook: U.S. and Canadian Protestant Ministries Overseas. 21st ed. Wheaton: Evangelism and Missions Information Service, 2010. Purpose is “to provide the reader with ready access to vital and current information about Protestant mission agencies based in the U.S. and Canada that are engaged in overseas ministries.” Main section is alphabetical listing of the agencies containing addresses, email addresses, Websites, phone numbers, brief statement of focus, number of personnel, and countries of activity. Includes extensive indexes by church tradition, by ministry activity, and countries of activity. Each edition also includes background essays and analyses. A new edition is published every 3 years.

R.R.280.03/D274. Day, Peter. A Dictionary of Christian Denominations. New York: Continuum, 2003. The scope of the book “is meant to be wide-ranging and inclusive of representative bodies from all varieties of Christian faith groups” from around the world. Treats over 1,000 denominations and sects. Some groups are listed that no longer exist including “many sects and groups from the earliest time of Christian history.” The “entries usually give some historical background material and a brief summary of a denomination’s theological standpoint.” Membership data is included for some groups.

* R.R.203/W927/2020. Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. World Christian Encyclopedia. 3rd ed. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020. This edition is based in an academic context at the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Contains “Global Overview” which “provides outline of major trends related to Global or World Christianity. It does so through historical, socioeconomic, sociological, demographic, geographical and ecclesiastical lenses. It describes changes in Christianity by continent and with its major traditions, as well as provides information on important Christians activities worldwide.” Also has a page dedicated to women. The heart of the encyclopedia is the section on countries that presents Christianity in each country of the world including a map, demographics, summary of each country’s socioeconomic situation, indicators summarizing health concerns, indicators related to gender, religions, country’s census results on religion, notes on religions in the countries, the story of Christianity in the country, and religious freedom in the country. A bibliography of key books and articles on Christianity in the country and a list of churches and denominations accompany each article. Tables, a bibliography of World Christianity, and glossary are in the back.

“Builds on the 2nd edition of the *World Christian Encyclopedia‘s* country data to produce overall global analysis, description, interpretation, and evaluation on a wide range of topics.” Filled with graphs, tables, diagrams, and lists that deal with such areas as growth of major religions, world evangelization, Christian martyrs, religious adherents, language statistics, races & ethnic groups, distribution of Scripture, expenditures for missions, and unreached peoples.


The statistical data was compiled in 1993. The tables reflect data ranging from 1960 to 1990 and projected to the year 2010 in 5-year increments. The main section is arranged alphabetically by country and gives membership and number of congregations for each denomination. Other tables give the membership for 10 denominational groupings throughout the world and for 6 continents. Data is given separately for non-Trinitarian churches (Jehovah’s Witnesses & Mormons). Contains an index listing all the denominations of the world and the countries in which they are found.


Contains colored graphs and maps of church membership statistics around the world. Tables reflect data from 1960 to 2000 and projected to the year 2010 in 10-year increments. Data is taken from the *World Churches Handbook*. The main section is arranged alphabetically by country under the following areas: Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania & Australia and presents in colored graphs church membership for the following four broad groups: Roman Catholic, Protestant Non-institutional, Protestant Institutional, and Orthodox. Also includes colored maps indicating the percentage of world population for the following ten groups: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Indigenous, Lutheran, Methodist, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, and Other. There are also colored maps and graphs on statistics concerning missionary activity, non-Christian religions, and social data (e.g., life expectancy, literacy, etc.).


Aims to “present a comprehensive analysis of Christianity in the modern world” through essays and colored maps, tables, charts, and graphs. Examines every Christian denomination under the rubric of 6 major Christian traditions: Anglican, Independent (Christians who choose to disassociate from any other tradition), Marginal (Christians with different, sometimes unorthodox, views on specific Christian doctrines [e.g., Unitarians, Swedenborgians, Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses]), Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic. Arranged in 5 parts. Part I surveys “the world in terms of religious affiliation.” Part II concentrates on the changes which have taken place in membership of the major Christian traditions in the last 100 years. Part III (the core of the Atlas) indicates membership of Christian traditions by continent and region with essays, maps & other graphics. Part IV provides statistics on Christianity and non-Christian religions by peoples & languages and by cities. Part V “examines trends in the sending and receiving of missionaries, on a continent-by-continent basis,” great commission Christians, Christian finance, Bible translation & distribution, print & audiovisual media, and evangelization. A comprehensive essay accompanies the data for each key topic. “The essays identify significant events, indicate important trends, mention important figures, trace developments in spirituality and liturgy, assess social and political influence, explore interaction with culture, art and music, account for the growth and/or contraction of Christianity, and characterize the main Christian movements.” All Christian figures are documented in the World Christian Database (published as a database by Brill); those for non-Christian religions are documented in the World Religion Database (published as a database by Brill).

The Atlas follows the United Nations classification system, which is reproduced on the inside back cover. An interactive CD with presentation software accompanies the Atlas and enables use and manipulation of the data in a group environment. It contains the maps, tables, charts, and graphs, but not the text or analytical essays.
Classification of cultural materials from all societies. Yale has much, if not all, of this material available on line at https://hraf.yale.edu/resources/reference/outline-of-cultural-materials/ Some is free and some by subscription. U. of M. has the microfiche of these files, which contain over 3,500,000 pages of information organized into files on more than 330 different cultural groups.

Each volume contains an index with cumulated ethnic name indexes, bibliographies, list of cultures, filmographies & maps. Contains summaries of more than 1500 cultures by nearly 1,000 contributors. Each volume contains an introductory essay, the cultural summaries, maps pinpointing the location of the cultures, a filmography, an ethnonym index of alternate names for cultures, and a glossary of scientific & technical terms. Includes demographic, historical, cultural, linguistic, economic, social, and political information on the culture. Vol. 10 is a cumulative index with a list of cultures by country, ethnonym index, and subject index. Available on CD-ROM. In 2002 a supplement was published containing 100 new or updated articles on the following cultures: those not included in the original set, those which have been strongly affected by recent political events, and those important ones with only short entries in the original set.

Contains 340 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 310 scholars on the following areas: major sub-fields, frameworks & major concepts, methods of data collection & analysis, specific topics that are the subject of anthropological study, specific theories of human culture and behavior, cultural regions and sub-regions, major recent controversies in cultural anthropology, aspects of the profession, and topics from linguistics, biological anthropology & archaeology of special relevance to cultural anthropology. Vol. 4 contains a list of anthropological periodicals with publication information and an index.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 169 scholars on the indigenous peoples of six regions of the world: Africa, Central & South America, East Asia & Oceania, Europe, North America, and South Asia & Middle East. The set is divided into 3 parts. Part I profiles approximately 400 native groups arranged alphabetically under the 6 regions; the entries introduce the groups’ cultures, histories, and current status. Part II contains articles on native groups in 77 countries “detailing the groups that live within those nations, the history of those peoples’ interactions with the nations, and current national policies dealing with them.” Part III includes entries on almost 50 issues that affect native groups worldwide. Vol. 3 contains the texts of international documents dealing with indigenous groups, a bibliography (including 27 websites), and an index. Full text accessible through EBSCOhost’s eBook Collection. Enter “Danver” in author search field.

Regional volumes which give a profile of Christianity in each country. Usually contain information about the following: general profile of the country, historical background, socioeconomic conditions, status of Christianity, unreached peoples, national churches, foreign missionaries, Christian activities, and any special needs. Eight volumes were published on the Middle East, Eastern Asia, South Asia, Central America & the Caribbean, Oceania, Eastern Europe, Southern Africa, and South Central Africa.


Lists of tables of contents of the major theological journals which are concerned with contextualising theology in the Third World. Was published semiannually with indices of authors and keywords.


"A compact, balanced and objective description of the dominant political, economic and social systems of 126 countries of the world." Information is arranged under the following 36 categories: basic fact sheet, location & area, weather, population, ethnic composition, languages, religions, colonial experience, constitution & government, freedom & human rights, civil service, local government, foreign policy, parliament, political parties, economy, budget, finance, agriculture, industry, energy, labor, foreign commerce, transportation & communications, mining, defense, education, legal system, law enforcement, health, food, media & culture, social welfare, glossary, chronology, and bibliography. A 4th ed. was published in 1992.


Contains addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, websites, degrees offered, courses offered in the areas of missions and evangelism, and lists of faculty teaching in these areas. Also has separate list of professors of missions and evangelism and their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and their professional specialties.


Articles by and biographical sketches about missionaries of the churches of Christ.


Contains short sketches of the 84 missionaries of the churches of Christ appearing on a picture produced by Don Carlos Janes in 1933.


Does not contain a directory like the first edition published in 1990. Parts 1 and 2 consist of listings of Internet links for the topics included. Part 1 includes links to “The World in General: The Setting for Missions” under the following headings: country facts, religious environment, mission resources, world languages, and population of cities and political divisions. The last section is a list of countries ranked by population: 2003. Part 2 deals with the churches of Christ under the following headings: The Restoration Movement, directories, ministries, and mission strategies. The last section is a chart reflecting number of churches, church membership, and number of missionaries in the churches of Christ in the 1990s. Part 3, which is the bulk of the book, is a “Profile of the Nations.” This part includes a demographic synopsis of each country, a historical overview of each nation, a brief statement about religion, a history of the churches of Christ in each country, and a concluding observation on mission work in that country.


A directory of congregations of Christ containing addresses, meeting times, ministers and/or local missionaries, USA contact persons and/or congregations, number of members, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Contains a list of evangelists, missionaries & preachers and their location and addresses and information on support ministries.
Bound copies of reports from missionaries associated with the Churches of Christ are indicated by the symbol M in the card catalog and are shelved in the archives room with the unbound reports which are arranged by country in vertical files. Bound mission reports have subject entries in the card catalog (e.g., Missions - Brazil, Churches of Christ – Brazil).

MISSION DATABASES

*“Researching World Christianity: Doctoral Dissertations on Mission since 1894.” (http://www.omscibmr.org/dissertations/).
This database of over 6,250 (as of May 2014) English language dissertations includes those in the 3 listings (1945-1981: July 1983; 1982-1991: July 1993; 1992-2003: July 2003) in the International Bulletin of Missionary Research, but also includes additional ones published in those years, as well as others published since 1894. It includes Ph.D., Th.D., D.Min., and D.Miss. dissertations that treat Christianity outside the West. Excluded are dissertations about Christianity in Europe, Australasia, and North America, with the exception of aboriginal missions in those areas. The database can be searched by keyword, title, author, subject, and institution. A profile of the patterns and trends of doctoral dissertations on mission completed from 2002-2011 was published in the International Bulletin of Missionary Research 37, no. 4 (Oct. 2013): 195-202.

A database containing “summary descriptions of more than 400 collections held in over 50 institutions in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.” These materials comprise “the archives of British missionary societies, collections of personal papers, printed matter, photographs, other visual materials and artifacts.” It contains descriptions of each collection with a summary of contents and a facility for free-text searches. Also provides “links to useful web sites in the British Isles, Continental Europe and the wider world.”

Sources for Research: Missions and World Christianity. http://guides.library.yale.edu/missions_resources
A specialized Web directory maintained by Yale University Divinity School Library with links to missions websites & online reference resources and major mission and world Christianity archives and repositories.

Contains a missions dictionary and index of mission bibliographies. Archived on the site are Gailyn Van Rheenen’s Monthly Missiological Reflections, which he began writing in January 2000 and upon request are e-mailed to subscribers.

Joshua Project http://www.joshuaproject.net
A list of the world’s ethnic people groups including a list of all unreached/least-reached ethnic people groups. Contains statistical profiles and other information on the groups and resources & links for those wishing to reach these people. A ministry of Frontier Ventures.

“A collaborative commitment to deliver high-quality, relevant, international mission-related information collections.” “The primary purpose . . . is to serve the mission information needs of evangelical Christian leaders by compiling, linking to, and giving access to high quality missions research resources; integrating and displaying mission data from multiple sources and dates; providing an online platform for mission researchers around the world to distribute their own material; and facilitating online geographic mapping of missions data.” A ministry of Global Mapping International.
World Missions Atlas Project  http://www.worldmap.org
An attempt to establish an accurate base map of the world on which “will be built a depiction of all the inhabited cities, towns, and villages of the world; collate the most accurate data available for displaying the locations of all known evangelical churches in their habitat locations throughout the world; and integrate correlating data that yields strategic implications.”

MISSION JOURNALS

Published by Evangelism and Missions Information Service (EMIS) the publishing division of the Billy Graham Center. Launched to represent "the best in evangelical missionary thinking." Includes book reviews. Indexed in the ATLA Religion Database from 1983 on. After July 2016 will be available (with subscription) only online. HST library has a complete print run (PER/266/E92).

International Bulletin of Mission Research. 1977-
Published quarterly by the Overseas Ministries Study Center. Published as the Occasional Bulletin of Missionary Research, 1977-80 and International Bulletin of Missionary Research, 1981-2015. “Feature articles and book reviews written by leading specialists on Christian mission from around the world.” Each issue includes “Dissertation Notices” of recent academic dissertations related to missions and “Book Notes,” which lists 12 or 13 new books in missions. In the April issue is a list of “Fifteen Outstanding Books for Mission Studies” published the previous year. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1981 on. HST library has a complete print run (PER/266/O15).

International Review of Mission. 1912-
Published twice a year by the World Council of Churches. Published as International Review of Missions, 1912-Jan. 1969. Focuses on ecumenical missiology, but also “gives a voice to other perspectives.” Includes book reviews. A cumulative index for 1912-66 was published in 1968. The “Bibliography on Mission Studies” formerly published (through 2009) in each issue will soon be available on the Liverpool Hope University Web site. Table of contents and abstracts of all articles from 1912 on are available at: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/loi/17586631. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1949 on (excludes last 60 months). HST library has 1912-47 on microfilm and print volumes from 1948 on (PER/266/In8).

Missiology. 1973-
Published quarterly by the American Society of Missiology. Contains articles on history, theology, anthropology, communication theory, religious encounter, ecumenics, and methodology. Each issue contains a section on "Books and Media Resources Received on Missiology," which is an annotated and classified list of new materials published on missions. Includes book reviews. Full text available through ATLA Religion Database from 1973 on (excludes last 12 months). HST library has a complete print run (PER/266/M677m).