JAMES WHITE LIBRARY
SURVEY OF RESOURCES
FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION

Fall 2008

A. Books

1. **James White Library Catalog**
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/
   James White Library Seminary collection includes over 150,000 books. Areas of special strength include Biblical Studies and Practical Theology. With the Center of Adventist Research, the library is the best place to do research on Adventist topics.

2. **WorldCat**
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/catalogs.html
   WorldCat is the collective library catalog of thousands of libraries: "Over 1 billion items in more than 10,000 libraries worldwide." You have access to this database in two versions: the James White Library subscription version, and the free online version. A special feature is the "Cite this Item" link that will give the bibliographic format for that title using Turabian, which can be copied and pasted into the paper. In the James White Library subscription version, it is possible to choose to search only Theological Libraries by using the *ATLA Group Catalog*, a subset of *WorldCat*. This can potentially help narrow the searches to more relevant materials. Also, when requesting library books not available in either James White Library or MelCat, it is convenient to use the ILL feature in the subscription version.

3. **Google Books**
   http://books.google.com/bkshp?tab=wp&hl=en
   Google Books is an increasingly valuable resource for the pre-reading evaluation of potentially interesting titles, and determining their usefulness. Many publishers have given Google portions of their books as teasers to encourage consumers to purchase the book. Now it is possible to browse online the way we used to do it in the bookstore. Carefully crafted searches using the advanced search page can provide useful results. *Google Books* also contains the full text of a rapidly growing collection of titles in the public domain, particularly useful in historical research.

These online resources provide access to sources that were originally published as traditional books.

4. **Ellen G. White Writings**
   http://egwdatabase.whiteestate.org/
   Full text database of the published writings of an important Seventh-day
   Adventist pioneer and thought leader.

5. **HRAF**
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html
   The *Human Relations Area File* is a full text database of ethnographic
   resources organized by people group. This database is essential for ethnic
   studies, and is of particular interest to researchers in Missions.

6. **Digital Library of Classical Protestant Texts**
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html
   This digital library contains the full text of over 1200 titles of Protestant
   books published between 1500 and 1700. It includes a wide range of
   topics, including practical theology. It may be useful for an historical
   perspective.

7. **Early English Books Online Biblical Studies Subset**
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html
   Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains digital facsimile page
   images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland,
   Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere
   from 1473-1700 - from the first book printed in English by William
   Caxton, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the
   English Civil War. James White Library has access to the Biblical Studies
   subset of this database.

8. **Research in Ministry (RIM) Online**
   http://rim.atla.com/star/rimonline_login.htm
   Research in Ministry (RIM) online indexes and abstracts project reports
   and theses from more than 50 Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of
   Missiology programs accredited by the Association of Theological
   Schools in the United States and Canada. *RIM online* is a searchable
   database with entries for authors, titles, thesis/project advisors, schools,
   and ATLA Thesaurus subject headings. Abstracts can be searched by
   keywords. The database supports Boolean proximity searches as well as
   nested searches and wildcards. Links have been added to records for
   schools that also participate in the *Theological Research Exchange
   Network.* http://www.tren.com/ Titles from TREN may be requested
   through the Seminary Librarian.

9. **The American Religion Data Archive**
   http://www.thearda.com/
   The *ARDA* allows you to interactively explore the highest quality data on
   American and international religion using online features for generating
   national profiles, maps, church membership overviews, denominational
   heritage trees, tables, charts, and other summary reports. Over 350 data
   files are available for online preview and most can be downloaded for
   additional research.

10. NetLibrary
   http://www.netlibrary.com/
   NetLibrary is an eContent provider that works with publishers and
   libraries. James White Library has made available a broad selection of
   academic works in this format. While the collection does not contain a
   strong religious library component, it has value for interdisciplinary
   research. To use off campus, an individual account will need to be
   established first on campus.

11. Dissertation Abstracts
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/catalogs.html
   This database is a repository for doctoral dissertations. Since 1997, a full-
   text .pdf copy of the dissertations is available. Earlier dissertations must be
   ordered through interlibrary loan. All Andrews University Ph.D.
   dissertations and over 100 D.Min. dissertations through 2007 are available
   full text in this database.

12. Adventist Digital Library
   http://eprint.cc.andrews.edu
   The *Adventist Digital Library* serves as a repository for Adventist
   Scholarship, including dissertations and theses completed at Andrews
   University beginning 2008.

13. Oxford Islamic Studies Online
   http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com
   An authoritative, dynamic online resource for students and scholars,
   Oxford Islamic Studies Online brings together the best current scholarship
   in the field and promotes accurate and informed understanding of the
   Islamic world. This fully integrated resource features reference content
   and commentary by renowned scholars in areas such as global Islamic
   history, concepts, people, practices, politics, and culture, and will be
   regularly updated as new content is commissioned and approved.
   Encompassing over 3,000 A-Z reference entries, chapters from scholarly
   and introductory works, Qur'anic materials, primary sources, images, and
   timelines, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* offers a multi-layered reference
   experience designed to provide a first stop for anyone needing information
   on Islam. Users can refine the rich array of content to search and browse
   by era, topic, and geographic region, filter to view a specific type of
   content, and make use of a variety of search forms to set criteria for
   locating biographical entries, bibliographic references, primary sources,
   terms in the Qur'an and Concordance, and much more.

14. Encyclopedia of Religion
   http://www.andrews.edu/library/screens/databases/nameE.html
   This is the second edition of a resource that is considered a standard
   reference in the field. It presents a cross-cultural approach that emphasizes
   religion's role within everyday life and as a unique experience from
   culture to culture. The original 2,750 entries have been retained, many
   heavily updated, and approximately 600 entirely new articles have been

added by an international team of scholars and contributors. Print version also available in Seminary Reference.

B. Periodicals

James White Library currently subscribes to over 500 religion/theology journals. While the Library Catalog will provide the titles of these journals, we need further tools to access the actual articles. For this we use the databases listed below. Some databases only provide citation information -- the author, title, source, and subject headings. Other databases provide abstracts -- short descriptions of the article content. But an increasing number of journals are becoming available full text online. In addition, through the many full-text databases licensed by the library, you have access to over 20,000 full text journals. The up-to-date list of what is available and where to find the content of the journals is found in Periodicals A_Z, http://ug3lf7jn4y.search.serialssolutions.com/. This is the first place to look for a journal title when you have a citation in hand, perhaps from a book you are reading. It also lists journals by topic. A Video Tutorial demonstrates how to use it effectively.

15. **ATLA,** http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html
The *ATLA Religion Database* is an essential tool for the study of religion. It is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. The fact that many publishers solicit the inclusion of their journals in the *ATLA Religion Database* is indicative of the stature it has achieved in the community of religion scholars. The 1.4 million+ records in the *ATLA Religion Database* include:
* 488,000+ journal article records
* 215,000+ essay records from 15,700+ multi-author works
* 446,000+ book reviews of 232,000+ books
* 1,592 journal titles, 506 of which are currently indexed
* languages: 60% English, 8% German, 6% French, 1% Spanish, 1% Italian, 24% other
Journals are selected for inclusion according to their scholarly merit and scope. Journals representing all the major religious faiths, major denominations, and numerous language groups are included. ATLA's indexing of multi-author works, such as Festschriften and conference proceedings, is unique among religion databases. Unlike indexes that catalog books of essays as a single entry, ATLA indexes each individual essay in such works.[1]

Included in the database are links to the *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)* database. It is an online collection of major religion and theology journals selected by leading religion scholars and theologians. Users can read articles or research the history of a topic from as early as 1924 to the present. Currently,

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[1] http://www.atla.com/products/catalogs/catalogs_atlas.html

researchers are able to use *ATLAS* as a search tool to retrieve images of the pages in more than a hundred different journals.

16. **Religious and Theological Abstracts**

http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html

"We tell you what the title doesn't say." *RTA* provides objective summaries of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of Religion and Theology. It lists a wide variety of periodical literature, including Christian, Jewish, and other World religions. It provides English language abstracts of articles in English, Hebrew, Afrikaans, and major European languages. The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z.[2]

17. **Old Testament Abstracts**

http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html

This is an excellent resource for the study of the Old Testament. Over 1000 journals are covered, and all articles relating to the OT are included. The abstracts provide brief overviews of the articles. Links to the full text of articles are included when they are available in the *Academic Search Premier* database. The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z.

18. **New Testament Abstracts**

http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/religion.html

This is an excellent resource for the study of the New Testament. Over 1000 journals are covered, and all articles relating to the NT are included. The abstracts provide brief overviews of the articles. Links to the full text of articles are included when they are available in the *Academic Search Premier* database. The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z.

19. **Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index**

http://www.andrews.edu/library/car/sdapiindex.html

The *Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index* provides citation indexing to over 40 past and present Seventh-day Adventist journals and magazines. The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians supports and produces the Index at editorial offices located in the Center for Adventist Research. Supporters include the Seventh-day Adventist college and university libraries in North America, the North American Division Office of Education, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Index was first published in 1971. Currently the index covers the years 1973 to current, with updating done in real time. The exception is the *Review and Herald* which is currently undergoing retrospective indexing beginning with 1972 at the rate of roughly one year's worth of articles a month.

20. **General Conference Archives**

http://www.adventistarchives.org/DocArchives.asp

The Archives is commissioned to preserve all materials produced by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its departments. The

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[2] http://rtabstracts.org/

archives houses over 10,000 linear feet of records covering the entire period of the Seventh-day Adventist Church history. Patrons can trace the development of the church through these records, which include legal instruments, minutes, reference files, reports, correspondence, publications, recordings, films, video and audio tapes, and photographs. This site marks the beginning of an effort to place some of the most referenced archival documents in a flexible and expandable online system. A significant section is devoted to Magazines and Periodicals. New material is added daily (or so it seems).

21. **Index Theologicus**, http://www.ixtheo.de/
This *allegro* database contains document descriptions from more than 600 periodicals and from Festschriften and congress publications. It is updated every night and represents the state of the preceding work day. Coverage begins in 1979.

22. **BiBIL: Biblical Bibliography of Lausanne**
https://wwwdbunil.unil.ch/bibil/bi/en/bibilhome.html
The goal of the computer-based *Biblical Bibliography of Lausanne (BiBIL)* is to provide fast and up-to-date information on the large field of publications about the world of the Bible. It is based on the indexation of about 120 reviews and of all the books, monographs and collective works bought by the cantonal and university library of Lausanne (BCU). The titles are indexed according to a systematic classification and with the help of key words. The first indices were introduced in 1968. The database has been transferred on a computerized system in 1987.

23. **AATA Online: Abstracts of International Conservation Literature**
http://aata.getty.edu/NPS/
AATA Online is a comprehensive database of over 100,000 abstracts of literature related to the preservation and conservation of material cultural heritage. This database is of special interest to those working in archaeology.

24. **Theological Journals Search**
http://www.google.com/coop/cse?cx=018443097211386924752%3Aluwi5uy2qbe
Google Custom Search Engine developed by Sally Jo Shelton. This searches over 300 religion journals related to scripture studies, systematic theology, practical ministries, and cognate disciplines for which full text is freely available on the Internet. Among the searchable ejournals are many of those listed in major religion Internet directories and ejournal sites including:
***DOAJ Religion
***findarticles.com
***religiononline.org
***Wabash Center

General or interdisciplinary databases often have content that is of relevance to theological research. The following are particularly useful:

25. **FirstSearch**, http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html

FirstSearch provides seamless electronic access to dozens of databases. Its special value lies in that through this interface, it is possible to search multiple databases simultaneously, and then choose from the databases that have the most results. This search interface works best with precise terms.[3]

26. **JSTOR**, http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html

As an authorized user of a participating *JSTOR* institution, you have access to the *JSTOR* collection of journals in which James White Library participates. You are able to read and print articles at any time and from any networked location (library, department, office, dorm). The *JSTOR* archive holds the complete digitized back runs of core scholarly journals, starting with the very first issues, some dating as far back as the 1600s. Of potential value for Seminary related research in addition to 30 leading religion titles are the collections in African American Studies, Education, History, Philosophy, Population Studies, Psychology and Sociology; and for Missions include African Studies, Anthropology, and Asian Studies. The capacity for searching across disciplines opens up vast possibilities for scholarship and research.[4]

27. **Academic Search Complete**
http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html
Academic Search Complete is the James White Library general studies periodical database.
> • 9500+ = Total number of journals & magazines indexed and abstracted (7081 are peer-reviewed)
> • 5500 = Total number of journals & magazines in full text (4600 are peer-reviewed)

Included in these numbers is a representative collection of religion journals. But perhaps more valuable are the potential interdisciplinary sources.

28. **Wiley InterScience Journals** http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html
Wiley InterScience Journals is a leading international resource for quality content promoting discovery across the spectrum of scientific, technical, medical and professional endeavors. Because of its recent merger with *Blackwell Synergy*, it is now possible to access a number of quality Religion journals in addition to the other subjects.

29. **SAGE Publications**, http://www.andrews.edu/library/articles.html
The *SAGE Full-Text Collections* is an award-winning, discipline-specific research database of the popular peer-reviewed journals in Communication Studies, Education, Psychology and Sociology published by SAGE Publications and participating societies. These comprehensive databases include more than 246 journals, 240,000 articles, book reviews, and editorials, with all the original graphics, tables, and page numbers. It includes a number of theology journals.

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[3] http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/default.htm

[4] http://www.jstor.org/

30. Oxford Journals Online
http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/psych.html
As a major international publisher of academic and research journals, *Oxford Journals Online* publishes well over 200 journals, many in partnership with the world's leading prestigious learned societies.

31. ERIC, http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/psych.html
The *ERIC* collection includes bibliographic records (citations, abstracts, and other pertinent data) for more than 1.2 million items indexed since 1966, including:

* journal articles
* books
* research syntheses
* conference papers
* technical reports
* policy papers, and
* other education-related materials

ERIC currently indexes more than 600 journals, the majority of which are indexed comprehensively — every article in each issue is included in *ERIC*. Some journals are indexed selectively — only those articles that are education-related are selected for indexing. The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z. Note that the record number begins with "EJ." In addition, contributors have given *ERIC* permission to display more than 115,000 full-text materials in .pdf format - at no charge. These materials are generally part of the recent "grey literature" such as conference papers and reports, rather than journal articles and books. Most materials published 2004 and forward include links to other sources, including publishers' Web sites. Record numbers begin with "ED." This database should be of interest for those in Youth Ministry, Family Ministry, and Leadership.

32. PsychINFO, http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/psych.html
PsycINFO is an abstract (not full-text) database of psychological literature from the 1800s to the present. An essential tool for researchers, *PsycINFO* combines a wealth of content with precise indexing so you can get just what you need easily. The American Psychological Association (APA), a scientific and professional organization that represents psychology in the United States, publishes it. With 148,000 members, APA is the largest association of psychologists worldwide. The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z.

33. Social Science Abstracts
http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/psych.html
An in-demand resource for a wide variety of users from students to social workers, *Social Science Abstracts* covers the latest concepts, trends, opinions, theories, and methods from both applied and theoretical aspects of the social sciences.

* High quality indexing of over 625 periodicals as far back as 1983, nearly 400 of which are peer-reviewed.
* In-depth abstracts of 50 to 150 words—written by professionals with backgrounds in the social sciences—let users know instantly if a cited article is useful to their research.[5] The full text of many of many of the citations can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z.

34. Sociological Abstracts

http://www.andrews.edu/library/RefDesk/guides/psych.html

CSA Sociological Abstracts abstracts and indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,800+ serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers. Records published by *Sociological Abstracts* in print during the database's first 11 years, 1952-1962, have been added to the database as of November 2005, extending the depth of the backfile of this authoritative resource. Many records from key journals in sociology, added to the database since 2002, also include the references cited in the bibliography of the source article. Each individual reference may also have links to an abstract and/or to other papers that cite that reference; these links increase the possibility of finding more potentially relevant articles. These references are linked both within *Sociological Abstracts* and across other social science databases available on *CSA Illumina*.

Major areas of coverage include:
- Culture and social structure
- Family and social welfare
- History and theory of sociology
- Methodology and research technology
- Religion and science
- Rural and urban sociology
- Social development
- Social differentiation
- Social psychology and group interaction
- Substance abuse and addiction
- Welfare services
- Women's studies

35. Directory of Open Access Journals, http://www.doaj.org/

This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. We aim to cover all subjects and languages. There are now 3416 journals in the directory. Currently 1161 journals are searchable at article level. As of today 187314 articles are included in the *DOAJ* service. This includes 50 journals categorized in the field of religion, 130 in the social sciences, and 88 journals in psychology.

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[5] http://www.hwwilson.com/Databases/socsci.htm - Abstracts.

36. **Directory of Open Access Repositories,** http://www.opendoar.org/
    *Open*DOAR is an authoritative directory of academic open access
    repositories. Currently there are 1155, and only 38% are located in North
    America. This is a rich resource for international sources.
37. **OAIster,** http://www.oaister.org/
    OAIster currently provides access to 16,655,812 records from 984
    contributors. It is a **union catalog of digital resources**. We provide access to
    these digital resources by "harvesting" their descriptive metadata (records)
    using OAI-PMH (the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata
    Harvesting).
38. **Google Scholar,** http://scholar.google.com/schhp?tab=ws&hl=en
    Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly
    literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and
    sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from
    academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities
    and other scholarly organizations. *Google Scholar* helps you identify the most
    relevant research across the world of scholarly communication.

    Features of Google Scholar
    * Search diverse sources from one convenient place
    * Find papers, abstracts and citations
    * Locate the complete paper through your library or on the web
    * Learn about key papers in any area of research

    How are articles ranked? *Google Scholar* aims to sort articles the way
    researchers do, weighing the full text of each article, the author, the
    publication in which the article appears, and how often the piece has been
    cited in other scholarly literature. The most relevant results will always appear
    on the first page.

    Many of the search results will include a link for the full text. Full text articles
    in Andrews University licensed databases are identified by the Full-
    Text@Andrews link. However, several major document delivery firms have
    included their databases of periodical literature in *Google Scholar*, and offer
    to sell access to individual articles. These are valid citations, and many
    citation results from these databases will include valuable abstracts and other
    details. But do not purchase. The full text of many of many of the citations
    can be found in other databases. Use Periodicals A to Z. The rest can be
    ordered by Interlibrary loan,
    http://www.andrews.edu/library/ILL/ILLRequest.html through James White
    Library.

39. ResearchPro, http://www.andrews.edu/library/
ResearchPro is a James White Library federated search engine that makes it possible to simultaneously, with a single query, search multiple databases. The results are listed in a tabbed format by database searched, and the results are linked directly to the database records.

James White Library has 155 current subscription periodical citation databases and many be relevant for your topic.

C. CD-ROM Materials available for use in TMC:

BibleWorks 7

- Premier Biblical Exegesis and Research Program
- Bible versions, tutorial videos
- location: TMC BS 420 .B 53 1999

The Catholic Periodical   and Literature Index

- 1981 -
- location: Seminary Reference

CETEDOC Library of   Christian Latin Texts

- 2000
- location: TMC BR 60 .C 43 2000

The Dead Sea Scrolls

- Electronic Reference Library
- location: TMC BM 487 .A 05 1997

S D A Bible Commentary

- 1995
- location: TMC BS 491.2 .S 4 1995

Soncino Classics

- 1996
- full text: the classic works of Judaism:
- the Talmud, Midrash Rabbah, Zohar are presented in the original Hebrew and Aramaic
- complete with the authoritative Soncino English translation

- location: TMC BM 495 .S 634 1996

Thesaurus Linguae Graecae

- 1999   full-text
- includes all available Greek language works written before 600 A.D.
- location: TMC Z 7021 .T 49 1999