



## Regent Carey Library Library Resource Guides

# ATLA Religion Online Database

The **ATLA/ATLASerials Religion Online Database** is an index for scholarly journal articles, essays and book reviews in the field of religion and theology from 1946 to the present. The advantages of searching the online version is the relative ease with which one can move to other entries by clicking on linked fields, such as subject headings, etc. It also provides limited access to full-text articles.

### Accessing ATLA/ATLASerials

#### From the Library:

Use the computer that is already set up for your UBC card by typing in **the full number on the back of your UBC card** (29424 ...) as your Username and the last 5 digits of that same number for your PIN. (You can change the password by going to the UBC Library site under "My Library Account" section.) From the UBC Library Homepage, click on the link for "Indexes and Databases" on the navy coloured toolbar at the top of the page. This will lead you to the "A-Z" list of databases. Scroll down to and click on the link to the **ATLA Database with ATLASerials**, then click on the "Connect via the Web" link.

#### From Home:

Go to the UBC Library homepage at [www.library.ubc.ca](http://www.library.ubc.ca). Click on the **Indexes and Databases** link on the navy coloured toolbar at the top of the page. This will lead you to the "A-Z" list of databases. Scroll down to and click on the link to the **ATLA Database with ATLASerials**. From here you will have to set up your computer with a proxy server. All the instructions for this are under the link for connecting from home, on the left side menu. Once you have set up the proxy server, click on the "Connect via the Web" link.

### Getting Started

#### A.) Choose the database

Once you have connected via the web, you will see the **EBSCO Host Research Databases** page. EBSCO is a vendor for a variety of databases, of which ATLA is but one. If you are only interested in the ATLA database, click on the ATLA link. (Skip the next section on Interdisciplinary Research if you are only searching the ATLA database.)

#### B.) Interdisciplinary Research:

If you want to do research of a more interdisciplinary nature, you may want to use other databases along with the ATLA database. If so, click on the link for "EBSCOhost Web" at the top of the list. This will lead you to a page where you can choose from a number of databases that you may wish to search simultaneously. Check the box(es) beside the database(s) you wish to search. Check **both** the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials (for those with full-text) *and* the ATLA Religion Database (for citations not available in full-text) if you want to include ATLA.

## Search

Keyword Searching: Note that a **Record** refers to the fields (title, author, journal title, subject, etc.) in the citation.

Type of Search	Example	ATLA Searches for:
Single word	slavery	Records with the word <i>slavery</i>
Phrase	Liberation theology	Records with the words <i>liberation</i> followed by <i>theology</i>
* (Truncation)	Slave*	Records with either <i>slave</i> , <i>slaves</i> , or <i>slavery</i>
AND	Slavery and New Testament	Records with the words <i>slavery</i> and <i>new testament</i> anywhere in the record.
OR	Poor or poverty	Records with either of the words <i>poor</i> or <i>poverty</i> anywhere in the record.
NOT	Baptists not southern	Records with the word <i>Baptists</i> but excluding records with <i>southern</i>
( )	Theology and (poor or poverty)	Records with the words <i>theology</i> and <i>poor</i> , or <i>theology</i> and <i>poverty</i> anywhere in the record.

### Basic Search

This is the default search page. Enter your search term(s) within the keyword "Find" box, and then click the "Search" button. The number of results will be displayed on the top of the *Results* page. Click on a highlighted article title to retrieve more information in the full citation. (Take note of the "**Subjects**" field. By clicking on one of the highlighted subject headings, you can retrieve more articles within that specific subject heading.) You can either print this citation or email it to yourself. Click on the links for these at the top of the page.

If there is a link for Full-Text, this will appear below the original citation on the *Results* page or at the bottom of the full-citation page. Click on this link to read the full-text article.

## Scripture Search

Click on the "Scripture" tab on the green tool bar at the top of the page. You will need to find exactly how the reference has been added to the database. In the "*Browse for*" box, type the verse or passage you want to search for, but omit any numbers in front of the book name (e.g. *Thessalonians* but not *1 Thessalonians*). Click the "Browse" button. Check all the boxes of those verses you want to include in your search and click on the "Search" button at the top of the page. The number of results can be seen on the top of the page. For more information, click on the highlighted record title, which will allow you to see the full citation.