

# ATLA Religion: quick start guide

This database is very good for finding journal articles on theology and religious studies. It provides information on topics such as biblical studies, world religions, church history, and religion in social issues. Coverage starts from 1949 to the present.

## Getting started

1. Go to the library homepage at <https://library.leeds.ac.uk> or to the **Learn** tab in Minerva
2. Type **ATLA religion** in the Library Search box
3. Select **ATLA religion** database from the results list.

## Searching ATLA religion

The screenshot shows the ATLA Religion database search interface. The search bar contains the text "immortality or 'life after death'". Below the search bar, there are three rows of search criteria, each with a dropdown menu for "Select a Field (optional)". The first row has "AND" selected, and the second row has "christian" entered. The "Search" button is green and located to the right of the search bar. Below the search bar, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

Callout boxes provide additional information:

- Combine keywords with AND, OR, NOT**: Points to the dropdown menu in the first search row.
- Type your keywords into the search boxes. It is possible to combine terms with OR in a single box**: Points to the search bar.
- Many different search options, All text, Author, Title, Journal Source**: Points to the "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown menus.
- Limit your search by type of document, date published and many more**: Points to the "Publication Type" dropdown menu.



## Combining keywords

- Use AND to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg immortality AND christianity
- Use OR to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg immortality OR eternal life
- Use NOT to completely exclude a term, eg England NOT Scotland eg Catholicism NOT Methodism

## Understanding your results and finding the full text

Narrow your search by using limits in the left hand column

Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to Endnote

Links take you to more details, often a summary (abstract)

Sometimes there is a **PDF full text** link, otherwise click on [check@leeds](mailto:check@leeds)

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To find the full text, click on [check@leeds](mailto:check@leeds) It will try and link you directly to the full text

If it can't find a direct link it will try and find a link to our print copies of the journal  
Or a link to the library catalogue to search for the title of the journal

## Getting help

- Click on **Help** in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Skills@Library Learning Services enquiries: <http://skills@library.leeds.ac.uk>