Leading scholarly and curated resource for the study of 20th century religious thinkers

Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library covers over 200 leading thinkers and writers, offering scholarly and curated selections of foundational writings, contextual monographs, and archival content. Unique analytical software and indexing facilitate deep scholarship; 75 percent of the materials are in English, making them accessible across the curriculum.

Volumes on Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Eastern Religions are now available. At completion, the series will comprise more than 450,000 pages, 900 monographs, and 10,000 archival items.

The printed materials are rekeyed to more than 99.99% accuracy, while the interface allows in-depth word pattern analysis and data mining, as well as the ability to search using Arabic script and Hebrew.

Students and scholars will uncover:
- Rare and previously undigitized content, including one-of-a-kind theological writings, sermons, interviews, lectures, personal correspondence, confessional documents, biblical commentaries, catechisms, sacred drama, historical accounts, images, and personal papers.
- Source materials written in their original languages, providing scholars with an unfiltered view of key primary texts.
- The most inclusive resources that deliver access to feminist theologians and other previously marginalized and lesser-known voices.

Key primary and secondary sources allow students to explore the impact these thinkers have had in sociology, history, politics, literature, and other disciplines

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Volume I: Christianity

Twentieth Century Religious Thought: Volume I, Christianity shares the voices of more than 50 theologians across Europe, North America, Asia, and Latin America, including extensive representation of feminist theologians and other previously marginalized figures. Created with scholars in mind, the collection couples the original materials with complementary resources, including meaningful interfaith writings and scholarly analysis of archival texts.

With 150,000 pages of scholarship, this resource gives students and scholars unprecedented access to the diverse ideas that have shaped understandings of Christianity across history. For the first time, researchers can search across hundreds of fully digitized documents to instantly compare how theories, denominations, and cultural groups have intersected, differed, and influenced one another. In addition to English-language texts and translations, the collection will also grow to include works in French, Spanish, German, and other native languages.

Key Thinkers and Works

• The writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, leading figure in the Protestant fight against Nazism, whose works are available for the first time together in both English and German

• Nearly the complete works of Hans Urs Von Baltasar, including the series Theo-Drama, Theo-Logic, and Glory of the Lord: A Theological Aesthetics

• Personal papers of Reinhold Niebuhr, online exclusively in this collection

• Texts penned by Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), including Church, Ecumenism and Politics: New Endeavors in Ecclesiology, and Truth and Tolerance: Christian Belief and World Religion

• The writings of Rosemary Radford Ruether, noted American feminist theologian and author of Women and Redemption: A Theological History

• Works from James Hal Cone, including A Black Theology of Liberation and God of the Oppressed

• Writings of Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, considered the father of liberation theology

Central Themes

• Protestantism
• Catholicism
• Evangelicalism
• Lutheranism
• Liberation Theology
• Systematic Theology
• Dialectical Theology
• Theocentric Theology
Volume II: Islam

Volume II, Islam is an extensive research database of the most influential thinkers of modern Islamic theology and tradition. At completion, the text will include 100,000 pages of foundational theology texts and contextual monographs from the late 19th century to the 2010s.

About 95% of the collection’s key thinkers and authors are Muslims who come from Egypt, Gambia, India, Iraq, Iran, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria, Tanzania, and Turkey. Included are international selections of English, Arabic, and French editions of the writings.

Key Thinkers and Works

- The eight-volume work, Interpretation of the Koran, by Rashid Rida and Muhammad Abduh, early Islamic reformers who went on to lay the groundwork for the idea of the “Islamic State”
- Several works by the controversial Turkish cleric and former Imran Fethullah Gülen, founder of the Gülen movement, including The Essentials of the Islamic Faith, The Messenger of God: Muhammad, Reflections on the Qur’an: Commentaries on Selected Verses, The Statue of Our Souls: Revival in Islamic Thought and Activism, and more
- Works by Chandra Muzzafar, the Malaysian Islamic reformist and activist, including Universality of Islam
- Contributions of Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm, a Syrian author with a focus on the relationship of the Islamic World to the West and whose works include On Fundamentalisms, Islam: Submission and Disobedience, Is Islam Secularizable? and Challenging Political and Religious Taboos

Central Themes

- Women and Islam
- The State
- Tradition and Renewal
- Text and Reason
- Qur’an and Hadith
- Islamic Law and Legal Reforms
- Islam and the West
- Piety Movements
- Political Islam
- Salafi Thought
- Sufism

Featured Materials in Volume III, Judaism: The Markus Brann Archive

Mordechai Markus Brann (1849–1920) was a leading figure in the Science of Judaism. He taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Breslau, was one of the editors of the influential Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums, and made intensive efforts to research Jewish history from archival sources. His large research network finds expression in his vast correspondence with hundreds of other researchers, rabbis, and philosophers, which was permanently deposited at the National Library of Israel shortly before World War II and is included in our collection for the first time in its entirety, upon completion.


Volume III: Judaism

Volume III, Judaism expands the series to include 100,000 pages of the most important works and primary sources that document the evolution of Judaism from the 1890s-2010s. This collection contains a curated selection of unpublished primary sources, coupled with key in-copyright or difficult-to-find texts and authors. It addresses the specific needs of scholars and students of Judaism and other religions, while broadening the value of the complete Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library. Featured contributors include the National Library of Israel, Jewish Publications Society (University of Nebraska Press), and more.

Key Thinkers and Works
- Works by Mordecai Kaplan, rabbi, essayist and Jewish educator and the co-founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, including Judaism as a Civilization: Toward a Reconstruction of American-Jewish Life and The Purpose and Meaning of Jewish Existence
- Works related to post-holocaust studies by Emil Ludwig Fackenheim (To Mend the World: Foundations of Post-Holocaust Jewish Thought and The Jewish Bible After the Holocaust: A Re-reading), Berel Lang (Post-Holocaust: Interpretation, Misinterpretation, and the Claims of History), Zachary Braiteman (God After Auschwitz: Tradition and Change in Post-Holocaust Jewish Thought)
- Works by women; for example authors Blu Greenberg (On Women and Judaism: A View from Tradition) and Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy)

Central Themes
- Jewish Mysticism
- Rabbinic Judaism
- Orthodox Judaism
- Conservative Judaism
- Reform Judaism
- Midrash
- Talmud
- Jewish Law and Ethics
- Holocaust Studies
- Kabbalah
- Jewish Identity
- Zionism

Volume IV: Eastern Religions

Volume IV, Eastern Religions is the latest volume of the Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library. It will include 100,000 pages of critical texts and primary sources that span the corpus of Eastern religious thought. This collection contains selected works across the 19th to 21st century. It is an important resource for students and scholars who wish to expand their religious knowledge to a broader set of non-Western ideology. Content partners include State University of New York Press, Oxford University Press, Oneworld Publications, New World Library, and the Dechen Foundation.

Key Thinkers and Works
- Alan Watts was a British-American author, writer, and speaker who was known for his interpretation of Eastern philosophies for a Western audience. Courtesy of New World Library, works by Alan Watts in this collection include: What is Zen?, What is Tao?, Still the Mind: An Introduction to Meditation, and Eastern Wisdom, Modern Life: Collected Talks, 1960-1969.
- Writings from Sister Nivedita, an Irish teacher, writer, activist, founder of a school, and disciple of Swami Vivekananda, including An Indian Study of Love and Death, Cradle Tales of Hinduism, Footfalls of Indian History, and The Master as I Saw Him.
- Works of Swami Abhedananda, including Abhedananda in India in 1906, An Introduction of Philosophy of Panchadasi, How to be a Yogi, and India and Her People.

Central Themes
- Dharma
- Dhyana (Meditation)
- Karma
- Maya
- Mindfulness
- Samsara (Reincarnation)
- Vedas-Upainishads
- Zen
These collections are designed to work together to provide students and scholars with broad opportunities for research across topics and religions.

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**TOOLS FOR LEARNING AND SCHOLARSHIP**

*Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library* enables users to easily contrast texts, discover rare works, and explore new avenues of inquiry. No other digital resource takes scholars so intuitively into this realm of research, whether it’s studying the impact of World War II on schools of Christian or Jewish thought, isolating all usages of the phrase “cheap grace” across dozens of texts, or delving into varied perspectives on the Second Vatican Council.

Students and scholars can synthesize multiple perspectives via:

- **Browsing** by type of theology, subject, author, religion, work, person discussed, and more
- **Comparing** conversations within and between schools of thought in a transnational perspective
- **Using archival materials** to critically examine key writings in context, across multiple languages
- **Examining** the nuances of individual religious practice
- **Tracing** how belief systems grew and diversified because of the Great Depression, World War I and World War II, globalization, scientific discovery, and other major world events
- **Analyzing** texts using textual analysis tools such as contextual display, line by line display, and search frequency by keyword, author, title, and year. Searches by Arabic (and Hebrew) text are also available.
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