

## Contemporary Issues & Faith Traditions

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### ***Subject Terms to Use in APOLIS2***

#### ***Religions and Denominations***

Adventists	Judaism
Anabaptists	Lutheran
Anglican	Mennonites
Assemblies of God	Methodism or Methodists
Brethren	Mormon
Buddhist	Orthodox Eastern
Catholic	Pentecostal
Congregational	Presbyterian
Episcopal	Reformed
Islam	Wesleyan

#### ***Contemporary Issues***

Abortion	Human Cloning
Artificial Insemination, Human	Human Genetics
Bioethics	Human Reproductive Technology
Biotechnology	Medical Ethics
Birth Control	Religion and Science
Christian Ethics	Sexual Ethics
Drug Abuse	Single Parents
Embryonic Stem Cells	Substance Abuse
Genetic Engineering	Teenage Pregnancy

- Click on the “Subject” tab in the APOLIS2 catalog (via the library website), enter in any of the above terms, and click on “Submit Search.”
- Click on the subject heading of interest to get the titles for that subject.
- Look for doctrinal and/or theological works --- these might include mention of various contemporary issues.

Two good series are: Churches Speak On: \_\_\_\_\_  
Health and Medicine in the \_\_\_\_\_ Tradition

## Reference Resource

*The Brethren Encyclopedia*

Philadelphia, PA: Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc., 1983-84

**BX7821.2 .B74 1983 vs. 1-3**

*The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity*

Robert Banks & R. Paul Stevens, eds.

Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997

**BV4501.2 .C6457 1997**

*Contemporary American Religion*

Wade Clark Roof, ed.

New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2000

**BL2525 .C65 2000 vs. 1-2**

*The Encyclopedia of American Religions*

J. Gordon Melton

Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Co., 1987

**BL2530.U6 M443 1987**

*Encyclopedia of American Women and Religion*

June Melby Benowitz

Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 1998

**BL2525 .B45 1998**

*Encyclopedia of Buddhism*

Robert E. Buswell, Jr., ed.

New York: Macmillan Reference USA/Thomson/Gale, 2004

**BQ128 .E62 2004 vs. 1-2**

*Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics*

Jeffrey D. Schultz, John G. West, Jr., and Iain Maclean, eds.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Oryx Press, 1999

**BL2525 .E53 1999**

*The Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church*

Julius Bodensieck, ed.

Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub. House, 1965

**BX8007 .B6 1965 vs. 1-3**

*Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*

Serinity Young, ed.

New York: Macmillan Reference, 1999

**BL458 .E53 1999 vs. 1-2**

*New Catholic Encyclopedia*  
Editorial Staff at the Catholic University of America  
New York: McGraw-Hill, 1967-  
**BX841 .N44 1967 vs. 1-18**

*New Dictionary of Theology*  
Sinclair B. Ferguson, David F. Wright, eds.  
Downers Grove, Ill.: Inter-Varsity Press, 1988  
**BR95 .N38 1988**

*The New Encyclopedia of Judaism*  
Geoffrey Wigoder, Fred Skolnik and Shmuel Himelstein, eds.  
New York: New York University Press, 2002  
**BM50 .E63 2002**

## ***Internet Resources***

Association of Religion Data Archives: American Denominations  
<http://www.thearda.com/Denoms/Families/>

Declarations and Policy Statements on HIV/AIDS by Churches and Faith-based Organizations from 2001 to 2005  
<http://wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/mission/hiv-aids-statements01-05.html>

Official Statements or Documents on Bioethics and Biotechnology (as of April 2004)  
<http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/jpc/biodocs.html>

Religious Tolerance: Abortion  
[http://www.religioustolerance.org/abo\\_hist1.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/abo_hist1.htm)

Religious Tolerance: Human Cloning  
[http://www.religioustolerance.org/clo\\_reac.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/clo_reac.htm)

Religious Tolerance: Survey of Teachings by Faith Groups on Human Sexuality  
[http://www.religioustolerance.org/sex\\_chur.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/sex_chur.htm)

Another way to find denomination-specific information on particular issues is to find the “official” website of the denomination, and then search the site for position statements.

Follow these steps:

- Use Google or any search engine to find the denominational website.
- First, browse the site to see if it has a section on positional statements.
- If you can't find an obvious section containing the positional information, then use the site search (if it has one) --- in the search box, enter in one or two-word terms, like “abortion,” or “stem cell.”

## ***Journal Articles***


Look for journal articles by using the following databases (via the library website):

**Academic Search Elite**  
**ATLA Religion Database**  
**Catholic Periodical & Literature Index**  
**CQ Researcher**  
**Index to Jewish Periodicals**  
**OmniFile Full Text Mega**  
**ProQuest Religion**  
**ProQuest Research Library**  
**SocINDEX with Full Text**

- Enter a denomination or religion term in the first box.
  - SEARCH TIP: Use an asterisk (\*) for variations.
    - Instead of “Methodist,” enter “methodis\*” --- this will give you results that include either “Methodism,” or “Methodist,” or both.
- Enter the issue of interest in the next box.

## ***Resources in Other Libraries***

If you need a book that isn't in any of our APU libraries, check the **LINK+** catalog (via the library website). This is a catalog for 40+ libraries in California. Requests are free, and items will be delivered within 2-3 business days. You cannot request journal article through LINK+.

If you're not finding enough books on your topic, then be sure to use the **WorldCat** database (via the library website). This is essentially one catalog for hundreds of public and academic libraries in North America and worldwide. Use the same subject terms that you used in APOLIS2. When you find something you would like to request, either use the request forms that are integrated with the database (look for the  icon), or use the generic request form on the library website. This is the Interlibrary Loan service. Items will come within 7-10 business days, and each request will cost \$2.00.

Interlibrary Loan forms can also be used when you find **journal articles** that you'd like, and the full-text is not available in any of our databases or in print.