

RELIGIOUS WEB SITES

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Introduction: The following pages contain a listing of web sites relating to many world religious traditions. While the number of web sites on the Internet is not infinite, it often appears to be so. This listing is not intended to be complete.

I have attempted to compile a catalog of web sites that include the major world religions. I have added general listings of web sites that may have a special appeal because of their scholarly or interfaith nature. Some of the web sites are unorthodox. A few of the web sites include information about atheist or agnostic traditions.

The listing includes some sites that preach hatred of particular religious or ethnic groups. They are included to make the listing as complete as possible for the benefit of the user. Further, a few sites are listed in more than one category. This double listing was done because some sites are excellent examples both of a particular religious tradition and of a more general category, such as *Academic or Scholarly*.

Disclaimer: Web sites can appear and disappear and move to other servers rather quickly. These sites did appear at the designated location in October 2000. Please inform the editor or web master of any changes you note in the web addresses.

Instructions:

- 1) Go online with your favorite web browser. I have found both Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Explorer to be satisfactory. Keep this file open in another window.
- 2) Search the document for web sites that are of interest to you. You will find the web sites listed in blue hyperlink text and comments on the web sites listed in black.
- 3) Left click on the blue web site name. The web site should appear on your screen. Follow the web site to any links that interest you.
- 4) If the web site does not automatically come up on your screen when you double click on the hypertext link, copy the link into the address section of your browser and then press the return key.
- 5) When you wish to return to other web links or to other categories in the *Religiouswebsites* catalog, click another link on the list and it will open in your browser.

CONTENTS:

I. ACADEMIC OR SCHOLARLY

- A. <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~pluralism/> (Harvard Pluralism Project) an excellent introduction to all the world's living religions
- B. <http://www.religionwatch.com/> Newsletter (also available in hard copy) covering the major trends in all the more common religious traditions (**Note: \$19.00 annual subscription required.**)

- C. <http://www.academicinfo.net/religindex.html> An outstanding link site to most major academic religious publications. This link site also includes Holocaust Studies, word search capabilities, etc.
- D. <http://www.sbl-site.org/> Web site of the Society of Biblical Literature, a leading scholarly organization since 1880
- E. <http://www.SHAMASH.ORG/> Hierarchical web site opening up links to a variety of Jewish educational, religious, and news resources. Hebrew College hosts this web site. "The site strives to be the highest quality central point of Jewish information and discussion on the Internet. Our mission is to provide state-of-the-art Internet tools to Jewish organizations and individuals who maintain Web sites and/or discussion forums for the benefit of the Jewish community."
- F. <http://cti.itc.virginia.edu/~jkh8x/soc257/> A scholarly web site developed by University of Virginia Sociologist Jeffrey Hadden. It might be called the mother lode of "critical information" about contemporary religion on the Web.
- G. <http://www.pbs.org/faithandreason/purpo-body/html> Scholarly web site sponsored by the Public Broadcasting System emphasizing the cooperation and common linkage between Faith (Religion) and Reason (Science)
- H. <http://www.aarweb.org> Web site of the American Academy of Religion. Note: In order to access much of the information contained in this website, one must belong to the AAR.
- I. <http://bible.gospelcom.net/> Collection of 11 Bible concordances, permitting research on words and phrases in the Hebrew and Christian Scrip
- J. <http://are.as.wvu.edu/> Homepage of the American Religious Experience Project at the University of West Virginia. Articles, book reviews, and links to other American Religious History sites and to the *Journal of Southern Religion*.
- K. <http://www.sbsedu.org/> Homepage of the Society of Biblical Studies, an academically oriented program for clergy and laity "who wish to study the study the Bible and the mission of the church in the context of the lands of the Bible".
- L. <http://www.sacred-texts.com/index.htm> E-book store offering electronic copies of the sacred texts of many of the world's eastern, western, esoteric, and traditional religions.

II. INTERFAITH

- A. <http://www.godweb.org/index1.html> (First Church of Cyberspace) This site began at Princeton as a web site for intellectual protestant Christians. It is now an excellent site for interfaith study and dialog.
- B. <http://www.easternreligions.com/indexframe.html> "Look Within" an introductory page to Eastern Religions Traditions
- C. http://www.religioustolerance.org/var_rel.htm Introduction to "The Twelve Major Religions Traditions," other religious traditions, and atheism. This is a great series of links to many religious traditions by the Religious Tolerance Organization. The emphasis on this site is on non-Christian traditions.

III. SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. <Http://www.nationalhomeless.org/> National Coalition for the Homeless
- B. <Http://.oxfam.org> International World Hunger Organization

- C. [Http://.habitat.org](http://.habitat.org) International web site for Habitat for Humanity
- D. [Http://.msf.org](http://.msf.org) Doctors Without Borders home page—international health care programs and relief operations.
- E. <http://www.splcenter.org/> Southern Poverty Law Center combats hate, intolerance and discrimination through education and litigation.

IV. AFRO-CARIBBEAN

- A. <http://www.vodou.org/> Web site of Temple of Yehwe. Note adoption of Judeo-Christian customs and excellent Voodoo music. This site contains a well-written explanation of the tenets of Voodoo.
- B. [Http://www.seanet.com/~efunmoyiwa/ochanet.html](http://www.seanet.com/~efunmoyiwa/ochanet.html) Detailed web site on Santaria, a form of Voodoo originating among the Yoruba people of West Africa and found in Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico.

V. AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST/HUMANIST

- A. <http://www.AtheistAlliance.org/> Excellent web site with many helpful links and support for freethinkers, atheists, and humanists
- B. <http://www.atheist-community.org/links.htm> Good link site to atheist groups, publications, humor, and e-zines
- C. <http://www.humanism.net> web site of the American Humanist Association. Good philosophical definition of humanism and differentiation between humanism and traditional religion. The site contains links to humanist archives, publications, and local chapters

VI. BAHAI

- A. <http://www.bahai.org/> Official web site of the Bahai faith, attractively organized and easy to navigate.
- B. <http://www.academicinfo.net/religindex.html> Bahai as described by The Religious Tolerance Organization

VII. BUDDHISM

- A. <http://www.dharmanet.org/> One of the largest, oldest (since 1991) and most complete of the Buddhist sites
- B. [Http://www.buddhanet.net/](http://www.buddhanet.net/) International Gateway to Buddhist links
- C. [Http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Zen.html](http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Zen.html) Zen Buddhist Virtual Library

VIII. CHRISTIAN

- A. FUNDAMENTALIST
 - 1. <http://www.gospel.com/> The most popular Christian Fundamentalist site
 - 2. <http://www.victorious.org/index.html> web site of The Victorious (Christian) Network\
 - 3. <http://religiousmovements.lib.virginia.edu/nrms/fund.html> History of Fundamentalism as told by the University of Virginia Project on Religious Movements. Excellent set of web links, bibliography, and list of video materials.
- B. ORTHODOX

1. <http://www.goarch.org/access/orthodoxy/> General information on Orthodox Christianity (Orthodox Patriarchate of North America)
 2. <http://greekorthodoxchurch.org/> Impressive opening page of the Greek Orthodox Church web site
 3. <http://www.russian-orthodox-church.org.ru/en.htm> Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow
 4. <http://www.syrianorthodoxchurch.org/> Syrian Orthodox Church
 5. <http://www.orthodox.net/links/index.html> Well-organized, easy to use web page of Orthodox Christian web links
- C. PROTESTANT
1. <http://www.abaptist.org/> American Baptist Church home page
 2. <http://www.ecusa.anglican.org/> Episcopal Church web site
 - a. http://www.satucket.com/bcp/formatted_1979.htm Complete Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church (1979 revision).
 3. <http://www.pcanet.org/> Presbyterian Church in America (Conservative branch of Presbyterianism)
 4. <http://www.pcusa.org/> Presbyterian Church USA (liberal branch of Presbyterianism)
 5. <http://www.sbc.net/sbcsplash/> Southern Baptist home page
 6. <http://www.ucc.org/> United Church of Christ home page
 7. <http://www.UMC.ORG/> Hierarchical web site offering links to all program agencies and to United Methodist Conference and local church web sites
- D. ROMAN CATHOLIC
1. General
 - a. <http://www.vatican.va/> Introductory web page for the Vatican City
 - b. <http://www.christusrex.org/www1/vaticano/0-Musei.html> Enjoy samples of the magnificent Vatican Museum Art at this site. (The displays change regularly.)
 2. Religious Orders
 - a. <http://www.jesuit.org/> Web site of the Society of Jesus of the Roman Catholic Church
 - b. <http://www.maryknoll.org/> Maryknoll Mission web site
 - c. <http://www.osb.org/osbsitemap.html> Web site of the Order of Saint Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church
 - d. <http://christusrex.org/www1/ofm/melita.html> Introductory site for the wide-ranging activities of the several Orders of St. Frances of Assisi
 3. Retreat Houses
 - a. <http://www.osb.org/retreats/index.html> Listing of Benedictine Retreat Centers in the US and Canada
 - b. <http://www.nd.edu/~retreats/listing.htm> Listing of all Catholic Retreat Centers in the US and Canada
 4. Roman Catholic Schismatic Groups
 - a. <http://www.oldcatholic.org/> "Old Catholic Church" claiming independence from Rome, but also claiming its bishops and priests

are in true apostolic succession and following the general practices and liturgies of the Roman Catholic Church.

- b. [Http://www.orcna.org/](http://www.orcna.org/) Web page of the Old Roman Catholic Church of North America, a church tracing its history to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Utrecht and practicing traditional Latin Rite services and pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic traditions and doctrines
- c. <http://www.pncc.org/> “Polish National Catholic Church,” another offshoot from the Roman Catholic Church initiated by Polish-Americans in 1897

E. PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC

1. <http://www.cyberstreet.com/allsouls/> Charismatic Episcopal Church in North Ft. Myers, FL
2. <http://www.upci.org/> United Pentecostal Church International official web site
3. <http://www.pctii.org/> Perhaps the best linked scholarly web site on Pentecostal theology, theological journals, data bases, and academic societies
4. <http://www.vineyardusa.org/> “Humankind was created with the incredible ability to think and feel. We believe that an encounter with God will incorporate both our mind and emotions in a balanced fashion. This is the highest form of worshipping God.” This strong blending of conservative evangelicalism with Pentecostal emotionalism has led to rapidly growing world-wide Christian movement.
5. <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5744/index.html> Isaiah 58 Broadcast Center, a major distributor of Pentecostal tracts, books, videos, advocating “Being born again, Receiving the Holy Ghost,” and “Speaking in Tongues”
6. <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5744/slideshowexample2.html> Holy Ghost Meeting Slides (where worshipers lift their arms, shout, and speak in tongues) (Subset of site listed in 6 above)
7. <http://www.chofgod.org/> Website of the “full Gospel and Pentecostal Church of God” with headquarters in Cleveland, TN.

IX. CONFUCIAN

- A. <http://www.wam.umd.edu/%7etkang/> Webpage for the Center for the Study of Dao-Confucianism.
- B. <http://www.csun.edu/~hbchm009/confucius.html> Web site devoted to the philosophy of Confucius. This site is authored by Hugo Miranda of California State University Northridge
- C. <http://www.geocities.com/tokyo/springs/6339/Confucianism.html> Summary of the major documents of Confucianism.

X. HINDU

- A. Orthodox
 1. <http://hindunet.org/> A web site covering many aspects of Hindu belief, practice, and lifestyle. It’s a good site if you can fight your way through the advertising.

2. <http://www.hindu.org/> Worldwide directory of Hindu resources online.
 3. <http://www.himalayanacademy.com/> Site of the Himalayan Academy of Hindu studies and the Salva Siddharta Church
- B. Offshoots
1. <http://www.harekrishna.com/la/index.html> (Hare Krishna, an offshoot of Hinduism)
 2. <http://www.iskcon.net/hungary/bevezetes.html> Attractive Hare Krishna site with extensive description of Krishna worship and Hinduism as understood by the Hare Krishnas

XI. JAIN

- A. <http://www.jainworld.com/> Jain international web site, interesting sound package included.
- B. <http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainhlinks.html> Scholarly website offering an extremely wide range of Jain text, prayers imagery, and poetry.
- C. <http://www.yja.org/> Young Jains of America home page

XII. JEWISH

A. GENERAL

1. <http://www.SHAMASH.ORG/> Hierarchical web site opening up links to a variety of Jewish educational, religious, and news resources; Hebrew College hosts this web site. “The site strives to be the highest quality central point of Jewish information and discussion on the Internet. Our mission is to provide state-of-the-art Internet tools to Jewish organizations and individuals who maintain Web sites and/or discussion forums for the benefit of the Jewish community.”
2. <http://www.torah.org/> “The Jewish Learning Superhighway,” general purpose Jewish site devoted to study, teaching, and learning about Jewish law. This site is sponsored by Project Genesis. “Project Genesis promotes further Jewish education about our Jewish roots, as represented in Jewish sources. Project Genesis believes that this is the best way to restore self-respect, self-confidence, and an interest in our own continuity, among modern Jewish “collegiate” and unaffiliated Jews worldwide. Project Genesis works to establish a strong Jewish identity, expand Jewish knowledge, and encourage its participants to become more involved with Judaism and the Jewish community.”
3. <http://www.virtualjerusalem.com> Jewish news, teaching, and world-wide community, all with a pluralistic appeal
4. <http://www.jtsa.edu/melton/courses/talmuddemo/index.html> Home site for demonstration course entitled, *Introduction to the Talmud*, offered via the Internet by the Melton Research Center for Jewish Education of the Jewish Theological Seminary

B. ORTHODOX

1. <http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Judaism/Orthodox.html> Orthodox Judaism as described by the Jewish Virtual Library.

2. http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/363_Transp/08_Orthodoxy.html
Description of Jewish Orthodoxy by Eliezer Segal, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary.
3. <http://www.hagalil.com/GuShalom/shonoth/i-meimad.htm> Site devoted to “Orthodox Judaism, Peace and Zionism”
4. <http://www.kesher.org/> Sen Joseph Lieberman’s “Modern Orthodox Synagogue” web site

C. CONSERVATIVE

1. <http://www.jtsa.edu/> “Jewish Theological Seminary Online” (Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City) Excellent educational resources and web links
2. <http://www.uscj.org.il/> Webpage of The Shirley and Jacob Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (in Jerusalem).

D. RECONSTRUCTIONIST

1. <http://www.jrf.org/> Reconstructionist Judaism’s home page
2. <http://www.rrc.edu/journal/> “A Journal of Contemporary Jewish Thought and Practice founded in 1935 by Mordecai M. Kaplan” and sponsored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Wyncote, PA.

E. REFORM

<http://www.huc.edu/> Web site for Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion (Reformed Tradition). Excellent educational resources and web links to significant Jewish archives and libraries

F. JEWISH RENEWAL

1. <http://www.clal.org/> CLAL is the web page of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. “CLAL promotes the goals of Jewish continuity and renewal. The pillars of CLAL's philosophy are living pluralism, dynamic engagement with Jewish texts and with the experiences of the Jewish people, and a commitment to the sacred unity of CLAL Yisrael, the Jewish people in its entirety.”
2. <http://www.rebaryeh.com/Renewal/renewal.html> Web site and links for the Jewish Renewal movement

G. HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

<http://www.shj.org/> Society for Humanistic Judaism home page

XIII. MUSLIM

- A. <http://www.al-islam.org/> Probably the best general Gateway to a variety of Islamic web sites.
- B. <http://www.islamicity.org/> Islamic general information, chat, and merchandise site
- C. <http://www.shialink.org/> General Islamic link site—serves as host for hosting web sites for qualifying Islamic Centers, organizations, and Masjids
- D. <http://www.ummah.net/> The (Conservative) Islamic Gateway to Islamic sites

- E. <http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/taleban.htm> Website purporting to be an objective history of the Taleban movement. Site has limited web links, some of which are out of date.
- F. <http://www.mogawama.org/page2/main.htm> The “official web site of Moqawama (resistance) or the Islamic Resistance Support Association. (The several official and unofficial Hezbollah web sites are listed through CEOEXPRESS.COM, but they are offline at this time.)

XIV. MYSTICISM AND SPIRITUALITY

- A. <http://www.digiserve.com/mystic/> Mysticism in the world’s religions–General web site
- B. <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jrcole/mystic.htm> General reference on Mysticism and Spirituality
- C. <http://www.beliefnet.com/> A venture capital-based megasite devoted to religious pluralism. It is rated as the most sophisticated and diverse spiritual site currently on the Web.
- D. <http://www.espirituality.com/> Another venture-capital site devoted to spiritual lifestyles. It includes a variety of links, message boards, and forums on everything from Vivekenanda to voodoo, plus a popular dream interpretation forum.

XV. NEW AGE RELIGIONS

- A. <http://www.CHURCHOFTHECREATOR.ORG/> Gaia Site celebrating Creation and Ecology in an off-beat Christian fashion
- B. <http://www.witchhaven.com/aurian-azhure/gaia.htm> Gaia screen savers from witchcraft site
- C. <http://www.gaiaweb.org/> Global Alliance for Interfaith Action
- D. <http://www.digiserve.com/gaia/> Gaia new age music, theology, and art web site
- E. <http://www.9houses.org/> Gaia web site for earth-based and Wicca Religions
- F. <http://www.arkhom.com/> Gaia web site emphasizing our connection with the earth
- G. New Age web sites offering specific services
 - 1. <http://www.chilel.com/> Alternative healing (Chinese Qigong) site
 - 2. <http://www.visionarymusic.com/> “transitional soundscapes that envelope, transform, and uplift your vibrational essence”
 - 3. <http://www.eip-php.com/index.htm> Purple Harmony Plates to “give you your own private concentration of the Universal Life Force; Energy to help your health, balance your body, deal with stress, cope with pain, and grow spiritually.”
 - 4. <http://imsara.com/> Evolutionary and astrological consulting by a woman with a Masters in Public Health from the University of South Florida
 - 5. <http://www.ascensionministries.com/novice%20ministerial.htm> Healing ministries program from a local practitioner ordained by the Church of the Creator (Gaia Branch)
 - 6. <http://www.kashinfo@kashi.org/index.htm> Kashi Center for Advanced Spiritual Studies, an interfaith retreat center (with Hindu orientation)
 - 7. <http://www.newradiance.net/> New radiance sources for channelers and light Workers

8. <http://www.atlanticinstitute.com/> Atlantic Institute of Aroma Therapy
9. <http://www.herbs-health.com/> Hollistic healers located in Clearwater
10. <http://www.sacredlightcentre.com/> Rev. Jack and Rev. Connie offer healing and meditation daily and full moon meditation monthly

XVI. NON ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS GROUPS

<http://www.scientology.org/home.html> Beautifully executed Church of Scientology home page

XVII. PAGAN AND NATIVE RELIGIONS/WITCHCRAFT

- A. <http://wicca.net/> Significant general Wicca web site, related to Pagan Broadcasting System (PBS)
- B. <http://www.churchofsatan.com/> Church of Satan web site. There is an extensive explanation of Satan worship and of the Church of Satan as the first church to honestly accept and affirm “Man’s true nature—that of a carnal beast.”
- C. <http://www.peyote.net/welcome.html> Native American Church, Peyote Foundation web site
- D. <http://www.shamanism.com/> Native American Church, Center for Shamanic Studies of the Dance of the Deer Foundation

XVIII. SHINTO

- A. <http://www.shinto.org/> International Shinto Foundation, an NGO affiliated with the United Nations
- B. <http://www.jinja.or.jp/english/> Shinto Online Network Association. In depth explanation of Shintoism. Well-organized with excellent photographs.

XIX. SIKH

- A. <http://www.sikh.net/> Excellent Sikh explanatory home page
- B. <http://www.demon.co.uk/charities/sikh/> Sikh magazine (London) featuring stories, poems, etc.

XX. TAOIST

- A. <http://www.taorestore.org/index2.html> Taoist World Restoration Society
- B. <http://www.taoist.org/> International Taoist Tai Chi Society web page

XXI. ZOROASTRIAN

- A. <http://www.zip.com.au/~porushh/tenets33.html> Traditional Zoroastrian home page
- B. <http://www.w-z-o.org/> World Zoroastrian home page (London)
- C. <http://palette.ecn.purdue.edu/~bulsara/ZOROASTRIAN/zoroastrian.html> Excellent Zoroastrian web page with many links, apparently compiled by a student/faculty person at Purdue University

XXII. RELIGIOUS HATE AND ANTI-HATE SITES

- A. RELIGIOUSLY-ORIENTED RACE-BASED HATE SITES
 1. <http://www.creator.org/main.html> Aryan Nation hate site, particularly virulent against Jews, foreigners, and people of color

2. <http://www.Aryannationalalliance.org/> Anti-Semitic hate site of the Church of the true Israel (of white men).
 3. <http://www.thulepublications.com/> Publications in support of white racism and white supremacist religion.
 4. <http://www.kukluxklan.org/> Official web site of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
 5. <http://www.k-k-k.com/> Imperial Klans of America web site
- B. SECULAR RACIST AND RELIGIOUS WHITE SUPREMACIST SITES
1. <http://www.panzerfaust.com/> White power/hate CD's for sale
 2. <http://americanskinheads.com/AA/> Self-described as the "Angry Aryans Nigger killing page" (Note: website temporarily down)
 3. <http://radiowhite.com/> White racist web radio show
 4. <http://www.dixienet.org/dnframeset.html> Non-religious post-1996 web site devoted to "maintaining our southern heritage." The League of the South arose in protest to the efforts to remove the Confederate flag from the State capitol of South Carolina.
 5. <http://dixienews.com/> *The Edgefield Journal*, the conservative voice of the South and the semi-official voice of the League of the South
 6. <http://www.cofcc.org/rally.htm> Council of Conservative Citizens. Non-religious, white racist organization's home page
- C. RELIGIOUSLY ORIENTED ANTI-GAY SITES
1. <http://www.godhatesfags.com/> This site offers Gospel preaching under the web title "Godhatesfags".
 2. <http://www.wiredstrategies.com/hate.html> A collection of statements against homosexuality by religious leaders and organizations. The site is maintained by Matthew Shepard Online Resources, a group dedicated to protecting the rights of Gays.
- D. RELIGIOUS SITES OPEN TO OR SUPPORTIVE OF THE GAY LIFESTYLE
1. <http://www.bridges-across.org/ba/wink.htm> Walter Wink, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Auburn Theological Seminary presents an article "Homosexuality in the Bible" which offers an eloquent and scholarly critique of the unequal burdens placed on persons following "the homosexual lifestyle."
 2. <http://www.godlovesgays.com/> Interfaith website quoting various religions on the subject of God's love for gays.
 3. <http://www.truluck.com/> Webpage of Dr. Robert Truluck, former Southern Baptist Pastor and professor who accepted his homosexuality. He is now a minister in the Metropolitan Community Church and an active speaker and writer. His most popular book is *Steps to Recovery from Biblical Abuse*.
- E. RELIGIOUSLY ORIENTED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION SITES AND HATE WATCH GROUPS
1. <http://www.splcenter.org/> Southern Poverty Law Center
 2. <http://www.wiesenthal.org/> Simon Wiesenthal Center
 3. <http://www.adl.org/> Anti-Defamation League
 4. <http://www.hatewatch.org/> HateWatch web site, also site for HateWatch web-radio.

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