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[ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials](#) and/or [Christian Periodical Index](#) – use for Bible, theology, religious, aspects of social issues

- This index has - articles - some full-text, some citations only
- book reviews – some full-text, some citations only
 - books that are collections of essays or conference proceedings –
citations only – check library catalogue
 - essays in books – **citations only** – check library catalogue

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[MasterFILE Elite](#) - designed specifically for public libraries. This index has articles from journals and newspapers – some full-text, some citations only.

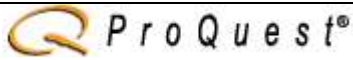
[Canadian Reference Centre](#) - combines Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books to create the largest collection of regional full-text content available to Canadian libraries. This index has articles from journals, newspapers and reference books – all in full-text.

Other databases in **Ebsco** come as part of a package to which we subscribe and are for younger levels.




The Providence Library has OCLC FirstSearch set to default search **WilsonSelectPlus Basic Search**. This database contains all full-text articles. You can *usually* view the results in either HTML or PDF format and can email the article to yourself. The link is in the top right-hand corner. [E-mail](#)  You can change the default search to search all of the databases to which the Library subscribes by clicking on [Home](#) and then selecting a topic or database. After typing in your search term(s) in the box, results will be given from a number of databases. FirstSearch will automatically put an *and* between your search terms. Results are linked to the Prov library holdings. The wildcard is an asterisk. There are many databases in FirstSearch. Some have full-text articles; many have only citations. Of particular interest to Providence College and Seminary students:

[WorldCat](#) OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide. Martha Loeppky can often bring materials in from these libraries for you. There may be a charge.



Proquest is a *mostly* full-text database of about 90 religion and theology journals. Includes religious news, commentary and theological studies. The wildcard is an asterisk. Use *and* between search terms.

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