

## **Suggested Resources for Research** (updated July 22, 2016)

### **APOLOGETICS**

- [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org) -- Answers in Genesis; one of the best for research on Bible questions
- [apologetics.org](http://apologetics.org) -- C.S. Lewis Society online
- [atlantaapologist.org](http://atlantaapologist.org) -- reasons to believe; integrates faith and science
- [biblicalarchaeology.org](http://biblicalarchaeology.org) -- Biblical Archaeology; search for topics/archaeology news
- [carm.org](http://carm.org) -- Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry; info on cults, religious and secular movements (Watch doctrine issues)
- [christiananswers.net](http://christiananswers.net) -- extremely versatile site! Search capabilities or choose from topics
- [creationism.org](http://creationism.org) -- creation science articles
- [creationresearch.org](http://creationresearch.org) -- Creation Research Society; some articles, search capable
- [icr.org](http://icr.org) -- Institute for Creation Research (Gish, Morris, etc.); Science and Bible integrated
- [pathlights.com/ce\\_encyclopedia/creation-encyclopediaTOC.html](http://pathlights.com/ce_encyclopedia/creation-encyclopediaTOC.html) -- the creation-evolution encyclopedia
- [sixdaycreation.com](http://sixdaycreation.com) -- creation science resources
- [str.org](http://str.org) -- Stand to Reason—commentaries on different relevant subjects
- [tasc-creationscience.org/other/plaisted/cs.unc.edu/plaisted/ce/index.html](http://tasc-creationscience.org/other/plaisted/cs.unc.edu/plaisted/ce/index.html) -- a creation perspective
- [xenos.org](http://xenos.org) -- apologetics, ministry, post-modernism, etc.

### **BIBLE STUDY AIDS**

Many of these sites have text searches, Hebrew and Greek helps, dictionaries, commentaries, concordances, lexicons, interlinear and parallel Bibles, etc.!

- [abarc.org](http://abarc.org) -- American Bible Academy & Resource Center; many College Press publications (including commentaries) in FULL TEXT! (Joplin, MO)
- [bible.crosswalk.com](http://bible.crosswalk.com) -- many Bible study tools
- [bible.org](http://bible.org) -- Biblical Studies Foundation (New English Translation)
- [bsw.org](http://bsw.org) -- Biblical studies on the Web; e-journals, libraries, commentaries, tools
- [christiananswers.net/bible/home.html](http://christiananswers.net/bible/home.html) -- more Bible aids
- [iclnet.org](http://iclnet.org) -- Internet Christian Library (Christian home schooling)
- [unbound.biola.edu](http://unbound.biola.edu) -- collection of searchable Bibles, Bible tools and a parallel view search

### **BOOKSTORES**

- [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com) -- new, used, collectibles
- [addall.com](http://addall.com) -- shops new, used, out-of-print and rare bookstores.

[amazon.com](http://amazon.com) -- Amazon.com; good place to shop or check for book reviews.

[bestwebbuys.com/books](http://bestwebbuys.com/books) -- Best Book Buys; compares prices for books, videos, & more

[bn.com](http://bn.com) -- Barnes and Noble; another place to shop or read book reviews.

[chegg.com/books](http://chegg.com/books) -- Rent, buy and sell print and e-textbooks

[christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) -- Christian Book Distributors.

#### **“CHRISTIAN” SEARCH ENGINES (not endorsements)**

[botcw.com](http://botcw.com) -- Best of the Christian Web; Web designing, excellent site with numerous links

[christianity.about.com](http://christianity.about.com) -- search general topics

[crosswalk.com](http://crosswalk.com) -- Crosswalk—“We are a for-profit religious corporation dedicated to building up the Church, which is the Body of Christ.”

[iclnet.org](http://iclnet.org) -- Internet Christian Library; LOTS of subjects and links

#### **FAMILY**

[afa.net](http://afa.net) -- American Family Association

[crown.org](http://crown.org) -- Crown Financial Ministries (Larry Burkett); finance, budgeting, Bible studies

[family.org](http://family.org) -- Focus on the Family resources (Dr. James Dobson)

#### **HOAXES, VIRUSES, CHAIN LETTERS (AND OTHER ANNOYANCES)**

[hoaxbusters.org](http://hoaxbusters.org)

[scambusters.org](http://scambusters.org)

[truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com)

[urbanlegends.about.com](http://urbanlegends.about.com)

#### **JOURNALS (some free: some by subscription)**

[LincolnChristian.edu/library/christian-standard-index](http://LincolnChristian.edu/library/christian-standard-index) -- Christian Standard Subject Index 1967-1993; no full-text.

[cbmw.org/journal](http://cbmw.org/journal) -- Journal for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

[christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com) -- some full-text articles in three popular publications: *Christianity Today*, *Preaching Today* and *Leadership Journal*. Also offers subject searches, sermon helps, and sermon illustrations.

[christianitytoday.com/iyf](http://christianitytoday.com/iyf) -- Campus Life

[navpress.com](http://navpress.com) -- Current Thoughts and Trends on-line

[stone-campbelljournal.com](http://stone-campbelljournal.com) -- Stone-Campbell Journal

[ucalgary.ca/~lipton/journals.html](http://ucalgary.ca/~lipton/journals.html) -- Religious Studies Web Guide (under "General Guides" click on "Subject Listing" then "Christianity" or "Biblical Studies")

[worldmag.com](http://worldmag.com) -- World Magazine

[youthspecialties.com](http://youthspecialties.com) -- Journal of Youth Ministry, and following:

[youthworkers.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=coopmins.view&CmID=141](http://youthworkers.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=coopmins.view&CmID=141) -- The Association of Youth Ministry Educators (AYME)

### **INTERCULTURAL STUDIES**

[gmi.org](http://gmi.org) -- Global Mapping International

[InterServe.org](http://InterServe.org) -- InterServe

[mislinks.org](http://mislinks.org) -- "A Web-based Missions Directory"

[missionfrontiers.org](http://missionfrontiers.org) -- Mission Frontiers Magazine

[MissionNetworkNews.org](http://MissionNetworkNews.org) -- Mission Network News

[missionresources](http://missionresources) -- Mission Resource Directory

[ShortTermMissions.com](http://ShortTermMissions.com) -- Short Term Missions

[theicom.org](http://theicom.org) -- International Conference on Missions

[urbana.org](http://urbana.org) -- Urbana Conference

### **MOVIE/ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS**

[christiananswers.net/spotlight/home.html](http://christiananswers.net/spotlight/home.html) -- Christian Spotlight on Movies

[hollywoodjesus.com](http://hollywoodjesus.com) -- examines spiritual content of movies

[parentreviews.com](http://parentreviews.com) -- gives ratings on movies, music and games

[pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) -- Pluggd In Magazine (from Focus on the Family) movies, music, TV

[screenit.com](http://screenit.com) -- entertainment reviews for parents

### **PASTOR'S HELPS**

[biblebb.com](http://biblebb.com) -- Bible Bulletin Board; articles, facts, verses by topic, links

[clipart.christiansunite.com](http://clipart.christiansunite.com) -- Christian clip art

[dafont.com](http://dafont.com) -- free downloadable fonts

[discipleshistory.org](http://discipleshistory.org) -- Disciples of Christ Historical Society

[fontparadise.com](http://fontparadise.com) -- free downloadable fonts

[joshhunt.com](http://joshhunt.com) -- lessons, articles, church growth

[pastorshelper.faithweb.com](http://pastorshelper.faithweb.com) -- sermons, research tools, bible study, worship, youth, etc.

[preaching.com](http://preaching.com) -- Preaching Magazine; articles, reviews, illustrations

[sermoncentral.com](http://sermoncentral.com) -- sermon helps, illustrations

[sermons.org](http://sermons.org) -- sermon helps, illustrations, etc.

[virtualpreacher.org/useful-christian-web-sites-and-blogs/free-sermon-notes-outlines-audios-videos](http://virtualpreacher.org/useful-christian-web-sites-and-blogs/free-sermon-notes-outlines-audios-videos) -- Preaching outlines and preparations

[w3schools.com/default.asp](http://w3schools.com/default.asp) -- full website building tutorials (includes html codes)

## **SPECIALTY**

[adherents.com](http://adherents.com) -- "41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations" Home Schooling

[barna.org](http://barna.org) -- current trends, statistics

[bartleby.com/index.html](http://bartleby.com/index.html) -- online full-text selections of classics

[ccel.org](http://ccel.org) -- Christian Classics Ethereal Library; full-text classics as well as tools

[celi.com](http://celi.com) -- Christian Copyright Licensing International (music, videos, etc.)

[churchstaffing.com](http://churchstaffing.com) -- to fill (or find) all kinds of ministry positions

[dp.la/info](http://dp.la/info) -- Digital Public Library of America

[gnpi.org](http://gnpi.org) -- Good News Productions International (Joplin, MO) media for global cultures

[oatd.org](http://oatd.org) -- Open Access Theses and Dissertations: "Advanced research and scholarship. Free to find, free to use."

[perseus.tufts.edu](http://perseus.tufts.edu) -- Greek, Latin tools, art, archaeology, atlases and more

[watchman.org](http://watchman.org) -- Watchman Fellowship; new movements, New Age, cults and the occult

[www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org) -- Hathi Trust Digital Library

## **WORSHIP**

[christianbook.com/WorshipMusic](http://christianbook.com/WorshipMusic) -- Store for worship and praise music

[creatormagazine.com](http://creatormagazine.com) -- Creator; "magazine of balanced music ministries"

[cyberhymnal.org](http://cyberhymnal.org) -- Lyrics, scores, history, etc., for over 10,000 hymns and songs

[integritymusic.com](http://integritymusic.com) -- Integrity Music; store, resources, reviews

[maranathamusic.com](http://maranathamusic.com) -- Maranatha Music; store, reviews, lyrics, chords

[praise.net](http://praise.net) -- Worship Resource Center

[songselect.com](http://songselect.com) -- lyrics, sheet music, audio samples

[tfwm.com](http://tfwm.com) -- Technologies Worship Ministries

[vineyardworship.com](http://vineyardworship.com) -- Vineyard Music; stores, resources, reviews

[worshiparchive.com](http://worshiparchive.com) -- Praise & Worship Archive; lyrics, chords, transpositions

[worshiptogether.com](http://worshiptogether.com) -- Song search, blog, videos, store

## YOUTH

[aministries.org/School/about\\_school.htm](http://aministries.org/School/about_school.htm) -- aims toward church spiritual maturity

[childrensministry.com](http://childrensministry.com) – Children’s Ministry Magazine: Group, Faith Weaver Curriculum

[childrensministry.org](http://childrensministry.org) -- Children's Ministry Today

[christianteens.about.com/index.htm](http://christianteens.about.com/index.htm) -- find topics and features to build faith, meet other teens, and discuss contemporary issues

[ciy.com](http://ciy.com) -- Christ in Youth (Joplin, MO)

[cpyu.org](http://cpyu.org) -- Center for Parent and Youth Understanding

[dickstaub.com](http://dickstaub.com) – Dick Staub, author, broadcaster keeps a culture watch and how Christians can be in the world, not of it

[dougfields.com](http://dougfields.com) – Doug Fields, author, speaker offers lots of youth ministry resources and some free downloads

[egadideas.com](http://egadideas.com) -- children’s sermons, crafts, I,800 games, etc.

[incm.org](http://incm.org) -- International Network of Children's Ministry

[mintools.com](http://mintools.com) -- ministry tools resource center

[nailscars.com](http://nailscars.com) -- youth ministry resources and insights

[pastor2youth.com](http://pastor2youth.com) -- site with great resources, links for youth ministry

[reach-out.org](http://reach-out.org) -- articles on youth ministry and worship

[teenlifeministries.com](http://teenlifeministries.com) -- Teen Life Ministries produces fresh and practical resources for youth workers, teens, and parents.

[theideabox.com](http://theideabox.com) -- activities, games, songs, crafts, recipes (DIY ideas)

[thesource4ym.com](http://thesource4ym.com) -- great resource of Christian articles, seminars, etc.

[youthministry.com](http://youthministry.com) -- Group Magazine

[youthpastor.com](http://youthpastor.com) -- games, resources, tech articles, helpful hints on ministry, etc.

[youthspecialties.com](http://youthspecialties.com) -- click on "Links" for many, many good sites!

[youthworkers.net](http://youthworkers.net) -- national network of youth ministries and source of youth ministry yellow pages

### Evaluating Internet Sources

The World Wide Web can be searched by a specific address (the URL, uniform resource locator) or by using one of the many good search engines available such as Bing, DuckDuckGo, Northern Light, Excite, Lycos, Yahoo, MetaCrawler, Google and ScholarGoogle.

As you prepare to research on the Internet, please remember that the WWW is much like a giant broadcast service that has no central authority. Many people believe that if information is on the Internet,

it must be true. However, anyone with a server can make information available through a Home or Web page! Therefore, your information will be as reliable (or unreliable) as its source.

When you are trying to discern what constitutes a good website, ask the four basic "W's":

- Who wrote it?
- What are they saying?
- When was this created or revised?
- Where is the site located?

**Is this source Reliable? Check the domain name in the address**

- .edu=educational institution (but does it give a disclaimer?)
- .gov=government agency
- .com=commercial enterprise (designated to sell a product or service)

**Is it Authoritative?**

- Does it reflect an individual's opinion? (Hint: a tilde "~" in the address usually means that an individual is the source)
- What is the author's motive?
- Is he or she well known or considered an authority? Are any credentials noted?

**Is the source Current?**

- When was it posted or updated?
- What are the inclusive dates of the information?

**Is the source Complete?**

- Is this information the most thorough that is available?
- Has the author taken an excerpt from or summarized another source?

**Is this information Relevant?**

Does this information really fit my needs?

\*The Internet will *not* be your BEST source for ALL research. Don't let attraction to the Internet sway your choice of sources!