

Suggested Resources for Research (updated July 22, 2016)

APOLOGETICS

- answersingenesis.org -- Answers in Genesis; one of the best for research on Bible questions
- apologetics.org -- C.S. Lewis Society online
- atlantaapologist.org -- reasons to believe; integrates faith and science
- biblicalarchaeology.org -- Biblical Archaeology; search for topics/archaeology news
- carm.org -- Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry; info on cults, religious and secular movements (Watch doctrine issues)
- christiananswers.net -- extremely versatile site! Search capabilities or choose from topics
- creationism.org -- creation science articles
- creationresearch.org -- Creation Research Society; some articles, search capable
- icr.org -- Institute for Creation Research (Gish, Morris, etc.); Science and Bible integrated
- pathlights.com/ce_encyclopedia/creation-encyclopediaTOC.html -- the creation-evolution encyclopedia
- sixdaycreation.com -- creation science resources
- str.org -- Stand to Reason—commentaries on different relevant subjects
- tasc-creationscience.org/other/plaisted/cs.unc.edu/plaisted/ce/index.html -- a creation perspective
- 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 -- American Bible Academy & Resource Center; many College Press publications (including commentaries) in FULL TEXT! (Joplin, MO)
- bible.crosswalk.com -- many Bible study tools
- bible.org -- Biblical Studies Foundation (New English Translation)
- bsw.org -- Biblical studies on the Web; e-journals, libraries, commentaries, tools
- christiananswers.net/bible/home.html -- more Bible aids
- iclnet.org -- Internet Christian Library (Christian home schooling)
- unbound.biola.edu -- collection of searchable Bibles, Bible tools and a parallel view search

BOOKSTORES

- abebooks.com -- new, used, collectibles
- addall.com -- shops new, used, out-of-print and rare bookstores.

amazon.com -- Amazon.com; good place to shop or check for book reviews.

bestwebbuys.com/books -- Best Book Buys; compares prices for books, videos, & more

bn.com -- Barnes and Noble; another place to shop or read book reviews.

chegg.com/books -- Rent, buy and sell print and e-textbooks

christianbook.com -- Christian Book Distributors.

“CHRISTIAN” SEARCH ENGINES (not endorsements)

botcw.com -- Best of the Christian Web; Web designing, excellent site with numerous links

christianity.about.com -- search general topics

crosswalk.com -- Crosswalk—“We are a for-profit religious corporation dedicated to building up the Church, which is the Body of Christ.”

iclnet.org -- Internet Christian Library; LOTS of subjects and links

FAMILY

afa.net -- American Family Association

crown.org -- Crown Financial Ministries (Larry Burkett); finance, budgeting, Bible studies

family.org -- Focus on the Family resources (Dr. James Dobson)

HOAXES, VIRUSES, CHAIN LETTERS (AND OTHER ANNOYANCES)

hoaxbusters.org

scambusters.org

truthorfiction.com

urbanlegends.about.com

JOURNALS (some free: some by subscription)

LincolnChristian.edu/library/christian-standard-index -- Christian Standard Subject Index 1967-1993; no full-text.

cbmw.org/journal -- Journal for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

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 -- Campus Life

navpress.com -- Current Thoughts and Trends on-line

stone-campbelljournal.com -- Stone-Campbell Journal

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

worldmag.com -- World Magazine

youthspecialties.com -- Journal of Youth Ministry, and following:

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

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

gmi.org -- Global Mapping International

InterServe.org -- InterServe

mislinks.org -- "A Web-based Missions Directory"

missionfrontiers.org -- Mission Frontiers Magazine

MissionNetworkNews.org -- Mission Network News

missionresources -- Mission Resource Directory

ShortTermMissions.com -- Short Term Missions

theicom.org -- International Conference on Missions

urbana.org -- Urbana Conference

MOVIE/ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS

christiananswers.net/spotlight/home.html -- Christian Spotlight on Movies

hollywoodjesus.com -- examines spiritual content of movies

parentreviews.com -- gives ratings on movies, music and games

pluggedin.com -- Plugged In Magazine (from Focus on the Family) movies, music, TV

screenit.com -- entertainment reviews for parents

PASTOR'S HELPS

biblebb.com -- Bible Bulletin Board; articles, facts, verses by topic, links

clipart.christiansunite.com -- Christian clip art

dafont.com -- free downloadable fonts

discipleshistory.org -- Disciples of Christ Historical Society

fontparadise.com -- free downloadable fonts

joshhunt.com -- lessons, articles, church growth

pastorshelper.faithweb.com -- sermons, research tools, bible study, worship, youth, etc.

preaching.com -- Preaching Magazine; articles, reviews, illustrations

sermoncentral.com -- sermon helps, illustrations

sermons.org -- sermon helps, illustrations, etc.

virtualpreacher.org/useful-christian-web-sites-and-blogs/free-sermon-notes-outlines-audios-videos -- Preaching outlines and preparations

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

SPECIALTY

adherents.com -- "41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations" Home Schooling

barna.org -- current trends, statistics

bartleby.com/index.html -- online full-text selections of classics

ccel.org -- Christian Classics Ethereal Library; full-text classics as well as tools

celi.com -- Christian Copyright Licensing International (music, videos, etc.)

churchstaffing.com -- to fill (or find) all kinds of ministry positions

dp.la/info -- Digital Public Library of America

gnpi.org -- Good News Productions International (Joplin, MO) media for global cultures

oatd.org -- Open Access Theses and Dissertations: "Advanced research and scholarship. Free to find, free to use."

perseus.tufts.edu -- Greek, Latin tools, art, archaeology, atlases and more

watchman.org -- Watchman Fellowship; new movements, New Age, cults and the occult

www.hathitrust.org -- Hathi Trust Digital Library

WORSHIP

christianbook.com/WorshipMusic -- Store for worship and praise music

creatormagazine.com -- Creator; "magazine of balanced music ministries"

cyberhymnal.org -- Lyrics, scores, history, etc., for over 10,000 hymns and songs

integritymusic.com -- Integrity Music; store, resources, reviews

maranathamusic.com -- Maranatha Music; store, reviews, lyrics, chords

praise.net -- Worship Resource Center

songselect.com -- lyrics, sheet music, audio samples

tfwm.com -- Technologies Worship Ministries

vineyardworship.com -- Vineyard Music; stores, resources, reviews

worshiparchive.com -- Praise & Worship Archive; lyrics, chords, transpositions

worshiptogether.com -- Song search, blog, videos, store

YOUTH

aministries.org/School/about_school.htm -- aims toward church spiritual maturity

childrensministry.com – Children’s Ministry Magazine: Group, Faith Weaver Curriculum

childrensministry.org -- Children's Ministry Today

christianteens.about.com/index.htm -- find topics and features to build faith, meet other teens, and discuss contemporary issues

ciy.com -- Christ in Youth (Joplin, MO)

cpyu.org -- Center for Parent and Youth Understanding

dickstaub.com – Dick Staub, author, broadcaster keeps a culture watch and how Christians can be in the world, not of it

dougfields.com – Doug Fields, author, speaker offers lots of youth ministry resources and some free downloads

egadideas.com -- children’s sermons, crafts, I,800 games, etc.

incm.org -- International Network of Children's Ministry

mintools.com -- ministry tools resource center

nailscars.com -- youth ministry resources and insights

pastor2youth.com -- site with great resources, links for youth ministry

reach-out.org -- articles on youth ministry and worship

teenlifeministries.com -- Teen Life Ministries produces fresh and practical resources for youth workers, teens, and parents.

theideabox.com -- activities, games, songs, crafts, recipes (DIY ideas)

thesource4ym.com -- great resource of Christian articles, seminars, etc.

youthministry.com -- Group Magazine

youthpastor.com -- games, resources, tech articles, helpful hints on ministry, etc.

youthspecialties.com -- click on "Links" for many, many good sites!

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!