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Resources

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At the time of publication the URLs (website addresses) cited were checked for accuracy and appropriateness of content. However, due to the transient nature of material placed on the web, their continuing accuracy cannot be verified. Teachers are strongly advised to prepare their own indexes of sites that are suitable and applicable to the courses they teach, and to check these addresses prior to allowing student access.

General resources

Books

Aryasura 1983, *The Marvellous Companion: Life-Stories of the Buddha*, Dharma Publishing, Berkeley, California.

Bhaskarananda, Swami 2002, *The Essentials of Hinduism: A Comprehensive Overview of the World's Oldest Religion*, Viveka Press, Seattle.

Glasse, C (ed.) 1989, *The Concise Encyclopedia of Islam*, Stacey International, London.

Hammudah Abd al Ati 2001, *Islam in Focus*, Maryland, Amana Publications, Maryland.  
Holt, P et al. (eds) 1977, *The Cambridge History of Islam*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Kalupahana, D 1992, *A History of Buddhist Philosophy: Continuities and Discontinuities*, University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu.

McBrien, R 1994, *Catholicism,* HarperSanFrancisco, San Francisco, California.

Robinson, R & Johnson, W 1982, *The Buddhist Religion: A Historical Introduction* (The Religious Life of Man Series), Wadsworth Publishing, Belmont, California.

Tuohy, M, et al. 2016, *VCE Religion and Society Units 1–4*, Nelson Cengage Learning, Australia, 2016.

Websites

Catholic Church in Australia  
[www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)  
Provides information about the organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Chabad  
[www.chabad.org/](http://www.chabad.org/)  
Information on Judaism within mainstream Jewish thought.

Goldhar School  
[www.goldharschool.com/](http://www.goldharschool.com/)  
Provides educational material on the Torah and Jewish holidays, history and traditions.

[The Lookstein Center for Jewish Education](http://www.lookstein.org/)

[www.lookstein.org](http://www.lookstein.org)   
A university-based website seeking to support and engage with Jewish educators, leaders and dedicated young people.

My Jewish Learning   
[www.myjewishlearning.com/](http://www.myjewishlearning.com/) A transdenominational Jewish website providing resources on all aspects of Judaism and Jewish life.

*The New Encyclopaedia of the Catholic Church.*   
The online Encyclopaedia of the Catholic Church, [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org), is the original 1917 encyclopaedia. *The* *New Encyclopedia of the Catholic Church* is the post-Vatican II Encyclopedia. A second edition was released in 2002.

Pew Research Centre[www.pewforum.org/](http://www.pewforum.org/)   
The Pew Research Centre, through opinion polling and social science research, provides nonpartisan data on issues, attitudes and trends concerning religion, politics, the media, science and technology, society and demography.

Reform Judaism  
<http://reformjudaism.org/>   
Focuses on Reform Jewish life and practice.

Shamash: The Jewish Internet Consortium  
[www.shamash.org](http://www.shamash.org/)Includes Jewish information and discussion serving Jewish religious, educational, cultural, communal, and social service organisations.

The Holy See (Vatican)  
[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)  
The official website of the Catholic Church providing access to Church documents and Papal teaching.

Torah  
[www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org)  
Promotes Jewish identity and education.

Unit 1: The role of religion in society

Books

Ariel, D 1995, *What do Jews believe?,* Schocken Books Inc, New York.

Armstrong, KA 1993, *History of God*, Mandarin, London.

Badiner, A (ed.) 1990, *Dharma Gala: A Harvest of Essays on Buddhism and Ecology*, Parallax Press, Berkeley, California.

Bagh, M, Capuana, J, Engebretson, K 2016, *A World of Diversity, the role of religion in society,* David Barlow Publishing, Sydney.

Bamberger, BJ 1970, *The Story of Judaism*, Schocken Books, New York.

Bouma, G 1992, *Religion: Meaning, Transcendence and Community in Australia*, Longman Cheshire, London.

Flood, G 1996, *An Introduction to Hinduism*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Kertzer, M 1960, *What is a Jew?,* The World Publishing Co, Cleveland.

Prothero, S 2010, *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter*, HarperOne, New York City.

Steadman, S 2009, *Archaeology of Religion: Cultures and their Beliefs in Worldwide Context*, Routledge, London.

Steinberg, M 1947, *Basic Judaism,* Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York.

Tuohy, M et al. 2012, *Religion and Ethics in a Pluralist Society: VCE Religion and Society*, Cengage Learning Australia, Melbourne.

**Documentary**

The Story of God, (three parts) presented by Lord Winston, Dangerous Films, 2005.

Unit 2: Religion and ethics

Books

Donin, H 1991, *To Be A Jew: A Guide To Jewish Observance In Contemporary Life*, Basic Books, New York.

Engebretson, K, Duncan, B, et al. 2004, *Catholic Ethical Thinking*, James Goold House Publications, Melbourne.

Freakley, M & Burgh, G 2000, *Engaging with Ethics – Ethical Enquiry for Teachers*, Social Science Press, Wentworth Falls, NSW.

Lamm, N 1974, *The Good Society: Jewish Ethics in Action,* Viking New York.

Sacks, J 2003, *The Dignity of Difference*, Continuum, New York City.

Tuohy, M, et al. 2012, *Religion and Ethics in a Pluralist Society: VCE Religion and Society*, Cengage Learning Australia, Melbourne.

Weate, J 1998, *A Young Person’s Guide to Philosophy*, Dorling Kindersley, London.

Wolfe, R 2001, *Ethics and World Religions – Cross-Cultural Case Studies*, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York.

Wright, J 2003, *The Story of Philosophy*, Social Science Press, Tuggerah, NSW.

Websites

The Ethics Centre (formerly St James Ethics Centre)   
[www.ethic.org.au](http://www.ethic.org.au)   
Provides practical guidance for navigating ethical issues and online content.

Markula Centre for Applied Ethics   
[www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/decision/](http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/decision/)   
Provides ethical decision-making resources.

Catholic resource   
[www.resourcemelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.resourcemelb.catholic.edu.au/)   
A useful resource for ethical issues from a Catholic perspective.

Unit 3: The search for meaning

Books

Collins, C 2015, *Reformation Anglicanism: Biblical - Generous – Beautiful*, Anglican House Publications, USA.

Doogue, G & Kirkwood, P 2005, *Tomorrow’s Islam: Age-old beliefs meet the modern world*, ABC Books, Harper Collins Publishers, Australia.

De Bary, WT (ed.) 1972, *The Buddhist Tradition in India, China and Japan*, Vintage Books, New York.

Fowler, J 1997, *Hinduism: Beliefs and Practices*, Sussex Academic Press, Sussex.

Gordis, D 1997, *God was not in the Fire,* Touchstone, New York.

Jacobs, L 1973, *A Jewish Theology*, Behrman House Publishing, Springfield NJ.

Lamm, M 2000, *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning,* Jonathan David Publishers, New York.

McBride, R 1995, *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, Harper Collins, San Francisco.

Neusner, J 1988, *The Way of Torah: An Introduction to Judaism*, Wadsworth, California.

O’Collins, G, Farrugia, M 2003, *Catholicism: The Story of Catholic Christianity*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Unterman, A 1985, *Jews: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices*, Rowledge, London.

Vatican City, 1994, *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (English edition), Homebush, NSW.

Vatican City, 2005, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, St Paul’s Publications, Homebush, NSW.

Ware, T 1993, *The Orthodox Church*, Penguin Books, New York.

Unit 4

Books

Armstrong, KA 2002, *Islam – A Short History*, Phoenix Press, London.

Bausch, WJ 1999, *Catholics in Crisis? The Church Confronts Contemporary Challenges*, Twenty-Third Publications, USA.

Bowden, J 2007, *A Chronology of World Christianity*, Continuum, UK and USA.

Goldberg, DJ & Rayner, JD 1989, *The Jewish People – Their History and Their Religion*, Penguin Books, London.

Gritsch, W 2002, *A History of Lutheranism*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis.

Johnson, P 1995, *A History of the Jews*, A Phoenix Giant Paperback, UK.

O’Collins, G & Farrugia, M 2003, *Catholicism: The Story of Catholic Christianity*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Website

American Jewish Historical Society   
[www.ajhs.org](http://www.ajhs.org/)   
Seeks to foster awareness of American Jewish History and provides resources towards scholarly research.

Journals

Ezzy, D (ed.) *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* (formally: *Australian Religion Studies Review*), University of Sydney, NSW.

*Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, Australian Association for Jewish Studies, Camberwell, Vic, Australia.

*Communio: International Catholic Review*, Washington DC.

*Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, University Park, Pa.

Hutchings, T (ed.) *The Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture*, Stockholm University.

Marti, G (ed.) *Sociology of Religion*, Oxford University Press.

*The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, The National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia, USA.

Rapoport, W (ed.) Gesher: *The Official Journal of the Council of Christians and Jews*, Victoria.

*Journal of Religion and Society*, Creighton University, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Omaha, Neb.

Rosengarten, R, Robinson, J (eds.) *The Journal of Religion*, University of Chicago Press.

*The Tablet*, The Tablet Publishing Co ([www.thetablet.co.uk](http://www.thetablet.co.uk)).

Organisations

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne  
[www.melbourneanglican.org.au/](http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/)

Australian Council of Christians and Jews  
<http://ccj.org.au/>

Bible Museum at St. Arnaud  
[www.thebiblemuseum.com.au/](http://www.thebiblemuseum.com.au/)

Caritas Australia   
[www.caritas.org.au/](http://www.caritas.org.au/)

Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics  
<http://chisholmhealthethics.org.au/>

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne  
[www.cam.org.au/](http://www.cam.org.au/)

Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Melbourne  
[www.melbcopts.org.au/](http://www.melbcopts.org.au/)

Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria  
[www.greekcommunity.com.au/gocmv\_public/](http://www.greekcommunity.com.au/gocmv_public/)

Hindu Community Council of Victoria  
[www.hinduccv.org.au/directory](http://www.hinduccv.org.au/directory)

Islamic Council of Victoria  
[www.icv.org.au/](http://www.icv.org.au/)

Islamic Museum of Australia  
[www.islamicmuseum.org.au/](http://www.islamicmuseum.org.au/)

Jewish Holocaust Centre  
[www.jhc.org.au/](http://www.jhc.org.au/)

Jewish Museum of Australia  
[www.jewishmuseum.com.au/](http://www.jewishmuseum.com.au/)

Jewish Muslim Christian Association   
<http://jcma.org.au/>   
Information on the three faiths, and guest speakers for schools program

Lamm Jewish Library of Australia  
<http://ljla.org.au/about-us/>

Lutheran Church of Australia  
[www.lca.org.au/](http://www.lca.org.au/)

Pathways  
<http://beliefpathways.org/>  
Guest speakers for schools from a range of religious and non-religious pathways.

Tara Institute – Buddhist Meditation Centre  
[www.tarainstitute.org.au/](http://www.tarainstitute.org.au/)

Subject association

Religion and Society Network   
[www.rasnet.vic.edu.au/](http://www.rasnet.vic.edu.au/)