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Adherents.com

<http://www.adherents.com/>

At the top of the homepage there is an alpha search for listed religious traditions. Make sure to note the exact name in that many are quite similar. Also note that entries may be divided according to states or countries. The key word search links to other information. This is a good place to start your research.

Beliefnet

<http://www.beliefnet.com>

This site offers a range of resources – from devotional tools to commentary – centered on spirituality and faith, and includes traditional service areas such as parenting, entertainment, news and society and health and healing.

Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library

<http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html>

Edited by: Dr T. Matthew Ciolek (The Australian National University, Canberra, AU), Prof. Joe Bransford Wilson (U. of North Carolina at Wilmington, US) and Privat-Dozent Jerome Ducor (Ethnographic Museum, Geneva, CH) this site is a set of reviewed resources that serve as a tool for learning about Buddhism.

Christian Traditions Websites Directory

<http://www.religiousworlds.com/christian.html>

This set of sites a list of web resources on Christianity and identifies each of its sponsors.

Harvard University: The Pluralism Project

<http://www.pluralism.org>

Helps Americans engage with the realities of religious diversity through research, outreach and resource dissemination.

Islam for Today

<http://www.islamfortoday.com/about.htm>

This site has been produced to give Westerners some basic understanding of the beliefs and practices of Islam.

Jesus to Christ

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/>

This site has academic resources that support the documentary of the same name available for purchase from PBS.

Judaism 101

<http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>

Judaism 101 is an online encyclopedia of Judaism, covering Jewish beliefs, people, places, things, language, scripture, holidays, practices and customs. It is kind of an FAQ site with different levels of complexity of answers for people with different levels of background and need for knowledge.

Los Angeles Religion Tour

<http://www.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=angelus+temple&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=32.38984,59.501953&ie=UTF8&z=19&ll=34.076197,-118.260594&spn=0.001033,0.001816&t=h&om=1>

If you are having trouble finding a religious site of interest, here are some from which to choose.

Online Resources for the Study of Religion

<http://www.csuchico.edu/rs/student-resources/online-resources.shtml>

This collection of websites on world religions was developed by professors of religious studies at CSU Chico.

Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life

<http://pewforum.org/>

The Pew Forum is a highly regarded academic research organization that reports on issues related to religion and public life around the world.

ReligionFacts

<http://www.religionfacts.com/>

ReligionFacts does its best to be an objective guide and provide basic information about beliefs without promoting any one religion or belief system nor even a particular view of religion. Only some denominations of Christianity are included but for these there are comparison charts and other helpful information.

Religion of Islam

<http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/cultural/religion/islam/beliefs.html>

This site by Minnesota State University is a brief overview of Muslim beliefs and the history of Islam.

Religious Tolerance.org

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/>

This site attempts to provide an overview of beliefs about major world religions in an academic manner and offer information about positions on key issues of importance in society. I have found errors and biases at this site but at the same time a great many scholars of religious studies recommend Religious Tolerance.org for use in research.

That Religious Studies Website

<http://www.thatreligiousstudieswebsite.com/index.php>

This site is by Stephen Richards has overview information on the major world religions, including non western religions presented from an academic perspective. The section on Sikhism is not well developed.