



Features:

- An index to 700 journals in religion and theology.
- An index to chapters in multi-author works, including Festschriften, conference proceedings, and congresses.
- An index to book reviews.
- Access to the complete articles on line for 55 journals.

How to Access the ATLA Religion Database

Connect from the Darling Library web site at <http://library.hiu.edu>, click **Research Databases** and choose the **FirstSearch** service. Once in FirstSearch, click **List All Databases** then choose **ATLAReligion**.

NOTE: Access to databases outside of the Darling Library is restricted to current HIU students, faculty and staff. See *Login Help* handout.

Using FirstSearch to Search ATLA

Searching:

1. The default search screen for the ATLA Religion Database is **Advanced Search**. You will see three empty boxes on the left and three boxes on the right labeled **Keyword**.
2. Enter your search term into the first box on the left.
3. Select the appropriate search term (keyword, author, title, subject, etc.) by clicking the drop-down menu arrow on the right box.
4. Add any additional conditions such as year, language, or document type.
5. Click the **Search** button.

Searching for Scripture Passages:

1. Choose **Scripture Citation Phrase** from the drop-down menu on the right.
2. Enter the scripture passage into the box on the left.

Examples:

- **Joel 4 1** to search Joel chapter 4 verse 1
- **John, 1st 2 3** to search I John chapter 2 verse 3

- **John, 1st 1 1-2** to search I John chapter 1 verses 1 to 2
- **Matthew 5** to search for anything in that chapter
- **Kings, 2nd 1 1-2 18** to search II Kings chapter 1 verse 1 through chapter 2 verse 18

Printing/Emailing results from a list of citations:

1. Check off desired citations/records.
2. Click the **Marked Records** link on the top of the screen, in the light blue horizontal bar, to create a list of what you have marked.

IMPORTANT! You must complete this step or else the citations you have marked will not be differentiated from the total list. Do this before you print or email!

Printing full-text articles in ATLA:

1. Note the last page number of the article OR note the page range of the pages you wish to print.
2. Click **Display/Print Multiple Pages**.
3. Enter the page numbers that you wish to print as directed on the screen.
4. Click the **Display** button.
5. Use the browser (i.e. Internet Explorer or Netscape) print button to print.


NOTE: The first printed page will only have the citation.

Emailing full-text articles:

1. Click the **E-mail** icon in the top left corner. Enter your email address as instructed.
2. You will receive an email message that contains a link to the article.

IMPORTANT! You will not be able to access this article from outside of the Darling Library unless you are a current HIU student, faculty or staff. This link will expire after one week, even if you save the email message.

Handy Feature:

Click the **Browse Index** button  to see a list of terms in an index. Helpful if you are unsure of spelling or the exact wording of titles (see example of this feature on following page).

More about Scripture Searching and the Browse Index


Search in database: ATLASearch (Updated: 2004-02-03)
Religious and theological literature for students and faculty

Search for: [] Keyword []
and [] Keyword []
and [] Keyword []

Year: [] (format: YYYY-YYYY)
Language: No Limit
Limit to: Document Type: No Limit
Record Stream: No Limit
Product Code: No Limit

Limit to: Full text
 Subscriptions held by my library (CPC, HOPE INT UNIV)
Library Code: [] Find codes ...

Rank by: No ranking

Click the **Browse Index**  button to get hints on how to search more effectively.

See screen shot below for an example of using the Browse Index to look at the **Scripture Citation Phrase** index.


You can see that there are:

- 3 articles that focus specifically on **I John 1:7**
- 1 article that focuses specifically on **I John 1:8**
- 2 articles that focus specifically on **I John 1:8-10**
- 1 article that focuses specifically on **I John 1:9**

If you were interested in I John 1:1-10, any of the articles that appear on this list under the first four entries would be of interest to you. You will have to repeat the search multiple times to gather all of these relevant articles.

IMPORTANT! If you did a search for John, 1st 1-10 you would get *zero results*. Why is this?

Look carefully at the list and you will see that none of the articles in the database cover those verses *exactly*. Consequently you get zero results. In fact, the database does include many relevant articles but you must search for them *as they are indexed by the database*. For this reason we recommend *always*

using the **Browse Index**  for Scripture Citation searches OR to search for the entire chapter and select relevant citations from out of that list.

Current database: ATLASearch

Browse for: John, 1st 1-10

Indexed in: Scripture Citation Phrase

Browse

Term/Phrase	Count
john, 1st 1 7	3
john, 1st 1 8	1
john, 1st 1 8-10	2
john, 1st 1 9	2
john, 1st 12	1
john, 1st 12 47	1
john, 1st 15	1
john, 1st 15 18-23	1
john, 1st 17	1
john, 1st 17 20-21	1

1. Type in a scripture passage.
2. Change the dropdown menu to **Scripture Citation Phrase**.
3. Click the **Browse** button.
4. Here are the results. Click a scripture link to automatically run a search for that passage.

NOTE: To properly enter the term into the search box, you should **NOT** separate the chapter and verses by a colon, and the I John should be entered as John, 1st.