

Las Positas College Library
Library Research Guide: Religious Studies: Women's Spirituality Materials at LPC

REFERENCE SOURCES – Use reference sources for background information, broad overviews and summaries. The reference collection includes general and subject specific dictionaries, encyclopedias, biographies, directories, almanacs, atlases, etc. Many also contain bibliographies for further research. Reference books cannot be checked out from the library but may be photocopied.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All of the women of the Bible [1st ed.]</i> • <i>Encyclopedia of religious rites, rituals, and festivals</i> • <i>Encyclopedia of women and religion in North America</i> • <i>Encyclopedia of women and world religion</i> • <i>Encyclopedia of witchcraft : the Western tradition</i> • <i>Religion and sexuality : opposing viewpoints</i> • <i>Witchcraft in America</i> • <i>Witchcraft today : an encyclopedia of Wiccan and neopagan traditions</i> • <i>Women of classical mythology : a biographical dictionary</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ref BS575 .D4 Ref BL31 .E47 2004 Ref BL458 .E52 2006 Ref BL458 .E53 1999 Ref BF1566 .E56 2005 Ref HQ63 .R45 2008 Ref BF1573 .S23 2001 Ref BF1571 .L49 1999 Ref BL715 .B445 1991 |
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BOOKS & AUDIOVISUALS – Use the online catalog to find materials in the library. The catalog includes all books and audiovisual materials LPC Library owns. Search for a book or video by the author, title, subject, or keyword. A subject search allows you to find books about a topic or a person. You may also search additional criteria in the POWER SEARCH feature to narrow the search to video, or DVD.

SUBJECT HEADINGS – Subject headings are useful for students that are researching topics in the catalog, databases, and other resources. More specific terms, or a combination of a few will narrow the search results. Here are just a few examples of suggested subject headings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feminine ○ Goddesses ○ Women and religion ○ Women and spirituality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Femininity ○ Mythology ○ Women and religious culture ○ Women and theology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feminism and literature ○ Witchcraft ○ Women and religious tradition |
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Search the catalog to find selected women writers and poet's book titles held at LPC- for updated materials, as well as Chabot College's collection.

Margaret Atwood

The Blind Assassin

PR9199.3 .A8 B55 2000

Cat's Eye PR9199.3.A8 C38 1989
The Door PR9199.3 .A8 D66 2007
The Handmaid's Tale PR9199.3.A8 H3 1986
Lady Oracle PZ3 .A889LAD
The New Oxford Book of Canadian Verse in English PR9195.23 .N47

Kate Chopin

The Awakening: and Other Stories PS1294 .C63 A9 1996
The Awakening: and Selected Stories PS1294 .C63 A6 2004

Eudora Welty

The Collected Stories of Eudora Welty PS3545.E6 A15 1980
A Curtain of Green, and Other Stories PZ3 .W4696CU 1970
Losing Battles PS3545.E6 L67
Morgana: Two Stories from the Golden Apples PS3545.E6 M6 1988
One Writer's Beginnings PS3545.E6 Z475 1984
The Optimist's Daughter PS3545.E6 O6 2002

Marge Piercy

Circles on the Water: Selected Poems of Marge Piercy PS3566.I4 .A6 1982

Adrienne Cecile Rich

The Dream of a Common Language: Poems, 1974-1977 PS3535.I233 D7 1978
The Fact of a Doorframe: Poems Selected and New, 1950-1984 PS3535.I233 A6 1984
The School Among the Ruins: Poems, 2000-2004 PS3535 .I233 S36 2004

Time's Power: Poems 1985-1988 PS3535.I233 T5 1989

Your Native Land, Your Life: Poems PS3535.I233 Y6 1986

Anne Sexton

Anne Sexton: A Self-portrait In Letters PS3537.E915 Z53 1977

The Awful Rowing Toward God PS3537.E915 A95

The Complete Poems PS3537.E915 A17 1981

Ntozake Shange

A Daughter's Geography PS3569.H3324 D3 1983

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide, When the Rainbow is Enuf: A Choreopoem
Drama Book Collection for Colored (DBC)

The Love Space Demands: a Continuing Saga PS3569.H3324 L68 1991

Alice Walker

Absolute Trust in the Goodness of the Earth: New Poems PS3573 .A425 A64 2003

Alice Walker Banned PS3573.A425 A6 1996

The Color Purple 1st Harvest ed. PS3573 .A425 C6 2003

The Color Purple 10th anniversary ed. PS3573.A425 C6 1992

Her Blue Body Everything We Know: Earthling Poems, 1965-1990 PS3573.A425 .H47 1991

Search the catalog to find selected Nonfiction Titles Held at LPC- check for updated materials, as well as Chabot College's collection.

MYTHOLOGY

The Civilization of the Goddess: the World of Old Europe GN799.R4 G54 1991
Gimbutas, Marija Alseikait-e,

The Goddess Shahrukh Husain BL473.5 .S53 1997

High Priestess of Change Morgan, Jean PS3563.O755 H5

In the Wake of the Goddesses: Women, Culture, and the Biblical Transformation of Pagan Myth
Frymer-Kensky, Tikva Simone BL473.5 .F78 1992

The Language of the Goddess: unearthing the hidden symbols of western Civilization
Gimbutas, Marija Alseikait-e BL473.5 .G55 1989

Portrait of a Priestess: Women and Ritual in Ancient Greece BL795 .W65 C66 2007
Connelly, Joan Breton

RELIGION

Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism
Gross, Rita M. BQ4570.W6 G76 1993

Feminism and Religion: An Introduction Gross, Rita M BL458 .G76 1996

Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World's Religions Jung, Patricia Beattie
BL458 .G647 2001

Out of the Garden: Women Writers on the Bible Büchmann, Christina BS1171.2 .O45 1994

Religion in Politics and Society Kelly, Michael BL65.P7 R4355 2002

Religious Feminism and the Future of the Planet: A Christian-Buddhist Conversation Gross,
Rita M. BQ4570 .W6 G78 2001

Sexual Morality in the World's Religions Parrinder, Edward Geoffrey BL65.S4 P37 1996

Transforming the Faiths of Our Fathers: Women Who Changed American Religion
Braude, Ann BL72 .T73 2004

When God Was A Woman Stone, Merlin BL458 .S76 1978

Women and Religion: A Feminist Sourcebook of Christian Thought Clark, Elizabeth A
BT704 .C53 1977

Women and Religious Traditions Anderson, Leona M BL458 .W5638 2004

Women in American religion Boyer, Paul S. BR515 .W65 1980

Women in World Religions Sharma, Arvind BL458 .W583 1987

Women, Religion, and Social Change Haddad, Yvonne Yazbeck, BL458 .W6 1985

The Woman's Bible Stanton, Elizabeth Cady HQ1395 .S72

The Word According To Eve: Women and the Bible in Ancient Times and Our Own
Murphy, Cullen BS680.W7 M87 1998

You Have Stept Out of Your Place: A History of Women and Religion in America
Lindley, Susan Hill BL2525 .L565 1996

SPIRITUALITY

My Soul Is A Witness: African-American Women's Spirituality Gayles, Gloria Jean Wade
BL625.2 .M8 1995

She Who Changes: Re-imagining the Divine in the World Christ, Carol P. BD372 .C48 2004

A Woman's Book of Life: the Biology, Psychology, and Spirituality of the Feminine Life Cycle
Borysenko, Joan HQ1233 .B76 1996

WITCHCRAFT

Witchcraft Out of the Shadows: A Complete History Ruickbie, Leo BF1566 .R84 2004

Witchcraft Today: An Encyclopedia of Wiccan and Neopagan Traditions Lewis, James R.
BF1571 .L49 1999

Witchcraze: A New History of the European Witch Hunts Barstow Anne Llewellyn
BF1584 .E9 B27 1994

Also see the [Mythology Resources Library Research Guide](#)

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

Altars of the world [Videorecording] DVD BL80.2 .A48 2003

Adrienne Rich [Videorecording] MV 22333

Ancient Greece The traditions of Greek culture [Videorecording] DVD DF78 .A53 2005

Bill Moyers presents a conversation with Alice Walker [Videorecording]
DVD PS3573.A425 Z564 2004

Boudicca: Warrior Queen [Videorecording] DVD DA145.3 .B6 T76 2006

Color Purple [Videorecording] DVD PS3573 .A425 C6 2003 PT. 1-2

Mystic Iran: the Unseen World [Videorecording] DVD BL2270 .M97 2003

<i>The Real Eve</i> [Videorecording]	DVD GN289 .R43 2002
<i>Some American Feminists</i> [Videorecording]	DVD HQ1410 S68 1990
<i>Taboo. The Complete First Season</i> [Videorecording]	DVD GN471.4 .T336 2004 PT. 1-2 DVD GN471.4 .T336 2004 PT. 3-4
<i>This Far By Faith: African-American Spiritual Journeys</i> [Videorecording]	DVD BR563 .N4 T56 2003 PT. 1-3
<i>Three Sovereigns for Sarah</i> [Videorecording]	DVD BF1575 T57 2006
<i>Witchcraft in America: Behind the Crucible</i> [Videorecording]	DVD BF1566 W58 2005
<i>The World of American Indian Dance</i> [Videorecording]	DVD E98 .D2 W67 2003

Periodicals and Electronic Print Resources

To find articles published in magazines, journals, and newspapers, use one of the electronic print resources which index and provide periodical articles. Periodicals provide in-depth analyses of events and trends, research studies on particular subjects, and professional literature. You can access several pertinent online databases in the LPC Library or from home at the LPC Library Homepage.

Examples of LPC Electronic Print Resources:

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO) LPC's largest academic multi-disciplinary database, which provides full text for more than 4,600 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study and offers information dating as far back as 1975.

GenderWatch is a full text database of gender subject areas. GenderWatch is a repository of important historical perspectives on the evolution of the women's movement, men's studies, the transgendered community, and the changes in gender roles over the years.

LitFinder provides the opportunity for complete appreciation and study of great literary works by offering access to more than 135,000 full-text poems, stories, plays and more. LitFinder puts complete works — and additional information sources such as biographies, essays and explanations.

Suggestion: Do a keyword, or subject search listed above in subject headings to narrow your topic.

INTERNET RESOURCES –Internet resources can supplement or enhance your research. Always be cautious of information found on the Web since the quality of sources varies tremendously on the Internet. It is always a good idea to check the information against another source. As with all information resources, whether in print or on the Internet, evaluate the quality based on the following criteria:

Accuracy	Is it free from mistakes and errors?
Authority	What are the qualifications of the author?
Objectivity	Is there any strong bias?
Currency	Is the information up-to-date?
Coverage	To what extent is the topic explored?

Examples of Relevant Websites- Use subject terms listed above to find a variety of sources.

[Librarians' Internet Index](http://www.lii.org) <<http://www.lii.org>>- A great portal created by librarians to search evaluated and annotated subject directory to high-quality web resources.

[Religious Tolerance](http://www.religioustolerance.org) <<http://www.religioustolerance.org>>- A website dedicated to religious tolerance, freedom, and diversity.

[Women's Issues](http://womensissues.about.com) < <http://womensissues.about.com>/> Resources related to women with topics including religion, politics, spirituality, and more.

CITATION OF SOURCES – You must cite the sources that you use. All direct quotes must be cited; all ideas or facts taken from some other writer, even though in your own words, must be cited. It is PLAGIARISM if you copy another's words without quoting or if you paraphrase another's ideas or words without giving credit to the author.

Suggestion: keep printouts of your sources, or write out all pertinent information on author, title, publisher, date, or Internet address to identify where you got the information. Follow the format recommended by your instructor or ask a librarian to show you a “style manual.” There is a link to instructions for MLA or APA citations on the LPC Library Homepage: Citation Style Guides (<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/library/cited.php>). Use [NoodleTools](#) as a citation generator.

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