

# Religion and the Environment

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(for finding books)

*The USF library catalog for books and titles of journals USF owns. It also lets you access **LINK+**, which has the holdings of 30 more libraries that you can borrow books from. When searching, use both **Keywords** and **Subjects** for best results.*

- For Keywords, think about the terms you are using:

Environment, Ecology, Nature, Ecofeminist  
Religion, Spiritual, Ethics

*You can truncate these terms (for example: environment\* will retrieve environment, environmental, environmentalists, environmentalism, etc)*

- For Subjects, some possible subject headings are:

Ecology—Moral and Ethical Aspects  
Human Ecology—Religious Aspects  
Religion and Science  
Nature—Religious Aspects  
Environmental Ethics

## Databases

(For finding articles)

*Because many of the topics about religion and the environment transcend traditional academic subjects, try different databases and see how the results compare. Here are a few suggestions for getting started:*

- 3 databases with a theology/religion focus:

- ◆ **Religious Periodicals (ProQuest)**

- A sub-file of the ProQuest database, specifically with religious periodicals. Has some full text articles*

◆ **ATLA Religion Database**

*Has mainly citations to both books and journal articles, with some abstracts of articles. There are links to a limited number of full text articles.*

◆ **Catholic Periodical & Literature Index**

*A CD-ROM available in the Reference Room with citations to both books and journal articles with a Catholic focus. Does not have the full text of articles.*

• 2 Databases with a Environmental focus

◆ **LexisNexis Environmental**

*Several environmental databases, including **Environmental Abstracts**, which has summaries of articles and reports, plus a database of “**News, Journal and Commentary**” articles.*

• 3 Multisubject Databases

◆ **InfoTrac’s OneFile and ProQuest’s Research Library**

*Both of these databases cover multiple subjects and have some full text articles, some abstracts, and some citations. They cover a broad range of both popular magazines and scholarly journals.*

◆ **Alternative Press Watch**

*Covers the “alternative” and independent press.*

**Searching hint:** to find scholarly articles, look for “**peer reviewed**” or “**refereed**” journals. In InfoTrac, you can limit your search to “refereed publications.” In Proquest, you can limit to Scholarly Articles.

**Important research tip:** Many of these databases do not have full text articles, only abstracts. If the article is not available full text in the database, check **Journal Finder** to see if we subscribe to the journal either in paper or in one of our databases.