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❱ More than 590,000 bibliographic records

❱ Initial information drawn from the bibliography of the ***Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*** and the ***Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses***

❱ 20,000 new records every year

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The *Index Religiosus* endeavours to become the international reference bibliography for **academic publications** in **Theology** and **Religious Studies**. It covers publications written in various European languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, etc.) and is the result of collaboration between the Catholic University of Louvain and the KU Leuven, which are both recognized internationally for their excellence in the field of Theology and Religious Studies.

The new bibliography begins from the basis of two existing bibliographies: the bibliography of the ***Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*** and the ***Elenchus Bibliographicus*** from the journal ***Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses***. These two tools are internationally recognized as essential working instruments for Theology and Religious Studies.

Since January 2014, the **printed version** of the bibliography of the *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique* and the *Elenchus Bibliographicus* have been replaced by the ***Index Religiosus***.

Thus the *Index Religiosus* already consists of some 590,000 bibliographic and 123,000 review references for January 2015.
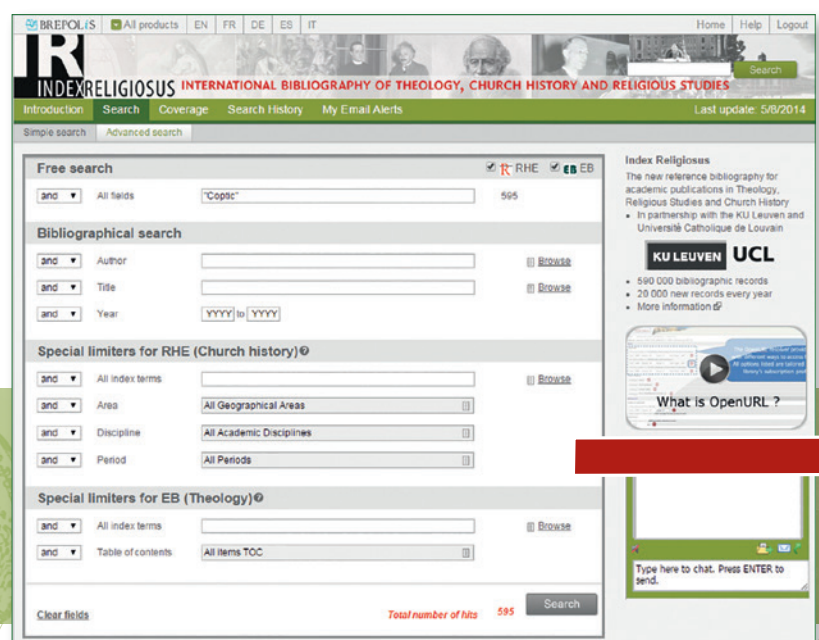
Subject areas

The *Index Religiosus* covers the full range of disciplines in Theology and Canon Law: History of Theology, History of Religions, Old and New Testaments, Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, Sacramentology and Liturgy, Moral and Pastoral Theology, and Canon Law.
All aspects of Church History are also widely covered: Institutions; Orders; Congregations; Influential Figures; Hagiography; Political, Social and Economic History; Archaeology; Art History; Music; Architecture; Relations with Islam and Judaism; and more, which makes the *Index Religiosus* a tool of the first order for all manner of disciplines.

Thesaurus

The bibliographic notes of the *Index Religiosus* benefit from a rich thesaurus comprised of 20,000 keywords. From 2014 onwards, new records are being indexed by a unique classification system. Previous entries (taken from the *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique* and *Elenchus Bibliographicus*) are searchable not only via their own specific classification system but also together, thanks to an underlying interconnectivity between them.
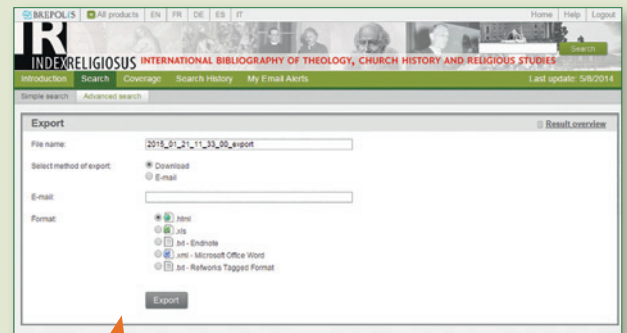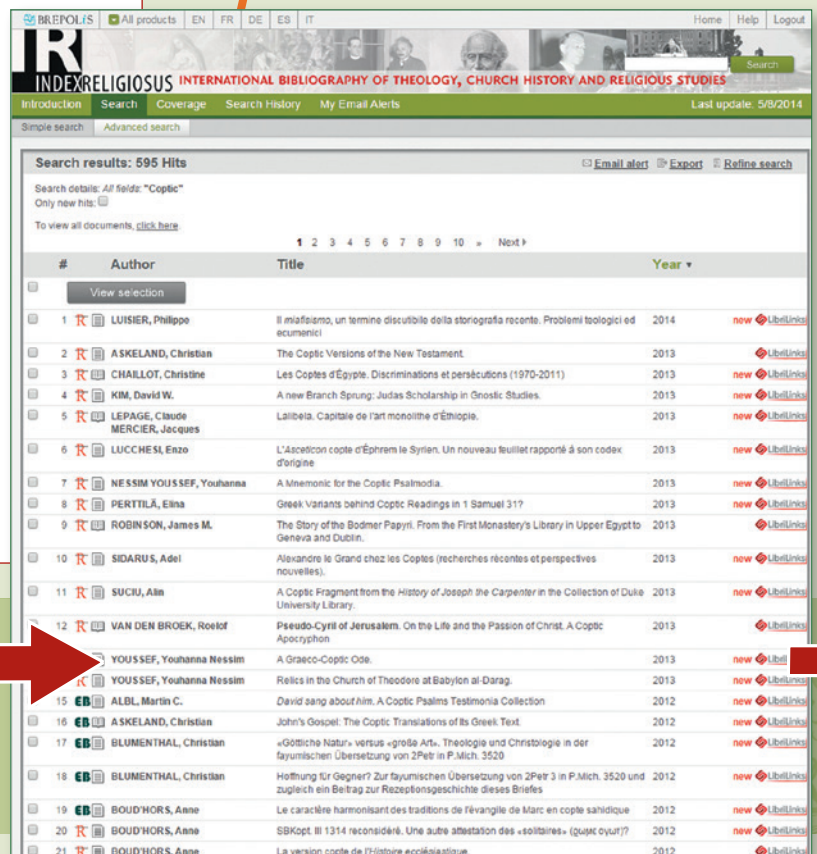

❭ **Search Screen of the** *Index Religiosus*

Key Features

- Approximately 590,000 bibliographic records and 120,000 review references are searchable (January 2015)

- More than 20,000 new records every year

- Over 1000 journals systematically checked

- Multilingual Interface (English, French, Spanish, Italian and German)

- Indexing in English and French

- Extensive search possibilities (Author, Title, Year of Publication, ISBN / ISSN, Geographic Area, Discipline, Period, Keyword, Person, etc.).

- Ability to query the database from Bible Verses, the Tenets of Canon Law, or the Dead Sea Scrolls

- Ability to export records in several formats (Endnote, Microsoft Office Word, Refworks, Zotero, etc.).

- Ability to create email alerts with notification of new publications

- Compatible with OpenURL

- DOI links to articles in journals and miscellany volumes

- Direct links to the *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches,* the *International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages* and the *Lexikon des Mittelalters*

- Links to Google books

> It is possible to export records in various formats (Zotero, Refworks, Endnote, etc.)

> List of results

En matière de périodique savant, la **RHE** *reste une des plus belles entreprises européennes du siècle écoulé. La voilà repartie pour un nouveau bail: qui ne s'en féliciterait?*

(É. Poulat, dans *Revue d'Histoire de l'Église de France*, t. 87, 2001, p. 483.)

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*Dort wo germanische und romanische Kultur aufeinanderstossen, in der Vergangenheit bis zur Gewalt, nämlich im belgischen Löwen/ Louvain, erscheint die grosse internationale kirchenhistorische Zeitschrift, die "**Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique**" (RHE). Zwischen den blass-madonnenblauen, lappigen, typographisch wenig ansprechenden Umschlagseiten versteckt sich ein Inhalt, welcher für den, der ihn zu nutzen weiss, von ausserordentlichem Reichtum ist. [ ] Der Rezensionsteil ist umfangmässig etwa doppelt so gross, wobei zwischen den "grossen" Rezensionen und den "notices brèves" unterschieden wird. [ ] Allein die nach Autoren geordnete Titelliste der rezensierten Werke umfasst jährlich rund 30 Seiten! So kann ruhig gesagt werden: Was nicht in der RHE rezensiert wurde, existiert für die Kirchengeschichte nicht. [ ] Das ist aber noch nicht alles. Die RHE enthält alljährlich noch ein rund sechshundertseitige, separat paginierte Bibliographie des kirchenhistorischen Schrifttums im weitesten Sinn. [ ] Ausserdem gibt es am Schluss noch Hinweise auf Rezensionen in andern Zeitschriften von früher angekündigten Werken. Mehr zu wünschen wäre verwegen und würde bloss die mindestens für den Anfänger nicht gerade leichte Orientierung zusätzlich erschweren.*

(P. Hersche. Ein Streifzug durch die internationale kirchengeschichtliche Zeitschriftenlandschaft, dans *Zeitschrift für Schweizerische Kirchengeschichte-Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique suisse*, t. 90, 1996, p. 218-219.)

Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses, *which is known to scholars as the larger publication that includes* **Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus** *(since 1985, Elenchus of Biblica), is a massive bibliographic tool from the University of Louvain that indexes both articles and books and offers very fine year-end cross-referencing… [it] should be consulted regularly for current bibliography in the field.*

(J. E. Bradley et R. A. Muller, *Church History. An introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods*. Grands Rapids (Michigan), W.B. Eerdmans Publ., 1995, p. 83.)

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The best international church-historical journal is **Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique**, *which, like* **Ephemerides**, *is published at Louvain. [...] It is the bibliographical breadth of the Revue, however, that is stunning. It does far more than any other journal with reviewing research, including work in progress at various universities in Europe. It reviews articles and frequently offers critiques; and it reviews a greater number of books than any other journal of church history. It is therefore the standard work, although written in foreign languages, for virtually all scholars working in church history.*

(J. E. Bradley et R. A. Muller, *Church History. An introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods*. Grands Rapids (Michigan), W.B. Eerdmans Publ., 1995, p. 90.)

❭ **Link to an online article**

❭ **View of a bibliographic record of the *Index Religiosus***

Direct links
to the *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* and to other encyclopaedias

The bibliographic records of the *Index Religiosus* contain direct links to several encyclopaedias: the *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches,* the *International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages* and the *Lexikon des Mittelalters*. This means that some classification criteria used in the *Index Religiosus* records refer directly to the corresponding article in one or more encyclopaedias.

The online *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* is fully searchable on the BREPOLiS site. It represents an unparalleled source of information for those interested in Church History and is the ideal complement to the *Index Religiosus*. There is a wealth of information, comprising 70,000 items and sub-items, more than 50,000 columns written by specialists, all now made available to curious researchers. In addition, the initial online DHGE information has been enriched with the contributions published under the title *Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches* (© Dunckler & Humboldt). This represents more than 2200 biographies of bishops who held office in the Holy Roman Empire between 1198 and 1648.

❯ **View of a bibliographic record of the** *Index Religiosus*

Where appropriate, links also refer to *Lexikon des Mittelalters* and its complement, the *International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages*. The *Lexikon des Mittelalters* is the unrivalled reference encyclopaedia for medieval studies, containing over 36,700 articles written by some 3000 authors.

«Direct links»
to the *DHGE* and to other encyclopaedias

❯ **Link to the** *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques*

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