

How to find scholarly articles using *FirstSearch* & *ATLA* database

1. Log on to *FirstSearch* (<http://www.firstsearch.oclc.org/>) and enter the authorization and password given you from the PRTS library staff.
2. Notice that under “Jump to Advanced Search” you have several sub-databases from which to choose. To find BOOKS or videos you will want to select *WorldCat*; but this tutorial is about finding journal articles, not books! Here are the databases that we recommend for research in Bible, religion, theology, and history (If you go to the “databases” tab, you can actually search three FirstSearch databases at once!):
 - a. *ATLA-Religion* is the best overall search engine for Bible and theology. (See also our tutorial on how to search ATLA for Scripture text-based articles.) There are over 1600 journals indexed by ATLA, of which over 120 are available with full-text articles online. Next to the ATLA name, you can click on the “i” (for information) to get a listing of all journals (with their dates) indexed in ATLA.
 - b. *ECO* (Electronic Collections Online) is less about religion or theology, but is more interdisciplinary in nature. Still, several significant journals may be searched for full-text online articles in ECO—such as *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, and *Harvard Theological Review*. See “Browse journal titles” under the ECO name. (You can also select “full-text” only.)
 - c. *Article First* is a great place to find quality articles, and indexes over 16,000 journals! (some with full-text articles): *Catholic Historical Review* (most full text), *Theology Today* (full text), *Augustinian Studies* (not f-t), etc.
 - d. *Wilson Select* is another full-text database, very interdisciplinary in nature. It is updated weekly and indexes 2400 journals—including such important periodicals as the *Sixteenth Century Journal*, all full-text articles, from 1995 to the current year.
3. In all of the above databases you can search by keywords if you are unsure of the precise subject, or search for a certain author. If you know the name of a journal article, enter that as a “Title” search. And if you want to search for a specific journal by name, such as *Sixteenth Century Journal* (using *Wilson Select*), after entering that journal name, select “Source” from the drop-down menu next to it.
4. Note that once you do your search, some journal articles may show (in green letters): “Puritan Reformed Theol Seminar.” That means that we probably have many issues from that journal, but not necessarily all of them, in our library. Ask the library staff to help you find the specific issue if you can’t locate it on the shelf. If we don’t have the specific issue you need, simply click on “Libraries that own item” (to see if perhaps it is available locally at Cornerstone or Calvin) or “Borrow this from another library.” The Interlibrary Loan Request form will pop up, and you simply need to fill in the blanks; we take care of the rest.