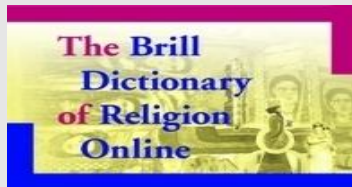


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Scope and Coverage

The impressively comprehensive Brill Dictionary of Religion (BDR) Online addresses religion as an element of daily life and public discourse. This dictionary contains more than 500 entries. The Brill Dictionary of Religion Online is a multi-media reference source on the many and various forms of religious commitment. The Brill Dictionary of Religion Online helps to map out and define the networks and connections created by various religions in contemporary societies, and provides models for understanding these complex phenomena.

Information about Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and many other religions get their cogent manifestation in this dictionary.

Kind of Information

The Brill Dictionary of Religion Online provides definitions of religious terms. In each entry, name/s of the author/s of the article is/are found. Etymology of the terms is also found here. The source of the articles is also mentioned below every article. Below the title of every article the total number of words the article contains is given within parenthesis. An example is given below for better understanding.

‘Baptism’

(696 words)

Author(s): Weber, Jürgen

The Ritual 1. a) Baptism is the celebration of the ritual, common to all Christian churches, that establishes reception into the Church as a religious community. Thus it is a rite of initiation. Water, and the Trinitarian formula, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” are the twin essential elements of this ritual. At baptism, candidates are immersed, either totally or partially, in water, or water flows over them, or they are sprinkled with water. Luther derives the word *Taufe* (‘Baptism’), with etymological correctness, from *tief* (‘deep’).

Information about some famous religious persons is also found in this dictionary. In this regard mention may be made of Dalai Lama.

As this tool is partially free, for getting the complete article one must subscribe to this online dictionary.

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- ❖ Links to Facebook, Twitter, G-mail etc. are available in this dictionary.
- ❖ Fuzzy searching facility is there which means the provision of suggestions for a desired entry.

Arrangement Pattern

The entries are arranged in alphabetic order. For example, the entries starting with ‘A’ (like Aborigines, Abortion/Contraception, Academic Study of Religion etc.) come under “A”.

Remarks

This user friendly dictionary on religion though is limited in scope, is quite handy to the users.

Comparable Tools

- Oxford Dictionary of World Religions
(<http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780192800947.001.0001/acref-9780192800947>)
- Glossary of spiritual and religious terms
(<http://www.religioustolerance.org/glossary.htm>)
- Religion Dictionary
(<http://www.thearda.com/learningcenter/religiondictionary.asp>)

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