Religious Studies in Special Collections

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This account is an attempt to give students, faculty, and the general public an idea of what kind of resources are found in the Special Collections Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder that are relevant to the study of religion. This is not meant to be bibliographic in nature, and certainly it is not comprehensive. What it does provide, however, is some kind of orientation as to the kinds of religious topics that would be addressed by multiple resources within special collections. It also gives some examples of those resources. For more information, the staff in Special Collections is able to help with many of the questions and research that patrons have. Email spc@colorado.edu or call 303-492-6144.

NOTE: Most of the materials in Special Collections are not yet listed in the online Chinook library catalog. The department has internal card files and other paper guides to consult.

Early American Religion:


Edwards, Jonathan. History of Redemption, on a Plan Entirely Original.... BT775 E2 1793.


Jesuit History:


Medo, Andres. *Crisis de la Compania de Jesus, de su Piedad, Doctrina, y Multiplicado frutu, que ha Cogido en el Universo Mundo*. Mexico, 1765. BX3706 A2M4.


Counter Reformation:

Copies of the Council of Trent, 1600. BX830 1545 A1600 and BX830 1545 A1824.


Papacy:

There are numerous books on this subject in the Mandell Creighton Collection that are not listed here. Creighton was the author of *History of the Papacy during the Period of the Reformation* (5 vol., 1882–94). Consult the department for books in his library.

Morney, Philip. *Mysterio of Iniquitie: That is to Say, the History of the Papacy*, 1612 (In English). BX953 M713 1612.


Luther, Calvin and the Reformation:

For a larger bibliography for this section, see the “Martin Luther and the Reformation” Subject Bibliography under [http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/index.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/index.htm). Also, one may want to check the Creighton Collection.

*Bulla contra errors Martini Luther & sequatium: cum mandato reuerendissimi domini Episcopi Ratisponen[sis].* A 1521 issue of the Papal bull that excommunicated Martin Luther. Plume BX873 1520 Jun. 15, 1521.


Luther, Martin. *Acht Sermon...gepredigt zu Wittemberg in der fasten*. Wittemberg: Heinrich Steiner, 1523. BR332 S3 1523a.


**Islam:**


*Qur’an*. Facsimile of the Qur’an taken from Sultan Muley Zaydan of Morocco. Original was made in 1599. Surah titles are written in gold Kufic on blue background. Oversize 2 BP100.5 1996.


**Eastern Art, Architecture, and Archeology:**


Khandalvala, Karl. *Pahari Miniature Painting*. Focuses especially, but not exclusively, on the legend of Krishna. With color and monochrome plates. Oversize 1 ND1001 K53

Krom, N.J. *Barabudur: Archeological Description*. Oversize 2 DS646.29 B6 K7.

Lauf, Detlef Ingo. *Tibetan Sacred Art: The Heritage of Tantra*. Oversize 1 N8193.3 T35 L3813.


Yun-kang: *The Buddhist Cave-Temples of the Fifth-Century A.D. in North China*. A detailed report of the archeological survey carried by the Mission of the Tohobunka Kenyusho. 16 volumes. Oversize 1 NB1043 M59.

**Christian Art and Architecture:**


**The Deist Debate:**


Prideaux, Humphrey. *The True Nature of Imposture … A Discourse Annex’d for the Vindication of Christianity from this charge offered to the Consideration of the Deists of the Present Age.* Also includes an attack on the prophet Muhammad. BT1170 P7 1723.

Scott, Thomas. *A Vindication of the Divine Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and of the Doctrines Contained in them: Being an Answer to the two parts of Mr. T. Paine’s *Age of Reason*. BL2740 S4 1797.


Watson, R. *An Apology for the Bible, in a Series of Letters Addressed to Thomas Paine.* BL2740 W3 1797.

**Quakers:**

Barclay, Robert. *A Treatise on Church Government.* BX7740 B3 1822.

Besse, Joseph. *A Defense of Quakerism.* BX7730 B43.


Penn, William. *A Brief Account of the Rise and Progress of the People called Quakers.* This writing by Penn is the first of three accounts on Quakerism in this book. BX7730 T55.


**Boulder Buddhism:**


*The Party.* About the infamous and controversial “Merwin incident” involving Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, the founder of the Naropa Institute. Plume HM132 P37.

**17th-19th Christian Theological and Pious Works in English:**


**Medieval Latin Theological and Devotional:**

Listings of medieval leaves in Special Collections are at:  
[http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/collections/medieval.htm](http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/collections/medieval.htm). Additional descriptions are in *Medieval Manuscripts in the Norlin Library*, compiled by Julia Boffey and A.S.G. Edwards (SPC Z6621.U6598 M44 2002). The collection includes the Otto Ege collection (*Fifty Original Leaves from Medieval Manuscripts*, Plume Oversize ND2950.E38 1900), as well as other Bibles, Psalters, missals, books of hours, breviaries, hymnals, antiphonals, and theological works from Medieval Europe. A good example of one of these resources is a manuscript leaf of *Commentarii Sententiarum* by Thomas Aquinas from the 15th century.

Other works:


Tedeschi, Niccolo.  *Decretalium*.  Tedeschi was an influential canonist of the 15th century.  Plume Oversize B21 T44 1492.


*Viola Sanctorum*.  Published 1496.  Plume BX4654 V56 1496.

**Apocalyptic:**


*L’Apocalypse en François* (facsimile).  Oversize 2 BS2824 F7 1901.
Illuminated Christian Texts:

Check the Medieval Manuscripts listings cited above.

*Bible of Borso d’Este*, a complete reproduction that includes an artistic and historical study by Adolfo Venturi. Oversize 1 ND3355 B67 1962.

*Book of Kells*. Facsimile of MS 58, Trinity College, Dublin. Plume Oversize ND3359 B7 A66.


There are also books about illuminated texts, such as:


There are also resources besides books:


Bibles:

This section has already been addressed to a great extent under the Illuminated Texts and Medieval Works sections.

Facsimile of the *Morgan Crusader Bible*. This Bible, from the 13th century, was commissioned with the purpose of emphasizing the importance of the crusades by focusing on war scenes of the Bible. Plume Oversize ND3355.5 K73 K738 1998.


Latin Vulgate Bible of 1478. Plume Oversize BS75 1478.

Leaf from the *Gutenberg Bible*, circa 1450. Plume Oversize BS95 1454 N48 1921.

There are also Bibles of many different world languages, including Sindhi, Telugu, Tamil, Bengali, Efik, Norwegian, Wenli, Canton, Gaelic, Urdu, Czech, and many more.

As stated before, which is in regards to all the other categories, but especially that of Bibles, to get more information, check with Special Collections.
**The Book of Mormon:**

1830 first edition. Plume BX8623 1830.

**Other Bibliographies:**

There are other Subject Bibliographies on the Special Collections webpage (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/index.htm) that people may find relevant to the study of religion.

Under Subject Bibliographies, http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/index.htm, see “Mesoamerican Codex Facsimiles;” “German Children’s Books,” some of which deal with educating young German speakers about Christianity and moral themes; and “British Studies Collections.” British Studies Collections includes a number of books from the James Field Willard Pamphlet Collection. The Willard Collection, which deals with religious controversies in the United Kingdom, can also be accessed through extensive departmental files.

Within “Collections” on the Special Collections website, the Donald Beaty Bloch collection (under Children’s Books, http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/collections/childrens.htm) contains many publications of the American Tract Society and similar publishers. It is accessible as a pdf file.