

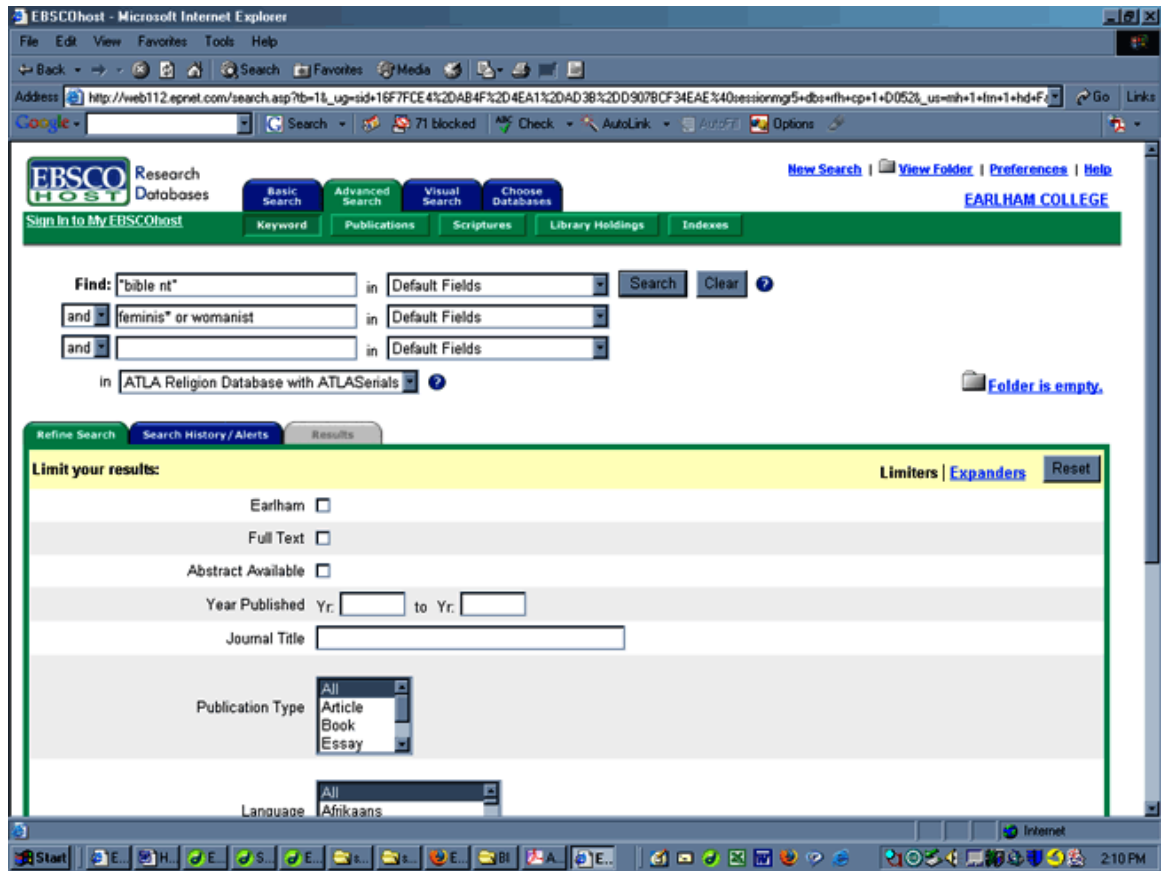
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**How to find articles by topic  
in ATLA Religion Database**

*This page explains how to search the ATLA Religion Database for journal articles and book chapters by topic.*

Example: to find articles about feminist interpretation of the New Testament:

1. In the first search box, type "**bible nt**". (See example below.) This is the way that information on the New Testament is indexed. (Correspondingly, information on the Hebrew scriptures can be searched under "**bible ot**". You can also specify a book of the Bible, for example, "**bible ot exodus**".) When typing in a search term that is a phrase, use quotes.
2. In the box to the right, make sure it reads "Default Fields." This is a good way to do any topic search.
3. Other concepts can be added, as shown in this example. In another search box, add a second concept, such as **feminist**, to search for articles about feminist theology or interpretation. In a single search box, you may also use the word "or" to indicate a synonym or interchangeable term for that concept -- in this case, the example uses **womanist**.
4. You may also truncate a search term, using the asterisk. In this example, the term **feminis\*** is truncated. Wherever you put the asterisk, the computer will search for variant endings to the word. This search will find feminism, feminisms, feminist, or feminists.



Other tips for searching ATLA Religion Database:

- The lower part of the search screen offers options for limiting the search only to full-text articles or to journals to which Earlham subscribes. However, this will significantly limit your results, by excluding all books from the search, as well as journal articles that may be accessible via Interlibrary Loan.
- If you find too little, try fewer or broader search terms; if you find too much, try more or narrower search terms.
- An alternate way to typing in your own terms is to use the "Indexes" button in the green bar at the top of the search screen. It will permit you to search, browse, and select from the formal subject terms used in the ATLA Religion Database.