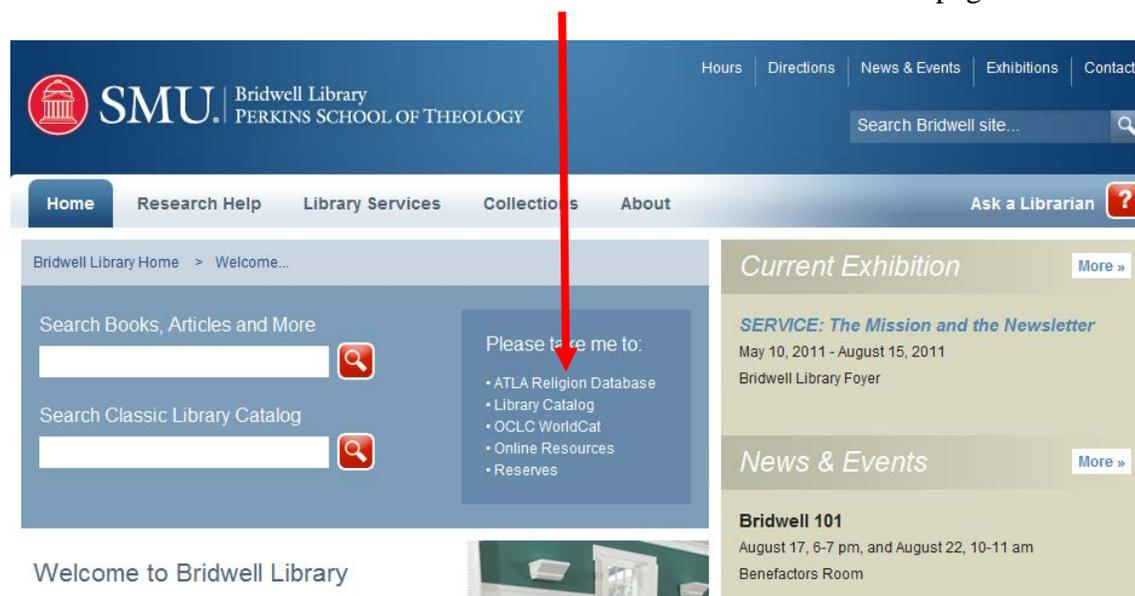


Accessing *ATLA Religion Database* (and other databases) through EbscoHost A Brief Introduction

EbscoHost is the platform through which Bridwell provides many of the databases most useful for work in Religion and Theology. The most important of these is *ATLA Religion Database*.

The *ATLA Religion Database*, compiled by the American Theological Library Association, provides the user with both full-text articles online and citations to print articles found in Bridwell Library's print periodical collections.

To start using ATLA, begin with Bridwell Library's home page at <http://www.smu.edu/bridwell>. You'll see a link to ATLA under "Please take me to" in the center of the page.



An alternative approach is to click on the link for SMU's Online Resources tab in the Library Catalog, then select "E" from the alphabetical listing. From the "E" list, select EbscoHost.

A menu of databases provided by the Ebsco platform will appear. You can search multiple databases simultaneously, but at the beginning it is best to get used to searching ATLA by itself.

The search screen consists of three keyword fields into which you can put your search terms, similar to the Advanced search on the SMU Library Catalog. Remember to try synonyms and variant terms to see which words/terms work best for your subject.

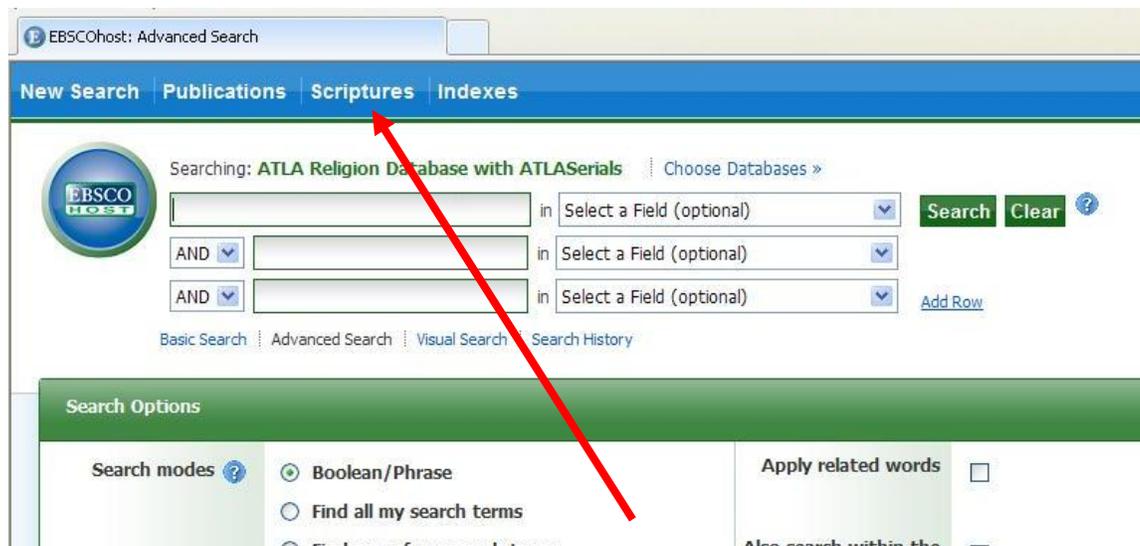
You can expect two different kinds of results. Full text results within the Ebsco suite of databases will display as links: "HTML FULL TEXT" or "PDF FULL TEXT."

Often you will see this blue box: **Check for other options at SMU**. By clicking on this blue box, you will be directed to a page that displays other full-text online results in SMU-owned databases outside of the Ebsco suite. If none exists, it will tell you that no full-text results are available online. If that is the case it will also take you to SMU's Library Catalog so you can learn if SMU owns a print version of the item.

SCRIPTURES

Searching for articles on specific Scripture citations can only be done in the ATLA Religion Database **alone**. It will not work if you have selected multiple databases.

Go to the ATLA Religion Database and select the “Scriptures” tab at the top of the page. It’s a small tab that is easily overlooked.



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