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Mission:

The mission of the OADTL is to make all open access content in religious studies (and related fields) discoverable by everyone, everywhere in the world through a single search experience for free forever in a non-commercial environment.

- Approach: Curate OA content in religious studies in the Knowledge Base of OCLC's WMS and make that content discoverable through a search engine powered by OCLC.
- The OADTL (Open Access Digital Theological Library) went live on June 15, 2018.
- The OADTL is *the world's only fully open access library* powered by the search capacity of OCLC.

Current Collections:

- As of 5/5/20, the OADTL provides advanced library discovery services for and access to
 - Over 300,000 ebooks
 - over 110,000 from the last 25 years
 - over 55,000 from the last 10 years
 - over 22,000 from the last 5 years
 - over 400 collections
 - over 2,500 journal titles (over 2,000,000 full-text, peer-reviewed, articles)
 - *The OADTL is adding over 5,000 ebook titles per month.*

Who Owns the OADTL?

The OADTL is owned and operated by the Digital Theological Library, a non-profit corporation in support of religious studies education. Its sponsoring seminaries are (as of 3/25/19):

- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (Beirut)
- Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (Montreal)
- Central Baptist Theological Seminary (KS)
- Claremont School of Theology (CA)
- Denver Seminary (CO)
- Evangelical Seminary (PA)
- Faith Bible Seminary (PA)
- Global Awakening Theological Seminary (OK)
- Gordon-Conwell Seminary (MA & SC)
- Hartford Seminary (CT)
- International Baptist Theological Study Centre (Amsterdam)
- Lexington Theological Seminary (KY)
- Missio Seminary (PA)
- New York Seminary
- Norwegian School of Theology & Leadership (Oslo)
- Singapore Bible College
- Saint Athanasius and Saint Cyril Coptic Orthodox Theological School
- Wartburg Seminary (IA)

What Content is Curated in the OADTL?

- Open Access content from Publishers (e.g., Brill, de Gruyter, University of Chicago, Cambridge, Oxford, Georgias, Archeopress, various university presses)
- Open Access Journals
- Institutional Repositories (e.g., Claremont School of Theology, Liberty University, University of Glasgow, Harvard, BYU, Duke, Asbury Theological Seminary, Yale)
- Scholarly Societies (e.g., Society of Biblical Literature, Numismatics Society)
- Public Domain & Creative Commons Providers (e.g., Princeton Theological Commons, Hathitrust, Globethics, Oapen.org)
- Museums (e.g., Metropolitan) & Denominational Archives (e.g., Lutherans & Methodists)

How much does it cost?

Nada, zilch, zero. Our Pledge: "Free for everyone forever!"

Who uses the OADTL?

The OADTL does not collect personal information, but in its first six months of operation, OADTL had over 9,000 users in 109 countries.

What Languages?

- English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Hebrew, French, German, Latin and more.

What about copyright?

The OADTL curates only content that is in the public domain (and free for global use) or published via open access (and thus free for global access). The OADTL does not violate any copyrights.

Want the OADTL to host your digital content free?

The OADTL can help you host your digital content (via the Internet Archive) and make that globally discoverable. (The OADTL can supply access to hosting and to cataloging software, but your local librarian will need to catalog the content. Contact us for more details about this free service.)

Believe in our mission?

Help the OADTL fulfill its *open access mission*

- by alerting us to high quality content;
- by encouraging people to use the OADTL;
- by choosing the "Digital Theological Library" as your charity of choice on SmileAmazon.com; and
- by volunteering to help curate content.



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<https://www.openlibhums.org/news/379/>

Read more about the OADTL on the OCLC website:

<https://www.oclc.org/en/member-stories/oadtl.html>

Read more about the OADTL in the journal *Theological Librarianship*:

<https://theolib.atla.com/theolib/article/view/520>