

Background Information

**Oxford Reference Online**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio3311290](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio3311290)  
Hundreds of authoritative encyclopedias and subject dictionaries  
(Also, see other reference collections in Databases page)

**Biography Resource Center**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AQX5846](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AQX5846)

**International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio6193099](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio6193099)

Books

**CLIO, Columbia’s catalog**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AMS3996](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AMS3996)  
*Use subject headings, guided keyword search, truncation*  
*Ex.: Subject=Medical care—United States—History; Medicine—Religious aspects  
Alternative Medicine; Traditional Medicine;*

**WorldCat**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AMS7418](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AMS7418)  
Search library catalogs from all over the United States, including parts of Europe and Asia

Articles

**ProQuest**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ANH8357](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ANH8357)  
*Option of scholarly journals; Ex: Alternative therapies + faith (see “Suggested topics”)*

**Social Sciences Full Text**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio4815156](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio4815156)  
*Use advanced search (option of peer-reviewed). Ex.: Subject=Physician and patient*

**ATLA Religion**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ARE9957](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ARE9957)  
*Ex.: faith + science + John Paul II OR medicine + buddhism*

**Sociological Abstracts**  
[http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ATG2613](http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ATG2613)  
*Also consider MedLine or America: History and Life.*