

The Digital Theological Library

The Digital Theological Library is a fully online library for religious studies, theological studies, and all kinds of related fields. The DTL is co-owned by a collection of seminaries and theological schools, who pool their resources to provide high-quality scholarship to the whole community.

Because the DTL is fully online, you can access it from anywhere you have an internet connection. Create a bookmark in your browser to one of these two URLs:

- <https://libguides.thedtl.org/home>

THE DTL

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Welcome to the Digital Theological Library!

Click on an image below or use the search box to get started.

Not a member of the DTL? [Search the Open Access DTL instead →](#)

Books (600,000+)

The Digital Theological Library's
Benefits for Students of Religious Studies

Articles (60,000,000+)

Journals (21,000+)

Databases (150+)

Subject Guides (30+)

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- <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/discovery>

THE DTL

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Finding Materials

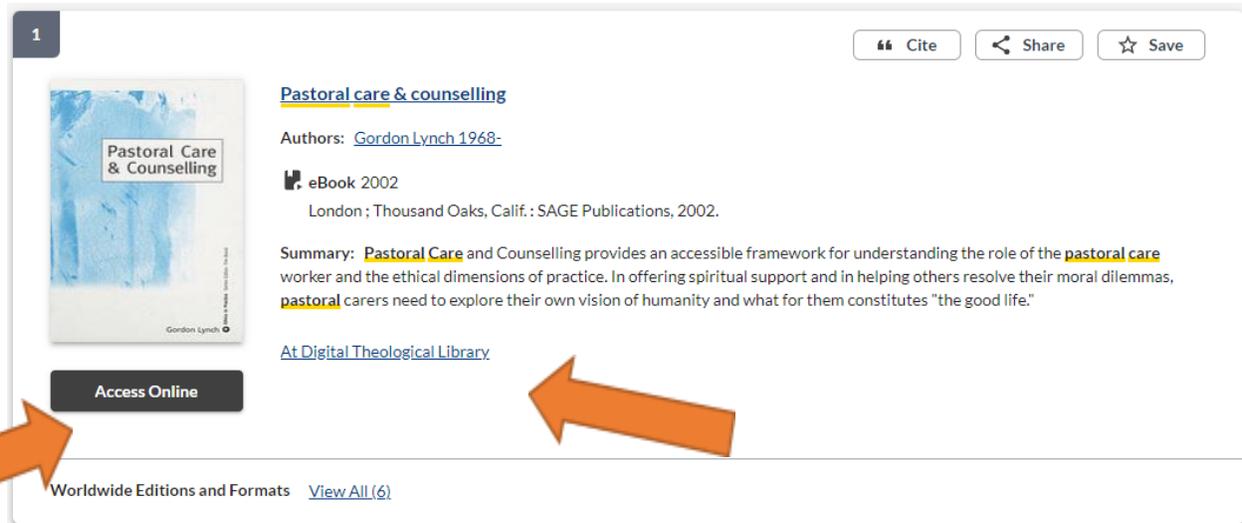
You do not need to log in to search the DTL. Simply type your search terms into the field on either of the above pages. You can also use the Advanced Search option by clicking the link below the search field. Advanced Search lets you create more refined searches by using multiple fields. After you search, you will come to a page of results.

Use the checkboxes on the left side of the page to narrow your results even further.

The screenshot shows the Digital Theological Library (DTL) search results page for the query "pastoral care". The page features a search bar at the top with the text "pastoral care" and a search icon. Below the search bar, there is a navigation bar with "Advanced Search" and "Resources" options. The main content area displays 20,636 results. On the left side, there are several filter categories: "Sort: Library", "Search Result Display", "Expand This Search With", "Held By Library" (with "Digital Theological Library" selected), "Format" (with "All" selected), and "Content Type" (with "Full Text" and "Open Access" selected). The search results are listed in three numbered items. Item 1 is "Pastoral care & counselling" by Gordon Lynch (1968), an eBook from 2002 published by SAGE Publications. Item 2 is "Performing Pastoral Care: Music as a Framework for Exploring Pastoral Care" by Gregory Clifton-Smith and June Boyce-Tillman (2016), an eBook published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. Item 3 is "Pastoral care in context: an introduction to pastoral care" by John Patton (1993), a print book published by Westminster/John Knox Press. Each result includes a thumbnail image, the title, authors, publication information, a summary, and a link to access the material online.

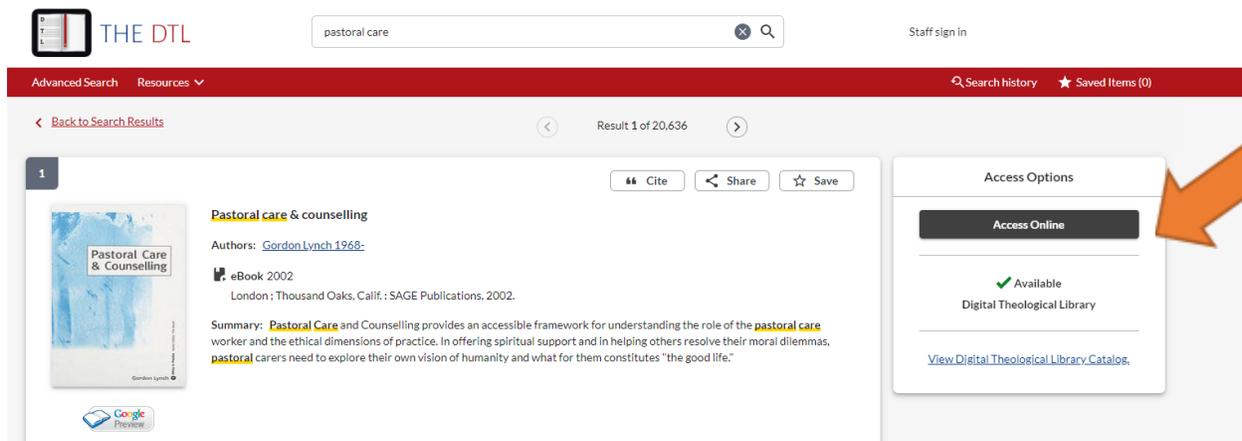
Accessing Materials

By default, the DTL will only show you materials that you can access. This setting can be changed to search beyond the DTL, but that is for a different handout to explain. Look for the At Digital Theological Library link under the item Summary to be sure that you have access to an item.



This screenshot shows a search result for the eBook 'Pastoral care & counselling' by Gordon Lynch (1968-). The interface includes a cover image, a title link, author information, publication details (eBook 2002, SAGE Publications, 2002), and a summary. A link for 'At Digital Theological Library' is present under the summary. At the bottom, there is a link for 'Worldwide Editions and Formats View All (6)'. Three orange arrows point to the 'Access Online' button, the 'At Digital Theological Library' link, and the 'View All (6)' link.

Now you can click the Access Online button under the cover image to go straight to the access page, or you can click the title of the item to open a larger record for more information. In the record, you will see more complete publication information, as well as information about other editions and formats might exist for the item, and other libraries that own the item. From the record page, you can access the item by clicking on the Access Online button on the right side of the page.



This screenshot shows the full record page for 'Pastoral care & counselling'. The page includes a search bar with 'pastoral care' entered, navigation links like 'Back to Search Results', and a sidebar titled 'Access Options'. The sidebar contains an 'Access Online' button, a green checkmark indicating the item is 'Available Digital Theological Library', and a link to 'View Digital Theological Library Catalog'. An orange arrow points to the 'Access Online' button in the sidebar.

After you click the Access button, you will be taken to a login page. The dropdown list shows the DTL's member schools in alphabetical order. Select Claremont School of Theology.



Please select your institution and enter your student ID or barcode number.

School

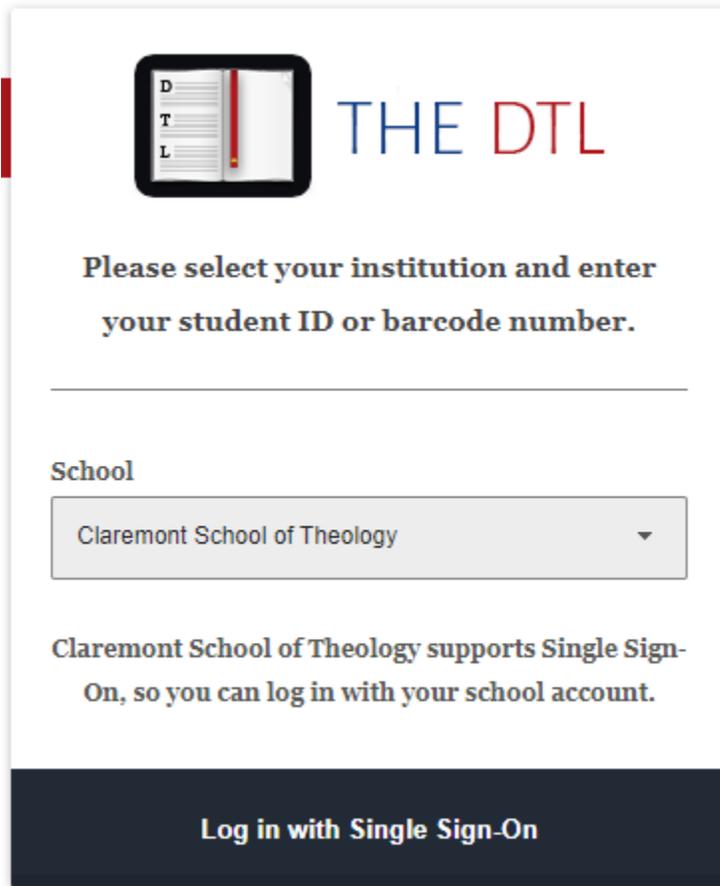
Academy for Jewish Religion ▼

Barcode or Student ID

Barcode Number or Student ID 

Log in

After you select your school, the login screen should change.



The screenshot shows a login interface for 'THE DTL'. At the top left is an icon of an open book with the letters 'D', 'T', and 'L' on its pages. To the right of the icon is the text 'THE DTL' in blue and red. Below this is the instruction: 'Please select your institution and enter your student ID or barcode number.' A horizontal line separates this from a 'School' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently set to 'Claremont School of Theology'. Below the dropdown is the text: 'Claremont School of Theology supports Single Sign-On, so you can log in with your school account.' At the bottom of the screen is a dark blue button with the text 'Log in with Single Sign-On' in white.

If the screen does not change, simply click the Log In button without filling in the barcode number field, and the correct button will load. Once you see the Log In with Single Sign-On button, click it.

You will be brought to a Google page that will ask you to select the account to use for logging in. Select your CST email address. No other account will work. If you are not already logged into that account in your browser, you will need to provide your password.

Using Materials

From the login page, you will be taken to the database that houses the item. How you may interact with the item will depend upon the specific database, vendor, and publisher. Most of the time, you can download journal articles without restrictions, but restrictions will vary for ebooks. You can read most ebooks directly in your browser, and some databases will give you the option to download all or parts of the book, usually for a limited period of time, to read on your desktop in [Adobe Digital Editions](#).

Through its E-Reserves program, the DTL also collects and scans physical books that cannot be obtained digitally. If a book you are trying to access is available through E-Reserves, you will be taken to an instruction page after you log in. You may need to contact your librarian (details below) in order to get access. E-Reserves materials cannot be downloaded.

Many books have limits on the number of users that can access them at one time. If you get an error message suggesting that there are too many users, check back later. Please be mindful of other users and make sure to close any books you are not currently using, especially if they are for course reading.

More Help

CST's Director of Library Services is Dr. Maggie Froelich. Maggie is usually attentive to email during the workday in Pacific Time. If you have any problems accessing materials, contact her. For more in-depth help using the library, or for research consultations, make an appointment for a Zoom meeting.

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Appointments: <https://mfroelich.youcanbook.me/>