

**APSU Writing Center**

APA Style 7<sup>th</sup> Edition - Citing Religious Works

**Citing Religious Works**

- **Online Version Format:** *Book Title*. (Year). Website or Publisher. URL (Original work published Year)
- **Translated Print Version Format:** *Title of work* (Translator, Trans.; Edition). (Year). Publisher.

**Instructions**

- Religious works are treated like books or websites in the reference list.
- Classical religious works are generally considered to have no author.
- Use the publication year of the version you consulted.
- If the work was republished, include both years separated by a slash with the earlier year first.
- Italicize titles of specific works in the reference list.
- Use canonical numbering (book, chapter, verse) in-text instead of page numbers.

**Examples**

*The Bhagavad Gita* (E. Easwaran, Trans.; 2nd ed.). (2007). The Blue Mountain Center of Meditation.

*King James Bible*. (2017). King James Bible Online. <https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/>  
(Original work published 1769)

**In-Text Citations**

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Book Title, Year) or (Book Title, Year, Book Chapter:Verse)
  - **Examples:**
  - (The Bhagavad Gita, 2007) and (King James Bible, 1769/2017, Song of Solomon 8:6)
- **Narrative Format:** Book Title (Year)
  - **Examples:**
  - The Bhagavad Gita (2007) and King James Bible (1769/2017)

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**Citing Annotated Religious Works**

- **Basic Format:** Editor Last Name, Initials. (Ed.). (Year). *Title of annotated religious work*. Publisher.
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**Instructions**

- When a classical or religious work is annotated, the editor is cited as the author.
- In-text citations for scripture passages use canonical numbering (book, chapter, verse).
  - **Example:** (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006, Genesis 1:20)
- Portions written by the editors or authors (such as commentary or footnotes) use page numbers.
  - **Example:** (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006, footnote to Genesis 1:12, p. 4)

**Reference Example**

Kaiser, W. C., Jr., & Garrett, D. (Eds.). (2006). *NIV archeological study bible: An illustrated walk through biblical history and culture*. Zondervan.

**In-Text Citations**

- **Parenthetical Format**
  - (Editor Last Name, Year, Book Chapter:Verse)
- **Examples**
  - (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006) or (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006, Genesis 1:20)
- **Narrative Format**
  - Editor Last Name (Year, Book Chapter:Verse)
- **Example**
  - Kaiser and Garrett (2006, Genesis 1:20)

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- **Narrative Citation Format:** Book Title (Year)

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