

APA Style 7th Guide – Citing Religious Works

APSU Writing Center Handout

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, it included 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)

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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