

# Cerritos College Library

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## NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY

Your search for information on **religious cults** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

To find books on **Religious Cults** try a *subject* search on **New Age, spiritual life, mysticism, cults, or sects**. You can also try a *keyword* search on the names of particular religions, movements or practices: Wicca, Rastafarianism, Scientology, chakras

### Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

New Religions: A Guide  
**REF BP603 .N492 2004**

Encyclopedia of American Religions  
**REF BL2525 .M449 1999**

Encyclopedic Dictionary of Cults, Sects, and World Religions  
**REF BL31 .M295 2006**

Historical Dictionary of New Religious Movements  
**REF BP601 .C47 2001**

Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements  
**REF BL98 .E53 2005**

Peculiar Prophets : A Biographical Dictionary of New Religions  
**REF BL72 .L48 1999**

Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America  
**REF BL2424 .I58 2006**

Encyclopedia of American Religions  
**REF BL2525 .M449 1999**

### Selected Circulating Books

Toward a superconsciousness : meditational theory & practice  
**South Stacks BL2525 .E35 2002**

Dream catchers : how mainstream America discovered native spirituality  
**South Stacks BL2500 .J46 2004**

Opening to spirit : contacting the healing power of the chakras & honouring African spirituality  
**South Stacks BF1442.C53 A74 1998**

The Wiccan prayer book : daily meditations, inspirations, rituals, and incantations  
**South Stacks BF1572 .P73 V46 2006**

Yoga and psychology : language, memory, and mysticism  
**South Stacks BF51 .C69 2002**

New Age and neopagan religions in America  
**South Stacks BP605 .N48 P55 2004**

## **NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY**

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** is an online resource that may provide useful background information and statistical information as well.

### **Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles**

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

#### **Online Databases for New Age Spirituality:**

**[EBSCOhost](#)**  
**[Newsbank](#)**

**[Ethnic NewsWatch](#)**  
**[GenderWatch](#)**

**[Proquest Newspapers](#)**  
**[Newsbank](#)**

For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number and the password **changeme**.

See the **Database Page** or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

### **Internet Sites**

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

#### **Beliefnet**

<http://www.beliefnet.com>

#### **Religious Tolerance – New Age Spirituality**

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/newage.htm>