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APA Style 7th Edition - Citing Religious Work

Religious work

- Religious works adhere to reference formats for books or websites. Generally, they're considered authorless.
- Use the publication year of the version referenced. If the original year is unknown or disputed, omit it. However, include original and republished dates if the religious work is republished.
 - The online King James Bible, published in 2017, is based on the 1769 version, so both years are included in the reference. (King James Bible, 1769/2017 ...)
- When citing in-text, use both years separated by a slash, with the earlier year first. Italicize specific work titles in reference entries or citations.
- Avoid italics when referring to the Bible or its versions (e.g., the King James Version, the New Revised Standard Version, Holy Bible, the Septuagint).
- In-text citations should use canonical numbering instead of page numbers. For example:
 - "The person vowed to "set me as a seal upon thine heart" (*King James Bible*, 1769/2017, Song of Solomon 8:6).

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)

- **Parenthetical citations:** (The Bhagavad Gita, 2007; *King James Bible*, 1769/2017)
- **Narrative citations:** The Bhagavad Gita (2007) and *King James Bible* (1769/2017)

Annotated religious work

- When a classical or religious work is annotated, the editor is cited as the author.
- In-text citations for chapters or verses of religious works use canonical numbering. For example: (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006, Genesis 1:20).
- Portions of annotated works by their authors or editors are cited using page numbers. For instance: (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006, footnote to Genesis 1:12, p. 4).

Example

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

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Kaiser & Garrett, 2006)
- **Narrative citation:** Kaiser and Garrett (2006)



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