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Teaching in a Globalized — and Digitized — World

In a world that is rapidly becoming global, intercultural, and interconnected, the impact and implications of migration, globalization, transnationalism, and the World Wide Web on religious and theological education can no longer be ignored. Specifically, these transformational shifts necessitate a rethinking of how the teaching and learning of religion and theology can be broadened beyond the printed page to include online resources that encompass global, intercultural, interreligious, and transnational perspectives. At the same time, today's instructors often marvel at how the Generation Y or "Millennial" students that populate today's classrooms are highly adept at navigating online and digital resources, while at the same time bemoaning the reality that these students often lack the skills to differentiate between the wheat and the chaff among the bewildering range of online resources on religion and theology. Hence, there is also the need to guide these students to use online resources critically and judiciously.

What follows in this article is an exploration of the variety of intercultural and transnational resources that are available online for both classroom use and student research. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather offers a snapshot of the variety of online resources I have discovered and used in a variety of ways in my own classroom teaching (see www.jonathantan.org/classes.html

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should be seen not merely as examples of resources that could work in your classroom, but also as an encouragement and invitation to seek out similar or related online resources that could also work for you.

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