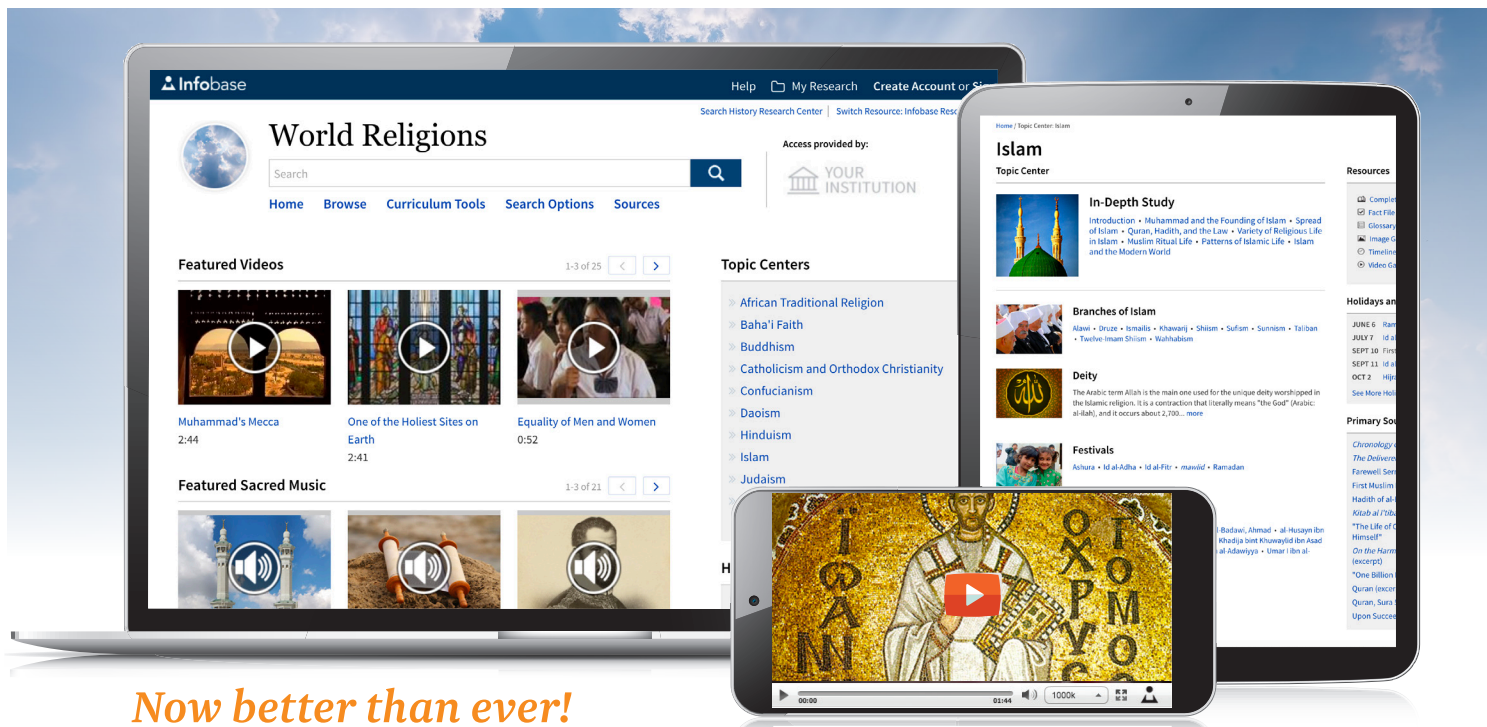


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**Sacred Sites**  
Benares • Mount Abu • Meenakshi

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**Sacred Texts**  
Ten Commandments • Lord's Prayer • Book of Common Prayer • Protestantism and the Bible • gospels

**Key People**  
King, Martin Luther, Jr. • Knox, John • Tyndale, William • Eddy, Mary Baker • Calvin, John • Saint Paul the apostle • Penn, William • Tutu, Desmond • Young, Brigham • Augustine, Saint • Bernard of Clairvaux, Saint • Edward VI • Jesus of Nazareth • Wesley, John • Seymour, William J. • Barth, Karl • Luther, Martin • Smyth, John • Schleiermacher, Friedrich • Russell, Charles Taze • Zwingli, Huldrych • Simons, Moses • Pluribus, Charles Fox • Milton, John • Pellicani and Henry VIII • Smith, Joseph, Jr.

**Resources**  
Complete Sacred Texts  
Fact File  
Glossary of Key Terms  
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Timelines  
Video Gallery

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JAN 6 Epiphany  
FEB 10 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins  
FEB 20 Palm/Passion Sunday  
MAR 25 Good (Holy) Friday  
MAR 27 Easter  
MAY 5 Ascension of Christ  
MAY 15 Pentecost  
JULY 24 Pioneer Day  
DEC 25 Christmas  
See More Holidays

**Primary Source Documents**  
"All Men by Nature Were Created in the Image and Likeness of God"  
"Commerce and Christianity"  
Edict of Worms  
Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)

**Bulfinch's Mythology**  
Thomas Bulfinch

**The Quran**  
Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall, Mohammed Habib Shakir, Translators

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