JEWISH ETHICS: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

This bibliography is based in part upon the earlier compilations of Professor James M. Gustafson (assisted by Leroy Walters and Sister Margaret Farley) and Arthur Collins Hamm (assisted by Professors Seymour Siegel and Jacob Neusner). Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged. Section A, primarily intended for the newcomer to Jewish studies, lists the standard English introductions to Jewish history and literature (paragraphs 1-3) and select editions of classical and medieval Jewish texts in English translation (paragraphs 4-6). Sections B, C, and D list primary and secondary sources in English dealing specifically with aspects of Jewish ethics. While hardly comprehensive, the bibliography offers a representative listing of Jewish ethical literature and discussion. The entries are intended to reflect the variety of issues confronted by Jewish ethics throughout the ages.

A. Background and Reference:

1. Jewish History, Religion and Culture: (comprehensive)


2. Jewish History: (popular)


3. Jewish Intellectual History: (popular)


4. Talmudic and Midrashic Texts in Translation:


5. Anthologies of Talmudic and Midrashic Passages:


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**War and Just War**

**Catholic source:**
Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, II-II, Q. 40; Q. 64, a. 6 and 7.

**Protestant sources:**
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**Pacifism and Conscientious Objection**

**Pacifist:**
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