

Patrologia Latina is a complete electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's *Patrologia Latina*, published between 1844 and 1855, and the four volumes of indexes published between 1862 and 1865. It comprises the works of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 CE to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216. It reproduces the texts in the original language (usually Latin), without English translations. It includes the full apparatus (marginalia, editorial notes and variant readings).

Accessing the Database

Access the Library's Home Page at <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/library>. Click on **Access to resources** and then **E-Resources**, on the left hand side of the screen. Enter your IT Services account username and password and click on **Log in**, if required. Set the subject area to all subjects and the resource type to all types of resources, then click on the **Find resources** button. Scroll down the list and click on **Patrologia Latina**.

Simple Search

At the Home Page click on the **Search** link. You can carry out a simple search by typing search terms into one or more of the **Keyword**, **Title**, **Author** and **Volume** boxes. You can decide whether to include the 'apparatus criticus' in your search, and whether to restrict it to modern, medieval or all authors. See **Search Tips** (below) for guidance on using operators to improve your search.

Advanced Searching

To make your searching more precise, you can make use of the **Browse** button to the right of the search boxes. For instance, to find occurrences of the word 'revelatio' and its variants (revelationem, etc.), you can click on the browse button next to the Keyword search box and on the next screen to appear, type the word into the Keyword box, then click on **Look for**. A screen of the twenty entries around the word 'revelatio' will appear and you can choose any of them by ticking the appropriate box(es) and then clicking on **OK**. The browse option is necessary for the **Greek Keyword** search.

Search Tips

To improve your searching or enter more complex searches, try combining words or phrases using Boolean operators (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**) within the search boxes, as well as brackets, and the wildcard symbol (*) for variant spellings and word endings. You can also use the proximity symbols (**NEAR**, **FOLLOWED BY** or **FBY**, and " "). See below for examples of how to use these in your searches.

For example:

deus and liber will find articles containing both words

liber or librum will find articles with either word or both words

deus and (liber or librum) will find articles with the first word and either of the second words

deus not liber will find articles with the word deus except where liber also appears

domin* will find all articles with any word starting with this stem, e.g. dominus, domini, dominum

maria near virgo will find all articles with these terms within ten words of each other



virgo fby maria will find all articles with these terms, in this order, within ten words of each other

In these last two cases you can change the number of words between the first and second terms by typing e.g. **near.4** or **fby.3**

"pater noster" will find this exact phrase

Displaying results

When you have entered your terms, use the **Display search results** box on the search page to choose whether you want to display a summary of your results, or the results with a snippet of text, showing where your search terms appear within each document. Click on the **Search** button near the bottom

of the screen. You will be told how many occurrences of your terms ('hits') have been found, and in how many documents (entries). If you have chosen to display the results 'with context' i.e. with the snippet of text your keywords have been found in, the hits themselves are highlighted by a  red blob. Click on the highlighted title or volume number to display the full text. The text appears complete with Migne's column numbers and links to the apparatus (denoted by their own  icon).

Downloading and Printing Results

To download or print the texts, you should use your browser's print or save facility.

To start a new search or amend a search

You can amend your search terms any time that you are displaying your results list by clicking on the **Refine Search** command near the top of the screen. If you want to start a new search, click on **New Search** near the top of the screen, or, if you are viewing any page without this link, click on the white



Search All link below the monk's head on the left hand side of the screen. If you want to go back to the results lists of previous searches, click on **Search History** in the menu on the left hand side of the screen. Next, click on the search terms to go straight to the results, or click on **refine search** to amend and add to your original search terms.

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If you know the particular volume of Patrologia Latina in which you are interested, you can click on the **Table of Contents** link on the left hand side of the screen to inspect the volume's table of contents and other preliminary information. You can also view the full text for that volume on screen, but do be aware that this can take a while to load.

Help and Logging Off

Contextual help is given when you click on the **Help** link in the menu on the left hand side of the screen. Once you are looking at a help page, you can select **Help Contents** from the same menu to access the full set of help pages. There is no log off facility provided; simply navigate to another website or close down your Web browser to exit the database.

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