**Reference Sources and Books on Chinese Religions & Buddhism**

***Living in the Chinese Cosmos***, a website for educators. Roberta H. Martin, et al. Includes short essays, illustrations, linked content, and other online resources: <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/cosmos/index.htm>.

**Confucianism.** Two recent works exploring religious aspects and contemporary repackaging:

Huang, Chin-shing. *Confucianism and Sacred Space: The Confucius Temple from Imperial China to Today*. Translated by Jonathan Chin with Chin-shing Huang. New York: Columbia University Press, 2012.

Sun, Anna Xiao Dong. *Confucianism as a World Religion: Contested Histories and Contemporary Realities*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013.

**Damien Keown, *A Dictionary of Buddhism*** (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004). Comprehensive coverage of early Buddhism and Theravada. Less detail and not as dependable for Buddhism outside of India and Tibet (China, Korea, Japan). Prejudiced toward philosophy and against religion. Best overall dictionary of terms.

**Robert E. Buswell, Jr., ed., *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*** (New York: Macmillan, USA, 2004). A two-volume encyclopedia that includes some terms as main entries, but a much fuller listing of terms in the index. Especially useful for overviews of broader subjects and large categories in Buddhist thought and practice (e.g., no-self, emptiness, meditation). Some articles present state-of-the-art surveys of a given field with excellent bibliography.

**Buswell, Robert E., Jr., and Donald S. Lopez, Jr., eds., *The Princeton Dictionary of Buddhism*** (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014). Especially helpful on Sanskrit terminology.

**Access to Insight** materials, at <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/>. Focused on primary texts from the Pali canon, with abundant cross-references and citations of Pali texts. Philology plus discussion of modern Buddhist practice following the Theravada tradition practiced in Southeast Asia.

**Ruppert Gethin, *The Foundations of Buddhism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998).** Good overview of the history of Buddhism, especially strong on cosmology, psychology, and Indian Buddhism

**Richard H. Robinson, Willard L. Johnson, Thanissaro Bhikkhu, *Buddhist Religions: A Historical Introduction*, fifth ed. (Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth, 2005).** Good overview of the history of Buddhism, especially strong on early history in India and Buddhist monasticism.

**Stephen F. Teiser and Jacqueline I. Stone, eds., *Readings of the Lotus Sutra* (New York: Columbia Press, 2009).** Introduction to the most popular Buddhist text in East Asia, including Indian background, basic teachings, and influence of the text in art, philosophy, religious practice, and contemporary Japan.

**Stephen F. Teiser, *Reinventing the Wheel: Paintings of Rebirth in Medieval Buddhist Temples* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006)**. The wheel of rebirth in scripture and paintings in India, central Asia, Tibet, China, and Japan.

[***Himalayan Art Resources***](https://www.himalayanart.org/). Online data base of images from Tibet and other parts of the Himalayas, some with extensive introduction and explanation. Emphasizes the collection of the Rubin Museum of Art (New York). There’s also a separate [page](https://www.himalayanart.org/search/set.cfm?setID=218) on the wheel of rebirth with examples, explanations, and videos.