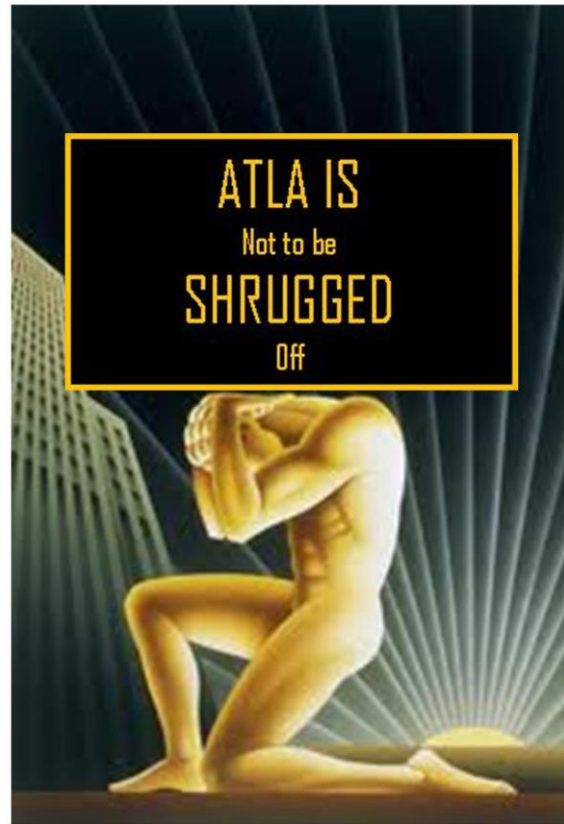


# ATLA: An Introduction

(Part One: The Beginning)

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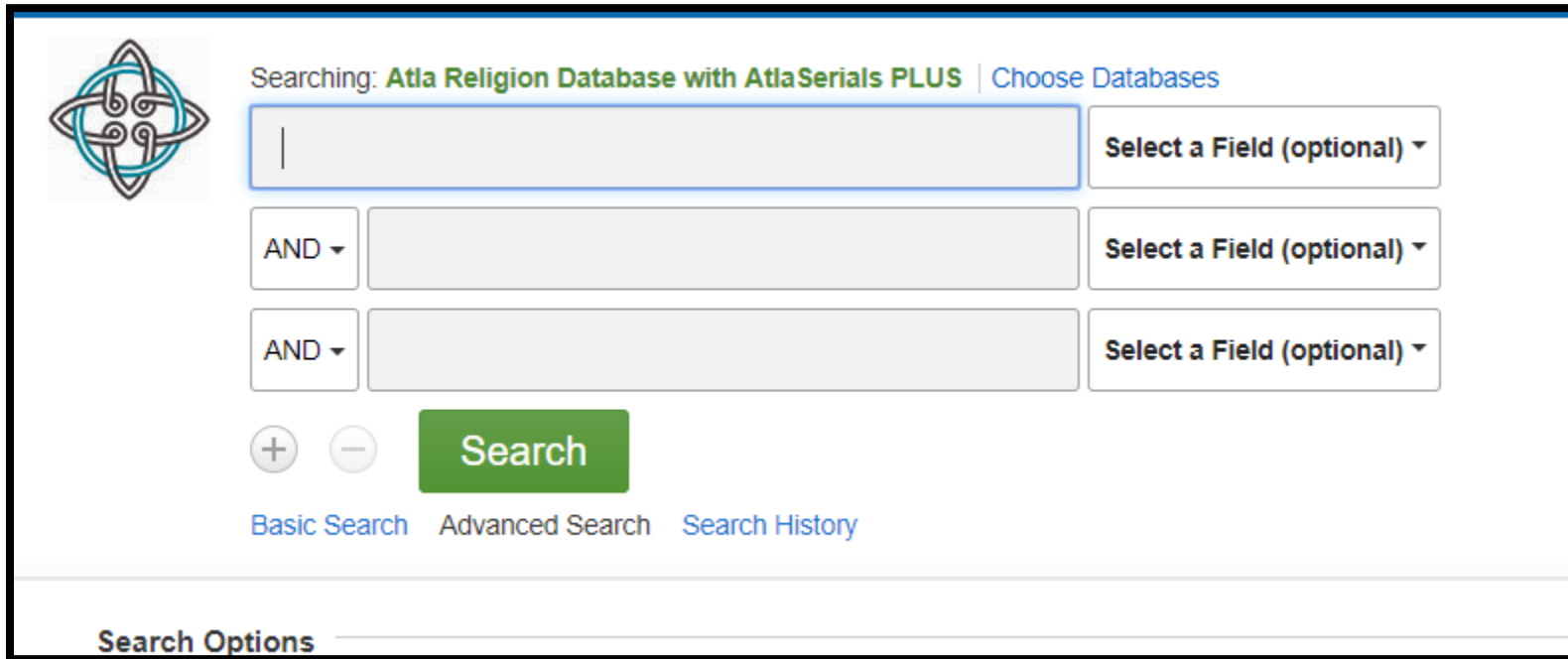
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On the outside, it looks like just another search box . . .



The screenshot displays the search interface for the Atla Religion Database. In the top left corner is a logo consisting of a blue and black interlocking knot design. To the right of the logo, the text "Searching: Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS" is shown in green, followed by a blue link "Choose Databases". Below this is a large, empty search input field with a blue border. To the right of the input field is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)". Below the main input field are two additional search rows. Each row starts with a dropdown menu set to "AND", followed by an empty input field, and then another "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown menu. Below these rows are two circular buttons with "+" and "-" signs, and a green rectangular button labeled "Search". At the bottom of the search area are three links: "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". At the very bottom of the interface is a section labeled "Search Options" followed by a horizontal line.

(please curb your enthusiasm, though I know: it is awesome)



But once you get inside, you will find it an incredibly powerful tool (it's more than just a box)



Image of Noah from the Catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter, 2nd-3rd century

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Basketweave boat. Medieval Manuscript Images, Pierpont Morgan Library, Old Testament miniatures (MS M.638). MS M.638 fol. 2v



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# Don't miss out

Because ATLA is an index that includes most major scholarly journal articles and essays in religion and theology, using ATLA will ensure you are not missing out on important information in your research.



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


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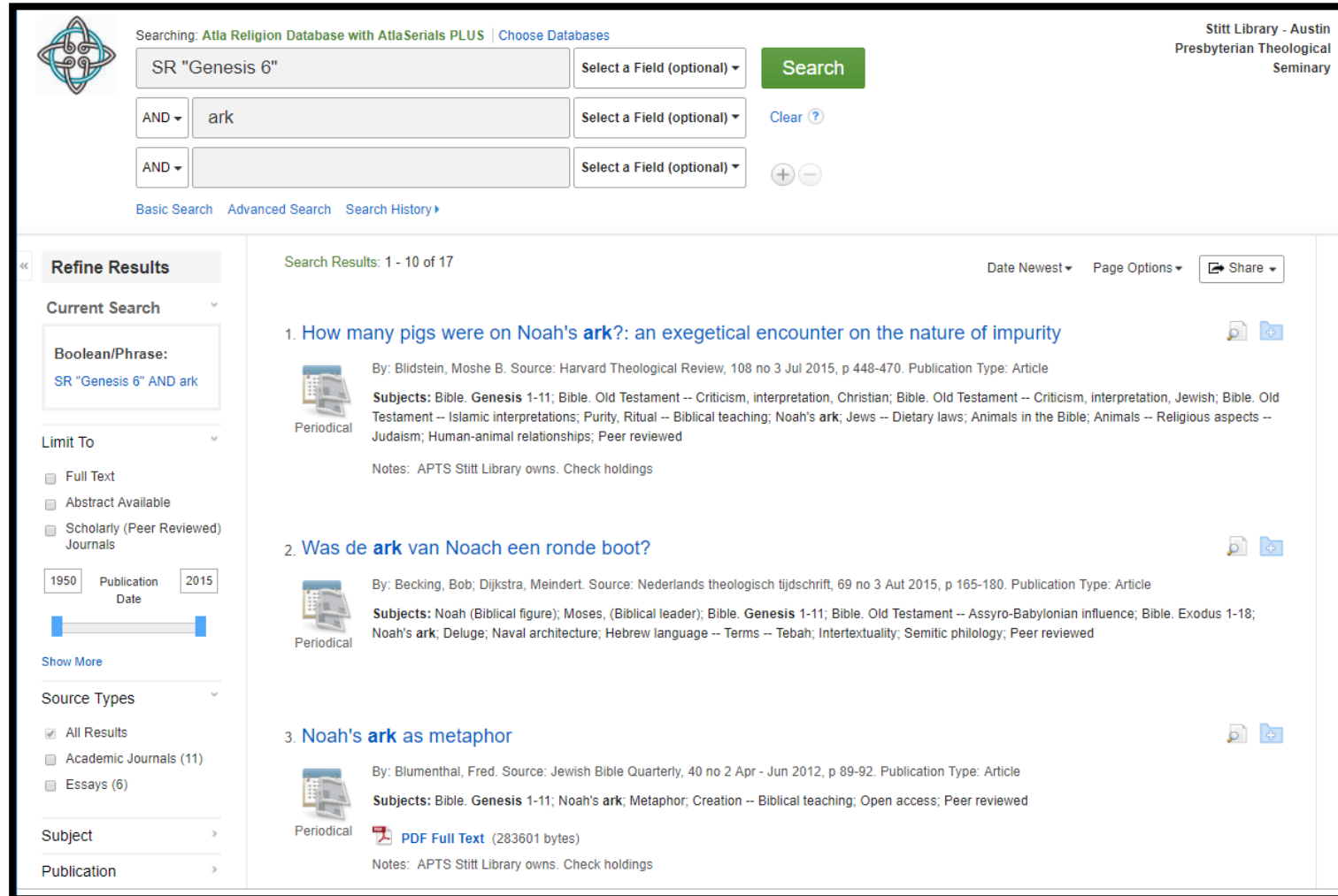
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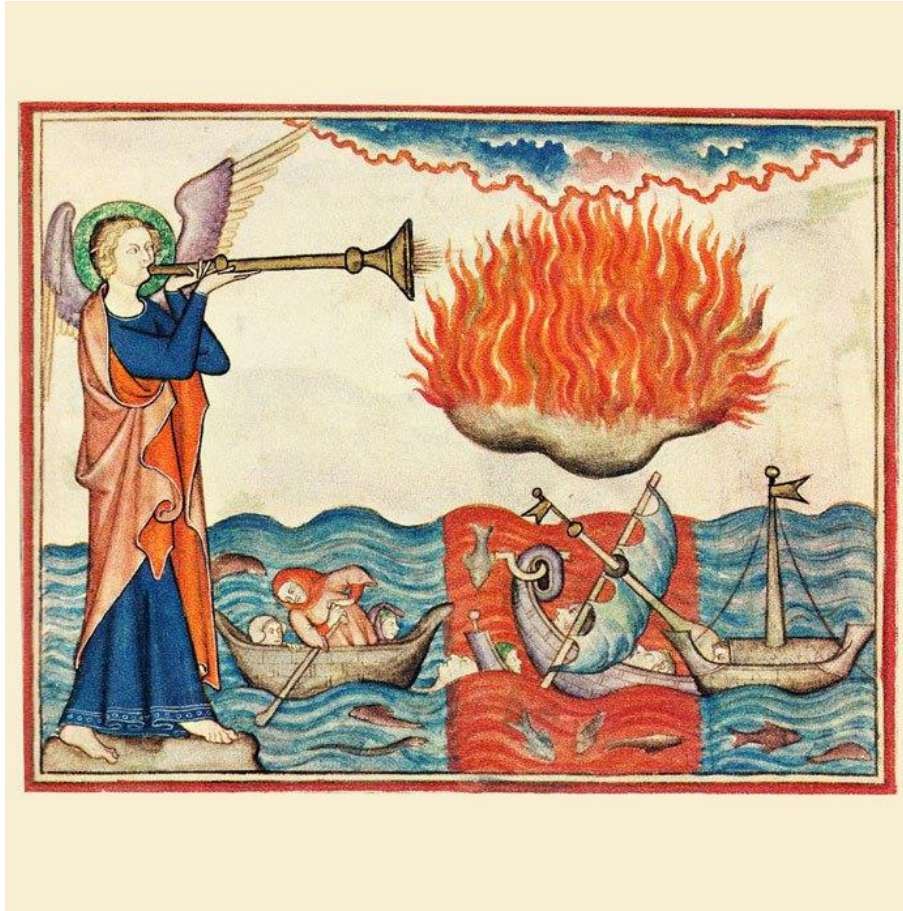
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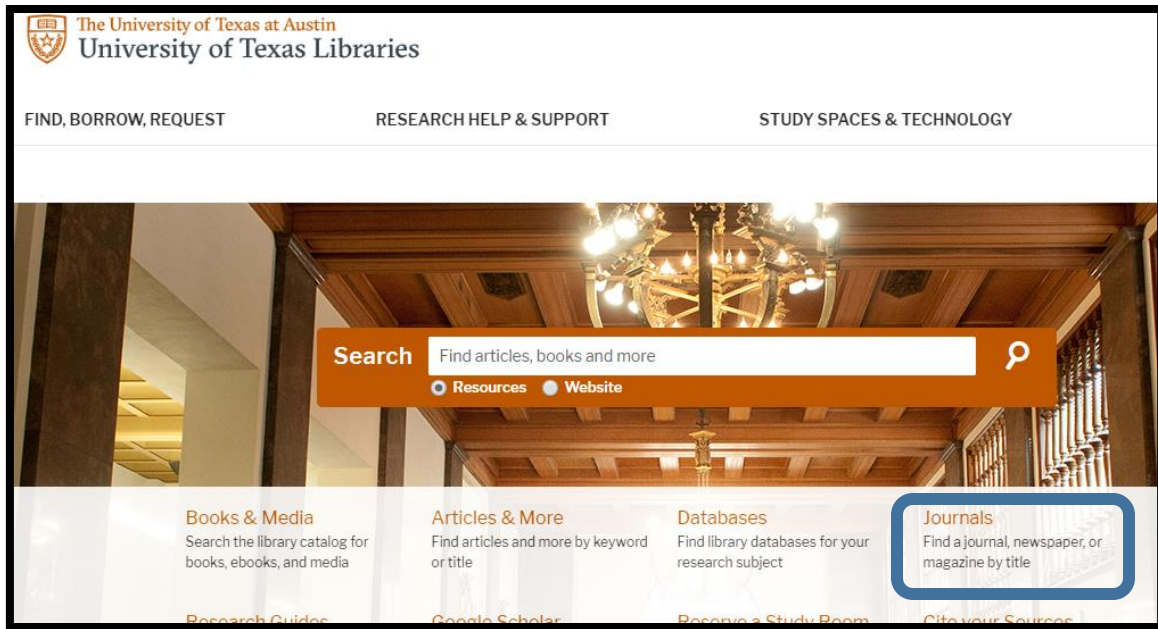


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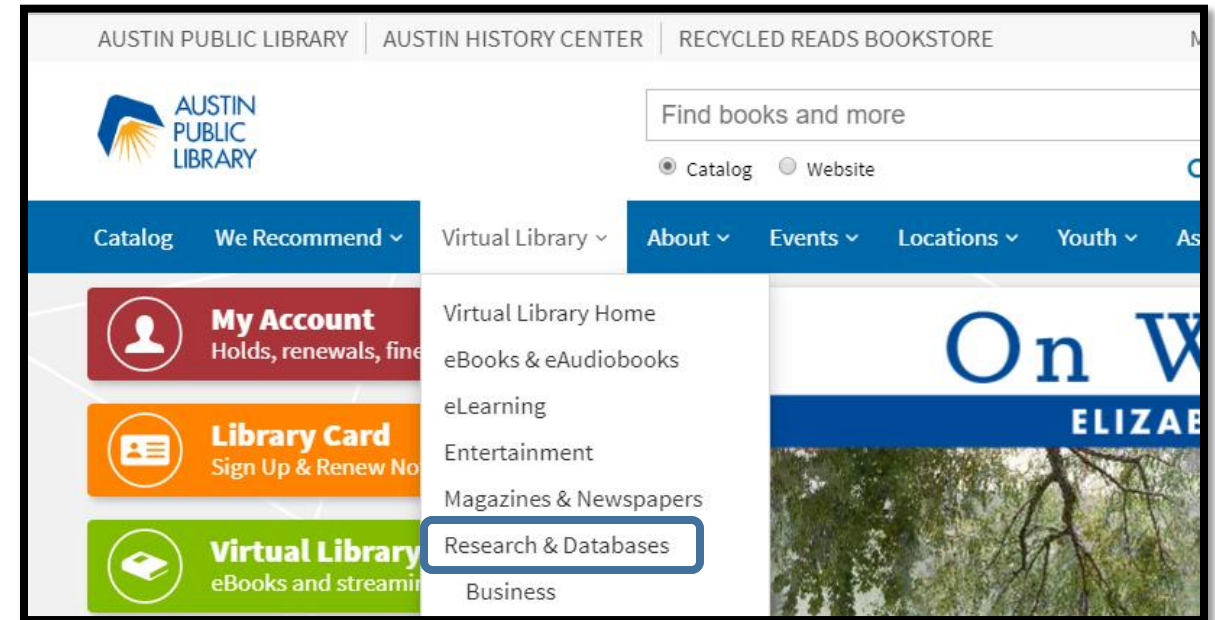


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Noah's Ark, Italianate mural painting, mid-16th century studiolo



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