

# Scrawled shortcuts through the

#### Paradise Is....

## Webster's 3<sup>rd</sup> New International Dictionary ... Unabridged

Surprisingly difficult to formulate adjectivally. Choose from: paradisaic, paradisaical, paradisia, paradisiacal. Pronunciation anyone? Dictionary Stand by the Atrium

#### **Encyclopedia of the Qur'an**

A place of reward, in the afterlife, of surpassing comfort and beauty. Ref. 297.12203 E56e

### **Theological Dictionary of the New Testament**

A Greek word that hails ultimately from the Persian, where it denoted "parks of the Persian king and nobility" [vol. 5, p. 765].

Ref. 487.332 K62tE vol. 5

#### The Dante Encyclopedia

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, and rarely read, part of Dante's timeless epic, *The Divine Comedy*. Check here under Paradise for a Cook's tour of this fabulous heaven of light and love.

Ref. 851 D192Z D1923d

## **Encyclopedia Judaica**

Read Hebraically, without the vowels, PRDS, an acronym for multiple ways to read the Bible: literally, allegorically, morally, mystically. See under Pardes.

Online under Research Resources

#### Columbia Gazetter of the World

The unincorporated section of Las Vegas, where much of the fun happens. Ref. 910.3 C7262c vol. 3

## The Crystal Reference Encyclopedia

The "pair a dice" needed for a game of chance (craps, which see). Credo Reference, which is Online under Research Resources

## Oak Leaves 2003: A Stroll through the Forest

Drew University campus in spring (or summer, or fall, or winter). See the preliminary pages of the yearbook for stunning color photos.

Ref. 378.73 D776v 2003

<sup>\*</sup> Warning: browsing reference books can be rapturous!