



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

**Looking at Light...
disciplinary perspectives:**

Physics

Encyclopedia of Physics

Is light a wave or a particle? Neither, although it has some properties of both waves and particles. To find out more...

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Religion

Encyclopedia of Religion

“Let there be light,” (Genesis 1:3). Creation stories of many religions begin with light. Polytheistic religions often include gods of light. Religious symbols related to light abound. Wondering why?

[Online](#) or Ref 200.321 E56e 2005

Art

[Oxford Art Online](#)

Have you ever tried to paint light? A description of techniques for doing so, light and its symbolism in art through history, and more are explained in this article, which has a lengthy bibliography, conveniently divided by subtopic.

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Philosophy

[Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)

[Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)

As with most philosophical subjects, there are no easy answers about light—but there are *two* online encyclopedias of philosophy to help! Neither has an article solely devoted to light, but you’ll find summaries of the insights of Aristotle, al-Suhrawardi, Patrizi, & others by searching for “light” as a keyword.

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Poetry

[Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry](#)

Poets have plenty to say about light—as a metaphor and related to the physical, spiritual, philosophical or artistic theories of their era. Choose from 900 poems with the subject of light—300+ are available with text. Enjoy!

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