

# Three Reasons to Reference Correctly

## Why do we need to reference?

1. Apart from needing to fully and concisely acknowledge where you get your information from so as not to illegally steal anyone else's ideas...

2. Referencing is your friend when you are researching.

Let your sources do your research for you. Seriously! If you wanted to find out about Spirituality, and all you had was the book *Christian Spirituality* by Alister McGrath, you could turn to the bibliography at the end of the book to find out a whole heap of other books which you could use to research that topic.

3. Good referencing makes it easy for your marker.

The first thing that your marker will do is turn to your bibliography to see what sources you have used in your work. This will often give them a good idea of the overall quality of your assignment and they will also be able to make sure your work is correct and free from plagiarism.

Don't waste your marker's time with bad referencing. Always include correct page numbers and keep your referencing as accurate as possible.

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