**Future prospects**

*Expanding the corpus:*

About 600,000 additional data were digitalized from the *Biblia Patristica* archives, and the analysis of new corpora is ongoing. These data will progressively be put online.

The eventual goal is to cover the whole of Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages.

*Future functional improvements:*

- development of a collaborative work site;
- automated retrieval of biblical intertextuality in texts;
- new ways of visualising the data;
- access to patristic texts from existing numerical references.

**Cahiers de BiblIndex**

BiblIndex is also a research seminar that leads to the publication of a series. Four volumes have already been published.

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To follow the project news, see its research blog, [https://biblindex-en.hypotheses.org/](https://biblindex-en.hypotheses.org/)

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*"The sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them."*  
**Gregory the Great**, *Hom. in Ez. VII*, 8 (SC 317, p. 245)
1965-2000: Biblia Patristica

Between 1975 and 2000, the 8 volumes of Biblia Patristica, Index of biblical quotations and allusions in patristic literature (CNRS Editions), prepared by the Centre for Patristics Analysis and Documentation (CADP, Strasbourg), were published.

When the team ceased its activity in 2000, it entrusted Sources Chrétiennes with its database and further unpublished data, two CD-ROMs and lists of unverified and handwritten references (at least 500,000).

2006 - ...: Biblindex

Since 2006, Sources Chrétiennes has progressively developed Biblindex, a database which is the heir to Biblia Patristica, containing to date 400,000 biblical references, namely:

- the 270,000 entries published in Biblia Patristica, which cover the first three centuries, along with part of the fourth, with updates:

  1. Beginnings to Clement of Alexandria and Tertullian.
  2. The third century (except Origen).
  3. Origen.

- around 100,000 additional references coming from the CD-ROM:

Most of the following authors' works have been included:
- Athanasius of Alexandria
- John Chrysostom
- Theodoret of Cyrus
- Procopius of Gaza
- Jerome

The database includes 12 biblical texts written in different ancient (Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Syriac) and modern languages (French, English). A correspondence parser allows to visualise them in synoptic form and to identify discrepancies in their numbering.