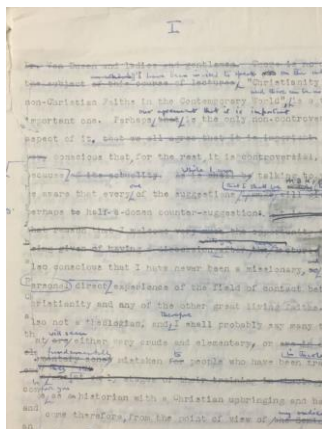


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Finding Aid for

**Arnold J. Toynbee Lecture Manuscript, 1956**



Draft of Lecture Given at UTS (ms.). UTS1: Arnold J. Toynbee Lecture Manuscript, 1956, box 1, folder 1, the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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**Summary Information**

Creator:

Title: Arnold J. Toynbee Lecture Manuscript, 1956

Inclusive dates: 1956

Bulk dates: 1956

Abstract: Acclaimed British historian, author of A Study of History, 1934-1961

Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet

Storage: Onsite storage

Repository: The Burke Library

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### Administrative Information

- Provenance: The Arnold Toynbee Lecture Manuscript was donated by Toynbee to the Union Theological Seminary President's Office in 1956, and was among a large group of unprocessed archival materials that were organized in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
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### Biography

Arnold J. Toynbee (1889-1975) was a British historian best known for his 12-volume analysis of Western civilization, *A Study of History*, 1934-1961. Although institutionally unaffiliated with Union, Toynbee visited the U.S. on a lecture tour during which he gave the lecture "Christianity and the non-Christian Faith in the Contemporary World". He sent an annotated typescript of this lecture to then-UTS President Henry Pitney Van Dusen in 1956 as a gesture of gratitude for supporting Toynbee's scholarship.

The manuscript, which is in duplicate here, was donated to the President's Office at Union Theological Seminary, and added to Union Theological Seminary's archives.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a single annotated manuscript of Toynbee's lecture on contemporary Christianity, donated to Union Theological Seminary:

- **Series 1: Christianity and the Non-Christian Faith in the Contemporary World [1956]**

This is a hand-annotated duplicate of a lecture likely given on a series of talks given by Toynbee during a 1955 trip to the U.S.

An enclosed preface to Toynbee's manuscript reads:

*While I have been revising these lectures for publication, I have had the pleasure of being constantly reminded of the visit to the United States, in the fall of 1955, during which the lectures were delivered. This gives me an opportunity to express my gratitude to the President, faculties, and students of the three seminaries which administer the Hewett Foundation. My wife and I shall always remember the kindness and hospitality with which*

*we were received, and the kindness, sincerity, and forbearance shown in the discussions by which the lectures were followed.*

*Arnold Toynbee*

**Processing**

During processing, materials were placed in a new, flat acid-free box.

**Further Sources**

Extensive secondary information exists on Arnold J. Toynbee. Most biographical information on Robert Brank Fulton can be found by reading his entry for the Class of 1938 in the [Alumni Directory of the Union Theological Seminary, 1836-1970](#).

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