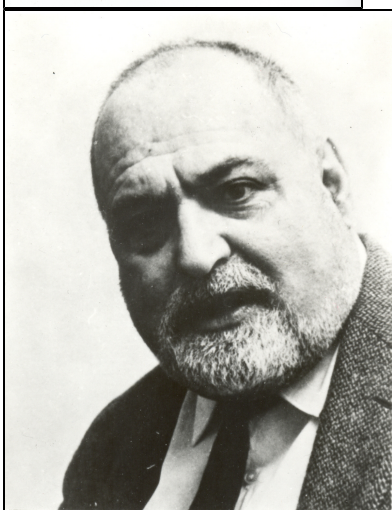
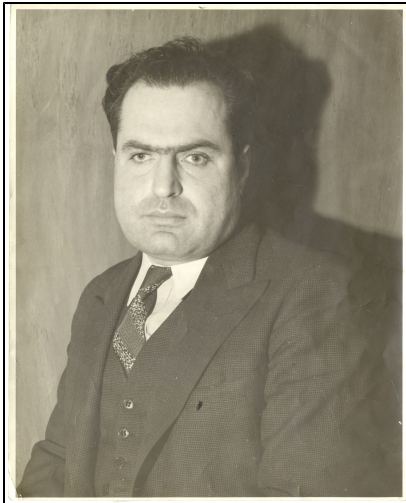


Herberg Collection-- A Guide to the Papers and Annotated Texts





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PREFACE

The papers and books of Will Herberg (1902-1977), Andrew W. Stout Professor of Philosophy and Culture at Drew University, were presented to the University Library in 1976. These materials were organized in 1976-78 and that organization forms the basis for this guide. It provides an outline arrangement of Herberg's personal papers and an alphabetical author-title listing of annotated books and pamphlets from his private library. While a full calendar de-scription of the papers awaits additional work, such a guide may usefully assist scholars in the location of material.

The Herberg Collection, covering the period from 1929 to 1977, varies greatly in form and content. It includes articles, lectures, letters, notes, clippings, annotated texts and ranges widely over areas of social, political, historical, philosophical, and theological concern. Aspects of Herberg's association with Marxism, his involvement with labor, his re-discovery of Judaism, and his role as a discerning interpreter of religion and culture are all represented within the collection. Something of the highly complex vision which characterizes the Herberg biography is likewise disclosed, along with a continuing sense of the extraordinary intensity of his teaching presence and his impressive hold on synthetic analysis.

In organizing the collection, the University Library has sought, wherever possible, to preserve the working order in which Herberg had many of his papers. Particular categories within the broad sub-ject headings of "Lecture", "Notes", and "Public Lectures" are in-variably his own. This means, for example, that a public lecture titled "Judaism, Economics, and Social Action" will not be found un-der the heading, "Public Lecture (by Title)". It can, however, be located in the organizational context in which Herberg had placed it: in a folder of public lecture materials which he had marked "Re-ligion and the Issues of Contemporary Life and Culture" and which is found here under the heading, "Public Lecture (by Subject)". This is perhaps enough to suggest that some attention to Herberg's cate-gories will itself assist the user in locating specific material.

Those interested in the Herberg documents may wish to be aware of other possible points of entry. Additional Herberg letters may well survive in the extensive network of contacts he had with contemporaries such as Jay Lovestone, Sidney Hook, Gerson Cohen, Lewis Feuer, and others. Relationships between Herberg and others within Local 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union may also merit some attention. Extensive work on Herberg presumably cannot be done without reference, as well, to the specialized re-sources of the Tamiment Library at New York University, the archives of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the New York Public Library, and the library of Jewish Theological Seminary. All of these centers are especially important for placing him in relation to Marxism, labor and Judaism.

Particular attention should be called to the work done thus far on the Herberg bibliography. This work at Drew extends over several years and includes, in addition to my own contribution, the efforts especially of Professor Donald G. Jones, Lawrence D. McIntosh, and Francine Quaglio. Rabbi Hershel Matt, long-time friend of Will Herberg, has also provided important bibliographical data, in addition to making his own collection of Herberg materials available through photocopy. Through the courtesy of Professor Jones, the excellent bibliographical work of Douglas Webb is likewise now accessible.

This guide is very much a cooperative project and it is a pleasure to acknowledge and thank my colleagues, Janice Frederick, James Gilman, Charles J. Lopez Jr., and Harvey Nelson for their con-sistently careful work.

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