
Research Note

James Luther Adams Bibliographies

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James Luther Adams (1901-1994) is widely considered the twentieth century's leading Unitarian theologian. Serving as professor of theology and ethics at Meadville Lombard Theological School and the Federated Theological Faculty in Chicago, IL (1936-1957), and at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA (1957-1968), Adams authored innumerable sermons, essays and book chapters. Among scholars, he is known for having translated the works of Paul Tillich and Ernst Troeltsch into English. Among students of ministry, he is recognized for his arguments concerning the religious efficacy of voluntary associations, derived from his experiences confronting Nazism in pre-World War II Germany. An intellectual with an uncanny ability to recall information and see connections across diverse subjects, Adams drew deeply from the well of theological, historical, and social concern that was his life. His writings preserve much of what he came to believe.

The following two bibliographies came about as a helpful by-product of my research on James Luther Adams. These titles list and cross-reference the sermons, essays and addresses of JLA that have been reprinted in the various edited volumes of his writings, including the recently published *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008). They go beyond the scope of the bibliography that appears at the conclusion of Adams' *Not Without Dust And Heat* (1995), and may prove advantageous, particularly as they are organized here, for the many theology students, ministers,

and scholars who often turn to these collected works to become familiar with Adams' life and work.

The first bibliography lists Adams' works alphabetically by title; the second lists the works by theme. Each bibliographic entry notes two important pieces of information: when and where the work was originally published, and the title of the edited volume(s) within which it can be found. Whenever works have appeared in more than one collection, the entry notes this. In the thematic bibliography, titles are listed chronologically within the following headings: 1) Autobiography, 2) Theology, 3) Religion, Responsibility & Society, 4) Associations & Action, and 5) Influences & Companions. Sub-categories within each heading further delineate thematic connections. Anyone who has studied JLA's works knows that he often touches upon multiple themes within a single work. Thus, I have classified these titles acknowledging that some could easily be placed in an alternate or additional category.

Bibliographic Shortened Reference Key

(Listed by date of publication)

Taking Time Seriously (1957):

James Luther Adams, *Taking Time Seriously* (Glencoe, IL: The Free Press, 1957).

On Being Human Religiously (1976):

James Luther Adams, *On Being Human Religiously: Selected Essays In Religion and Society*, ed. Max L. Stackhouse (Boston: Unitarian Universalist Association, 1976).

Voluntary Associations (1986):

James Luther Adams, *Voluntary Associations: Socio-cultural Analyses and Theological Interpretation*, ed. J. Ronald Engel (Chicago: Exploration Press, 1986).

Prophethood of All Believers (1986):

James Luther Adams, *The Prophethood of All Believers*, ed. George Kimmich Beach (Boston: Beacon Press, 1986).

An Examined Faith (1991):

James Luther Adams, *An Examined Faith: Social Context and Religious Commitment*, ed. George Kimmich Beach (Boston: Beacon Press, 1991).

Unitarian Universalist Christian (1993):

James Luther Adams Papers, ed. Herbert F. Vetter, *Unitarian Universalist Christian* 48 (Fall/Winter 1993).

Essential James Luther Adams (1998):

The Essential James Luther Adams: Selected Essays and Addresses, ed. George Kimmich Beach (Boston: Skinner House, 1998).

Prophet to the Powerful (2008):

James Luther Adams: Prophet to the Powerful, ed. Herbert F. Vetter (Cambridge, MA: Harvard Square Library, 2008).

An Alphabetical Listing of JLA's Works

A

"The Ages of Liberalism" (1957) originally published in *The Journal of Religious Thought* in 1957; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Aging: A Theological Interpretation" (1973) originally appeared in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1973); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The AIDS Epidemic and Palliative Care" (1989) originally published in *The Journal of Palliative Care* in 1989; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Archibald Thompson Davison" (1961) originally delivered in memoriam at Andover Chapel, Harvard Divinity School on February 16, 1961; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Arminius and the Structure of Society" (1962) first appeared in *Man's Faith and Freedom: The Theological Influence of Jacobus Arminius* (1962); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Art, Psyche, and Society" (1972) essay originally published in *The Perkins Journal* (Fall 1972); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"Art, Religion, and Utopia" (1975) delivered at Arlington Street Church; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Arts and Society" (1955) paper presented to the Theological Discussion Group in Washington, D.C. in 1955; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

B

"Basic Causes of Progress and Decay in Civilization" (1950) originally appeared in *Orientation in Religious Education* (1950); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957).

"Betraying the World with a Kiss" (1948) sermon delivered at Bond Chapel of the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1948; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"A Biographical and Intellectual Sketch" (1977) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (Spring/Summer 1977); appears in *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Blessed Are the Powerful" (1969) address delivered at the inaugural convocation of the Boston Theological Institute and originally published in *The Christian Century* in 1969; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Body and Soul of Learning" (1976) commencement address at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL on June 13, 1976; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Bridge of Confidence" (n.d.) an Easter sermon; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Bright Shoots of Everlastingness" (1969) originally delivered on the occasion of rededicating the Prayer Chapel at Old Cambridge Baptist Church as the Samuel H. Miller Chapel on February 9, 1969, originally published in the *Andover Newton Quarterly* in 1969; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993).

"Broken Cisterns and Earthen Vessels" (1965) sermon given at the Vassar College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, NY on February 18, 1965; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"By Their Groups Shall Ye Know Them" (~1970) originally composed for a lecture at Baylor University in Waco, TX around 1970; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"By Their Roots Shall You Know Them" (1984) commencement address delivered at Meadville Lombard Theological School in June 1984; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

C

"A Celebration of Life" (1994) delivered at a Celebration of Life at The Arlington Street Church in Boston, MA on October 23, 1994; appears in *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Changing Frontiers of Liberal Religion" (1957) originally published in *The Unitarian Christian*; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Changing Reputation of Human Nature" (1941) Berry Street Conference address; appears in *The Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); re-titled as "Root Ideas of Human Freedom," Chapter 4 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Charles Eliot Norton, Genius loci, Shady Hill" (1982) essay first appeared in *The Bulletin of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* (March 1982); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Chief End of Human Existence" (1953) originally published in *The Harvard Divinity School Bulletin* in 1954 under the title "The Chief End of Man"; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Christianity and Humanism" (1937) address to a group of Irving Babbitt admirers at the University of Iowa in 1937; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Church That Is Free" (1975) essay read during services at the First & Second Church of Boston on May 23, 1975, marking the sesquicentennial for the founding of the American Unitarian Association; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Civil Disobedience: Its Occasions and Limits" (1970) originally published in *Political and Legal Obligations: Nomox XII*; appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Classical Humanism of Irving Babbitt" (1932) abridged review of Irving Babbitt's *On Being Creative: And Other Essays*, appearing in *An Examined Faith* (1991). The original full review appeared in *Hound and Horn*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Oct.-Dec., 1932).

"A Come-Outer" (1982) previously unpublished essay, written in 1982; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Covenants of Strength and Love" (1961) ordination sermon for Rev. George Kimmich Beach by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY on June 11, 1961; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Creative Thrust of Conflict" (1966) delivered as an address to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Miami, Florida in 1966; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Crosses" (n.d.) a Maundy Thursday address preceding a communion service; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Crucifixion" (n.d.) a Good Friday address; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

E

"The Ecology of World Religions and Peace" (1978) essay first appeared in *Dharma World* (September 1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Encounter with the Demonic" (1971) essay originally appeared in *Metanoia: an Independent Journal of Radical Lutheranism* (September 1971); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Enduring Validity of Congregational Polity" (1977) address to the Baptist Theological Union originally published in *Criterion* (Winter 1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Ernst Troeltsch and Harold Berman on Natural Law" (1988) essay originally published in *The Weightier Matters of the Law: Essays on Law & Religion* (1988); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Evolution of My Social Concern" (1977) originally printed in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Exiles, Trapped in the Welfare State" (1967) essay originally published in *The Unitarian Christian* (Winter 1967); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Existentialist Thesis" (n.d.) appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

F

"A Faith for the Free" (1946) originally published in *Together We Advance* (1946); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Festschrift: Presentation to Paul Tillich" (1960) essay presented to the Braun Room of the Harvard Divinity School in 1960; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Fishing with Nets" (1981) sermon delivered at the ordination of Judy Deutsch at the First Parish Church of Sudbury, Sudbury Center, MA on October 4, 1981; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Freud, Mannheim, and the Liberal Doctrine of Human Being" (1941) originally published in *The Journal of Liberal Religion* (Winter 1941); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"From Cage to Covenant" (1975) address to Collegium originally published in *Kairos* (Winter 1976); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

G

"The Geography and Organization of Social Responsibility" (1974) originally appeared in *The Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (Spring/Summer 1974); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"George Huntston Williams, Church Historian" (1979) essay first appeared in the book *Continuity and Discontinuity in Church History: Essays Presented to George Huntston Williams on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday*; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"God and Economics" (1978) originally published in *Belief and Ethics*, a publication of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1978); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"God Is Love" (1947) sermon delivered at the Meadville Theological School in Chicago, IL on November 7, 1947; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Good Fences Make Good Neighbors" (1984) sermon delivered at Appleton Chapel at Harvard University's Memorial Church in 1984; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Grotesque and Our Future" (1969) essay originally appeared in *UUA News* (July 28, 1969); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Guiding Principles for a Free Faith" (1976) composite of eight editorials and speeches Adams gave on the topic, revised into one chapter; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

H

"Harvard Faculty Memorial Minute" (2000) originally published in *The Harvard Gazette* (November 2, 2000); appears in *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Hidden Evils and Hidden Resources" (1981) sermon delivered at the service of ordination for the Reverend Jon Luopa by the First Church of Worcester, Massachusetts on September 27, 1981; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Human Relativity and Religious Validity: Ernst Troeltsch" (1961) first appeared in *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (1961); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

I

"The Indispensable Discipline of Social Responsibility: Voluntary Associations" (1962) address at the University of Padua, originally published in *The Journal of the Liberal Ministry* (1966); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"In the Beginning Is the Word" (n.d.) Baccalaureate sermon given at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"In the Fullness of Time" (1939) sermon delivered in Bond Chapel of the University of Chicago's Divinity School in 1939; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"In Memoriam: Words for Paul Johannes Tillich" (1965) memorial address of JLA at Paul Tillich's memorial service at The Memorial Church of Harvard University on November 4, 1965; first published in *The Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (January 1966); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"In Praise of Sleep" (1977) originally published in *Kairos* (Summer 1977) and subsequently in *The Right Time: The Best of Kairos* (1982); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

J

"John XXIII: The Pope Who Would Go Window-shopping" (1964) lecture presented at the First Unitarian Church, Syracuse, New York on May 10, 1964; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

L

"The Latest Word" (1986) address to a celebration honoring his 80th birthday, November 8, 1986, at Arlington Street Church, Boston, MA; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Law and Love and the 'Good Old Cause'" (1950) sermon originally published in *The Divinity School News* (August 1, 1950); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Law and the Religious Spirit: Rudolf Sohm" (1959) originally published as part of *Religion and Culture* (1959); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"The Liberal Christian Holds Up the Mirror" (1955) sermon (also titled "The Liberal Christian Looks At Himself") delivered at All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C. in 1956 and originally published in *The*

Unitarian Universalist Christian (1977); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Liberal Religion and the Phoenix" (1949) originally published as the preface to the book *The Directive in History* (1949); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Liberals and Evangelicals" (1978) address delivered at Baker University, Baldwin, KS on October 24, 1978; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Liberation and Epochal Thinking" (1976) in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976), a revision of the earlier essay "The Prophethood of All Believers" in *The Christian Register* (1947).

"A Little Lower than the Angels" (1959) baccalaureate sermon given at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on June 7, 1959; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Love of God" (1953) essay first published in *The Meaning of Love* (1953); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"The Lure of Persuasion: Some Themes from Whitehead" (1975) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1975-76); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

M

"Mediating Structures and the Separation of Powers" (1980) first appeared in *Democracy and Mediating Structures* (1980); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Messianic Banquet" (1986) sermon delivered at the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship in Cambridge, MA on May 18, 1986; originally published in *The First Day's Record: A Journal of Liberal Religious Responses* (June 1986); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Music As a Means of Grace" (1967) originally published in the *Crane Review* (Fall 1967); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Music: The Language of Hope" (1971) originally delivered at Arlington Street Church in Boston; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

N

"Natural Religion and the 'Myth' of the Eighteenth Century" (1950) lecture originally published in *The Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (1951); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Need for a New Language" (1965) originally published in *Paul Tillich's Philosophy of Culture, Science, and Religion* (1965); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Neither Mere Morality Nor Mere God" (1959) abridgment of an introductory essay published in *The Unitarian Christian* (October 1959); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Notes on the Study of Gould Farm" (1955) originally published in *Cooperative Living* (1955-56); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

O

"Originality" (1926) originally delivered as a sermon at the Second Unitarian Church in Salem, MA in 1926; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Our Enemy: Angelism" (1944) a baccalaureate sermon delivered at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel of the University of Chicago; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Our Responsibility in Society" (1953) originally published in *Faith & Freedom* (Spring 1953); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Our Unconquered Past" (1967) sermon delivered at Harvard University on October 13, 1967; originally published in *The Unitarian Christian* (Fall 1967); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Out of Despair" (1950) appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

P

"Perspectives on Pluralistic Society" (1974) originally prepared for a conference on voluntary organizations at Loyola University, Chicago in 1974; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Pessimism and Optimism in Religion" (1926) delivered as a sermon to the congregation of the Second Unitarian Church in Salem, Massachusetts on January 17, 1926; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Phenomenology of Fragmentation and the Ecology of Dreams" (1972) address originally delivered at the Annual Congress of Fellows, the Society for the Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture at the Whitney Museum, New York City, on February 26, 1972; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Pietism and Prophetism: Religion & Social Issues" (1969) paper presented at the Twentieth Congress of the International Association for Religious Freedom in July 1969; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Place of Discipline in Christian Ethics" (1967) first published in *Crane Review* (1967); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Political Responsibility of the Man of Culture" (1956) originally published in *Comprendre* (1956); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Politics of Culture in American Perspective" (1978) essay first published in *The Politics of Culture* (January 1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Prophethood of All Believers" (1947) (also titled "Liberation and Epochal Thinking") originally published in *The Christian Register* (March 1947); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"The Prophetic Covenant and Social Concern" (1977) lecture given at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL in January 1977; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Prophetic Judgment and Grace" (1977) speech delivered at Meadville Lombard Theological School; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Prophetic Theology: Interrupting the Meeting" (1960) preface to *Dimensions of Faith: Contemporary Prophetic Protestant Theology* (1960); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"'The Protestant Ethic' with Fewer Tears" (1968) (also titled "The Protestant Ethic and Society: Max Weber") originally published as part of *In the Name of Life – Essays in Honor of Eric Fromm* (1971) and earlier appeared in the German publication *Zeitschrift für Evangelische Ethik* (1968); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Purpose of a Liberal Arts Education" (1969) originally published in *The Journal of the Liberal Ministry*; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

R

"Radical Laicism" (1984) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist World* (January 15, 1984); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Religion and the Ideologies" (1955) originally published in *Confluence* (April 1955); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Religion's Word Against Religion" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Religious Problem of Peace" (1944) essay originally published in the edited book *New Perspectives on Peace* (1944); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Reminiscences of Paul Tillich" (1987) address delivered to the North American Paul Tillich Society on December 4, 1987; first published in the Society's newsletter (1989); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Roger Baldwin: By Their Groups Shall Ye Know Them" (1984) address given at the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills, MA on January 20, 1984, for a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roger Baldwin; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Root Metaphors of Religious Social Thought" (1973) address to the American Theological Society on April 13, 1973; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

S

"The Sacred and the Secular: Friedrich von Hugel" (1934) originally published in *The Christian Register* (October 11, 1934); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"A Sense of Cosmic Reality" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Shalom: the Ministry of Wholeness" (1982) sermon first delivered at the service or ordination of Geoffrey Gilbert Drutchas, at the UU Church of Medford, MA on August 8, 1982; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Shock of Recognition: The Black Revolution and Greek Tragedy" (1968) essay originally appeared in *Faith and Freedom* (1968); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Sin and Salvation" (1948) previously unpublished paper prepared for a meeting of the Chicago Philosophy of Religion Association; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Social Ethics and Pastoral Care" (1970) originally published in *Pastoral Care and the Liberal Churches* (1970); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Socialist Humanism and Religion: Karl Marx" (1967) originally published in *Marx and the Western World* (1968); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"The Social Import of the Professions" (1958) originally published in *The Bulletin of the American Association of Theological Schools* (June 1958); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Some Notes on the Ministry of the Clergy and the Laity" (1957) originally published in *Teamwork: Journal of the Universalist Ministers Association* (December 1957); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Stabilizer and Shatterer" (1940) ordination sermon for George H. Williams at the Church of the Christian Union (Unitarian), Rockford, IL in 1940; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Storms of Our Times and Starry Night" (1985) introductory essay originally published in *The Thought of Paul Tillich* (1985); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

T

"Taking Time Seriously" (1939) originally published in *Christian Century* (September 6, 1939); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Theological Bases of Social Action" (1950) originally published in *The Journal of Religious Thought* (Autumn/Winter, 1950-51); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"A Theological Interpretation of the Holocaust" (1981) originally published in *Kairos* (Summer/Fall 1981); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Theology and Modern Culture: Paul Tillich" (1948) first appeared in Adams' translated edition of Paul Tillich's *The Protestant Era* (1948); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" (1966) first delivered as a sermon at Harvard Divinity School, originally published in *The Study Guide to Accompany On Being Human Religiously* (1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Tillich and the Spirit of Matthew the Painter" (1976) originally published in *The Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (Fall 1976); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"A Time to Speak: Conversations at Collegium" (1986) remarks at Collegium's annual meeting in 1986; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

U

"The Uses of Diversity" (1957) convocation address at Harvard in September 1957; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Use of Symbols" (1969) presidential address for the Society for Christian Ethics in 1969; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

V

"The Vocation of the Lawyer" (1976) first published in *The Mercer Law Review* (Winter 1976); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Vocation of Ministry and The Praying Hands" (1985) ordination sermon for Rev. Ann Margaret Shellenberg adopted for a lecture at the Cambridge Forum; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Voluntary Associations" (1986) originally published as part of *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics* (1986); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Voluntary Associations in Search of Identity" (1971) first appeared in *The Journal of Current Social Issues* (1971); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Voluntary Principle in the Forming of American Religion" (1970) originally appeared in *The Religion of the Republic* (1970); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

W

"The War of the Gods" (pre-1942) abridgment of a paper on "The Congressional Idea" co-authored with James Bissett Pratt of Williams College and presented at a pre-WWII Yale conference of Unitarians and Congregationalists; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"We Wrestle Against Principalities and Powers" (1964) ordination sermon delivered for Dr. Hans Rosenwald at the First Parish Church in Cambridge, MA on June 7, 1964; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Why Sing?" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Why the Troeltsch Revival?" (1974) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1974); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"William James: 'No Man for Committees'" (1977) essay first appeared in *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (December 1977); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Wrath and Love of God" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

Thematic Bibliography of JLA's Published Works

1. Biography and Autobiography

Written by Adams or a colleague, these works focus on Adams' life and how his experiences contributed to his theology. Here attention is paid to his childhood orthodox church and his pre-war experiences with Nazism in Germany.

"Taking Time Seriously" (1939) originally published in *Christian Century* (September 6, 1939); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Evolution of My Social Concern" (1977) originally printed in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

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"A Time to Speak: Conversations at Collegium" (1986) remarks at Collegium's annual meeting in 1986; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"A Celebration of Life" (1994) delivered at A Celebration of Life at the Arlington Street Church in Boston, MA on October 23, 1994; appears in *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Harvard Faculty Memorial Minute" (2000) originally published in *The Harvard Gazette* (November 2, 2000); appears in *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

2. Theology

Works of general interest in theology and liberal Christianity.

"God Is Love" (1947) sermon delivered at Meadville Theological School in Chicago, IL on November 7, 1947; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Sin and Salvation" (1948) previously unpublished paper prepared for a meeting of the Chicago Philosophy of Religion Association; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Out of Despair" (1950) appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Love of God" (1953) essay first published in *The Meaning of Love* (1953); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"The Place of Discipline in Christian Ethics" (1967) first published in *Crane Review* (1967); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Bridge of Confidence" (n.d.) an Easter sermon; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Crucifixion" (n.d.) a Good Friday address; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"In the Beginning Is the Word" (n.d.) Baccalaureate sermon given at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"A Sense of Cosmic Reality" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

2A. Theology: Liberal Christianity

Works that focus on particular aspects of liberal Christianity, the faith perspective with which Adams identified.

"Originality" (1926) originally delivered as a sermon at the Second Unitarian Church in Salem, MA in 1926; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Christianity and Humanism" (1937) address to a group of Irving Babbitt admirers at the University of Iowa in 1937; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The War of the Gods" (pre-1942) abridgment of a paper on "*The Congressional Idea*" co-authored with James Bissett Pratt of Williams College and presented at a pre-WWII Yale conference of Unitarians and Congregationalists; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“Liberal Religion and the Phoenix” (1949) originally published as the preface to the book *The Directive in History* (1949); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“The Chief End of Human Existence” (1953) originally published in *The Harvard Divinity School Bulletin* (1954); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“The Ages of Liberalism” (1957) originally published in *The Journal of Religious Thought* (1957); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“The Uses of Diversity” (1957) Convocation address at Harvard Divinity School, Memorial Chapel, in September 1957; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“Neither Mere Morality Nor Mere God” (1959) abridgment of an introductory essay published in *The Unitarian Christian* (October 1959); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Prophetic Theology: Interrupting the Meeting” (1960) preface to *Dimensions of Faith: Contemporary Prophetic Protestant Theology* (1960); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“Arminius and the Structure of Society” (1962) first appeared in *Man’s Faith and Freedom: The Theological Influence of Jacobus Arminius* (1962); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

“The Messianic Banquet” (1986) sermon delivered at the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship in Cambridge, MA on May 18, 1986; originally published in *The First Day’s Record: A Journal of Liberal Religious Responses* (June 1986); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

2B. Theology: Faith and Freedom

Works that focus on the importance of a non-authoritarian, non-absolutist faith, in which Adams championed the congregational concept of the free church, free pulpit and free pew. Because divine revelation, in Adams’ view, could never be complete in the present, he held that the Church must allow and protect its members’ freedom to challenge dominant beliefs and opinions, recognizing the need for both freedom and responsibility in an authentic faith (see Section 3).

“A Faith for the Free” (1946) originally published in *Together We Advance* (1946); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Law and Love and the ‘Good Old Cause’” (1950) sermon originally published in *The Divinity School News* (August 1, 1950); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Changing Frontiers of Liberal Religion” (1957) originally published in *The Unitarian Christian*; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“The Church That Is Free” (1975) essay read during services at the First & Second Church of Boston on May 23, 1975, marking the sesquicentennial year of the founding of the American Unitarian Association; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Guiding Principles for a Free Faith” (1976) composite of eight editorials and speeches Adams gave on the topic, revised into one chapter. Because the original essays and addresses are dramatically different, I will list this composite essay separately; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

“A Theological Interpretation of the Holocaust” (1981) originally published in *Kairos* (Summer/Fall 1981); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

2C. Theology: The Prophetic Covenant

Works that explore Adams’ belief that all members of the Church have a responsibility to hold themselves, fellow believers, their church, their denomination, and their communities responsible to the divine command of love and justice.

“The Prophethood of All Believers” (1947) (also titled “Liberation and Epochal Thinking”) originally published in *The Christian Register* (March 1947); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Covenants of Strength and Love” (1961) ordination sermon for Rev. George Kimmich Beach by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY on June 11, 1961; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“Prophetic Judgment and Grace” (1977) speech delivered at Meadville Lombard Theological School; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“The Prophetic Covenant and Social Concern” (1977) lecture given at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL in January 1977; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Hidden Evils and Hidden Resources” (1981) sermon delivered at the service of ordination for the Reverend Jon Luopa by the First Church of Worcester, Massachusetts on September 27, 1981; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“By Their Roots Shall You Know Them” (1984) commencement address delivered at Meadville Lombard Theological School in June 1984; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Radical Laicism” (1984) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist World* (January 15, 1984); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

2D. Theology: Congregational Polity

Works demonstrating the importance of congregationalism as an organizing principal in ecclesial affairs, noting as well the importance of congregationalism’s concept of decentralized authority in broader public affairs.

“In the Fullness of Time” (1939) sermon delivered in Bond Chapel of the University of Chicago’s Divinity School in 1939; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“The Enduring Validity of Congregational Polity” (1977) address to the Baptist Theological Union originally published in *Criterion* (Winter 1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“From Cage to Covenant” (1975) address to Collegium originally published in *Kairos* (Winter 1976); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Fishing with Nets” (1981) sermon delivered at the ordination of Judith Deutsch at the First Parish Church of Sudbury, Sudbury Center, MA on October 4, 1981; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Radical Laicism” (1984) originally published in *Unitarian Universalist World* (January 15, 1984); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

2E. Theology: Criticism of Orthodoxy

Titles that focus on Adams’ critiques of orthodox Christianity, which he left as an adolescent.

“Our Enemy: Angelism” (1944) a baccalaureate sermon delivered at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel of the University of Chicago; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Liberals and Evangelicals" (1978) address delivered at Baker University, Baldwin, KS on October 24, 1978; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Crosses" (n.d.) a Maundy Thursday address preceding a communion service; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Religion's Word Against Religion" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

2F. Theology: Criticism of Liberalism

Titles that voice Adams' powerful critiques of liberal Christianity, despite his being an adherent.

"Pessimism and Optimism in Religion" (1926) delivered as a sermon to the congregation of the Second Church in Salem, Massachusetts on January 17, 1926; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Changing Reputation of Human Nature" (1941) Berry Street Conference address; appears in *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); re-titled as "Root Ideas of Human Freedom," Chapter 4 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Freud, Mannheim, and the Liberal Doctrine of Human Being" (1941) originally published in *The Journal of Liberal Religion* (Winter 1941); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Natural Religion and the 'Myth' of the Eighteenth Century" (1950) lecture originally published in *The Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (1951); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Liberal Christian Holds Up the Mirror" (1955) sermon (also titled "The Liberal Christian Looks At Himself") delivered at All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C. in 1956 and originally published in the *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"A Little Lower than the Angels" (1959) baccalaureate sermon given at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on June 7, 1959; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Wrath & Love of God" (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

2G. Theology: Ministry

Works that focus on the responsibilities and challenges of ministerial vocation. Adams spent most of his career as a theologian, but he began

as a Unitarian minister, and later remarked that despite his shift to the academic world, he considered everything he did to be ministry.

“The Stabilizer and Shatterer” (1940) ordination sermon for George H. Williams at the Church of the Christian Union (Unitarian), Rockford, IL in 1940; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“Some Notes on the Ministry of the Clergy and the Laity” (1957) originally published in *Teamwork: Journal of the Universalist Ministers Association* (December 1957); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

“Social Ethics and Pastoral Care” (1970) originally published in *Pastoral Care and the Liberal Churches* in 1970; appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

“The Vocation of Ministry and The Praying Hands” (1985) ordination sermon for Rev. Ann Margaret Shellenberg adopted for a lecture at the Cambridge Forum; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“The AIDS Epidemic and Palliative Care” (1989) originally published in *The Journal of Palliative Care* in 1989; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

3. Religion, Responsibility, and Society

3A. Our Responsibility in Society

Writings that are concerned with the responsibility of the Christian in society. Adams labeled forms of Christianity that focused on individual salvation as an escape into demonic “privatization of piety.” He argued that authentic Christianity meant actively moving society socially and politically toward the “Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Betraying the World with a Kiss” (1948) sermon delivered at Bond Chapel of the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1948; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“The Theological Bases of Social Action” (1950) originally published in *The Journal of Religious Thought* (Autumn/Winter, 1950-51); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Basic Causes of Progress and Decay in Civilization” (1950) originally appeared in *Orientation in Religious Education* (1950); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957).

"Our Responsibility in Society" (1953) originally published in *Faith & Freedom* (Spring 1953); appears in *Taking Time Seriously* (1957); *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"Religion and the Ideologies" (1955) originally published in *Confluence* (April 1955); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Political Responsibility of the Man of Culture" (1956) originally published in *Comprendre* (1956); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"We Wrestle Against Principalities and Powers" (1964) ordination sermon delivered for Dr. Hans Rosenwald at the First Parish Church in Cambridge, MA on June 7, 1964; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Creative Thrust of Conflict" (1966) delivered as an address to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist association in Miami, Florida in 1966; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Blessed Are the Powerful" (1969) address delivered at the inaugural convocation of the Boston Theological Institute; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Pietism and Prophetism: Religion & Social Issues" (1969) paper presented at the Twentieth Congress of the International Association for Religious Freedom in July 1969; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Root Metaphors of Religious Social Thought" (1973) address to the American Theological Society on April 13, 1973; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Perspectives on Pluralistic Society" (1974) originally prepared for a conference on voluntary organizations at Loyola University, Chicago in 1974; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Prophetic Covenant and Social Concern" (1977) lecture given at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL in January 1977; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"The Evolution of My Social Concern" (1977) originally printed in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Politics of Culture in American Perspective" (1978) essay first published in *The Politics of Culture* (January 1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Shalom: the Ministry of Wholeness" (1982) sermon first delivered at the service of ordination of Geoffrey Gilbert Drutchas, at the UU Church of Medford, MA on August 8, 1982; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

3B. Religion and Society: The Demonic

One of Adams' chief criticisms of liberal Christianity was its effort to live in harmony in society to the extent that it turned a blind eye toward the demonic. An aspect of Adams' theology demanded that liberal Christians recognize and publicly label evil when they witness it. These titles overlap in content with the essays in subsection 2F, "Theological Criticism of Liberal Christianity."

"The Grotesque and Our Future" (1969) essay originally appeared in *UUA News* (July 28, 1969); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Encounter with the Demonic" (1971) essay originally appeared in *Metanoia: an Independent Journal of Radical Lutheranism* (September 1971); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

3C. Religion and Society: Political

Selections that focus on Adams' concern with racism, nationalism, poverty, violence and other political issues.

"The Religious Problem of Peace" (1944) essay originally published in the edited book *New Perspectives on Peace* (1944); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Our Unconquered Past" (1967) sermon delivered at Harvard University on October 13, 1967; originally published in *The Unitarian Christian* (Fall 1967); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Broken Cisterns and Earthen Vessels" (1965) sermon given at the Vassar College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, NY on February 18, 1965; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Exiles, Trapped in the Welfare State" (1967) essay originally published in *The Unitarian Christian* (Winter 1967); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Shock of Recognition: The Black Revolution and Greek Tragedy" (1968) essay originally appeared in *Faith and Freedom* (1968); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Civil Disobedience: Its Occasions and Limits" (1970) originally published in *Political and Legal Obligations: Nomox XII*; appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

“God and Economics” (1978) originally published in *Belief and Ethics*, a publication of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1978); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

“Good Fences Make Good Neighbors” (1984) sermon delivered at Appleton Chapel at Harvard University’s Memorial Church in 1984; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

3D. Religion and Society: Educational, Philosophical, Aesthetic

Works that explore the personal realms of human experience.

“The Phenomenology of Fragmentation and the Ecology of Dreams” (1972) address originally delivered at the Annual Congress of Fellows, the Society for the Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture at the Whitney Museum, New York City, on February 26, 1972; appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“In Praise of Sleep” (1977) originally published in *Kairos* (Summer 1977) and subsequently in *The Right Time: The Best of Kairos* (1982); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Aging: A Theological Interpretation” (1973) originally appeared in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1973); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery” (1966) first delivered as a sermon at Harvard Divinity School, originally published in *The Study Guide to Accompany On Being Human Religiously* (1978); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

“The Purpose of a Liberal Arts Education” (1969) originally published in *The Journal of the Liberal Ministry*; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

“The Body and Soul of Learning” (1976) commencement address at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL on June 13, 1976; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“Music As a Means of Grace” (1967) originally published in the *Crane Review* (Fall 1967); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

“Music: The Language of Hope” (1971) originally delivered at Arlington Street Church in Boston; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

“Why Sing?” (n.d.) appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"Art, Psyche, and Society" (1972) essay originally published in *The Perkins Journal* (Fall 1972); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"Art, Religion, and Utopia" (1975) delivered at Arlington Street Church; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Arts and Society" (1955) paper presented to the Theological Discussion Group in Washington, D.C. in 1955; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Use of Symbols" (1969) presidential address for the Society for Christian Ethics in 1969; appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Social Import of the Professions" (1958) originally published in *The Bulletin of the American Association of Theological Schools* (June 1958); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Vocation of the Lawyer" (1976) first published in *The Mercer Law Review* (Winter 1976); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

4. Associations and Action

Essays on the need for voluntary organizations to fulfill responsibilities in society, which Adams referred to as "organizing power and the power of organizations."

"Notes on the Study of Gould Farm" (1955) originally published in *Cooperative Living* (1955-56); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Indispensable Discipline of Social Responsibility: Voluntary Associations" (1962) address at the University of Padua, originally published in *The Journal of the Liberal Ministry* (1966); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986); *Voluntary Associations* (1986); *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998).

"By Their Groups Shall Ye Know Them" (~1970) originally composed for a lecture at Baylor University in Waco, TX around 1970; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Voluntary Principle in the Forming of American Religion" (1970) originally appeared in *The Religion of the Republic* (1970); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Voluntary Associations in Search of Identity" (1971) first appeared in *The Journal of Current Social Issues* (1971); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"The Geography and Organization of Social Responsibility" (1974) originally appeared in *The Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (Spring/Summer

1974); appears as part of the selection "Freedom and Association," Chapter 5 in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Mediating Structures and the Separation of Powers" (1980) first appeared in *Democracy and Mediating Structures* (1980); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Voluntary Associations" (1986) originally published as part of *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics* (1986); appears in *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

5. Influences and Companions

5A. Influences and Companions: Paul Tillich

A centerpiece of Adams' contribution to liberal religion was his work introducing the thought of German Protestant theologian Paul Tillich to American audiences. Adams wrote his Ph.D. dissertation (University of Chicago, 1945) on Tillich's theology, which was later revised and published as Adams' first book, *Paul Tillich's Philosophy of Culture, Science and Religion* (1965).

"Theology and Modern Culture: Paul Tillich" (1948) first appeared in Adams' translated edition of Paul Tillich's *The Protestant Era* (1948); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"Festschrift: Presentation to Paul Tillich" (1960) essay presented to the Braun Room of the Harvard Divinity School in 1960; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1977); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"The Need for a New Language" (1965) originally published in *Paul Tillich's Philosophy of Culture, Science, and Religion* (1965); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"In Memoriam: Words for Paul Johannes Tillich" (1965) memorial address of JLA at Paul Tillich's memorial service at The Memorial Church of Harvard University on November 4, 1965; first published in *The Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (January 1966); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Tillich and the Spirit of Matthew the Painter" (1976) originally published in *The Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (Fall 1976); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Storms of Our Times and Starry Night" (1985) introductory essay originally published in *The Thought of Paul Tillich* (1985); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"Reminiscences of Paul Tillich" (1987) address delivered to the North American Paul Tillich Society on December 4, 1987; first published in the Society's newsletter (1989); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

"The Existentialist Thesis" (n.d.) appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

5B. Influences and Companions: Ernst Troeltsch

Second only to Adam's work on Paul Tillich was his work on Ernst Troeltsch's philosophy of religion, society and history.

"Human Relativity and Religious Validity: Ernst Troeltsch" (1961) first appeared in *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (1961); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

"Why the Troeltsch Revival?" (1974) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1974); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Ernst Troeltsch and Harold Berman on Natural Law" (1988) essay originally published in *The Weightier Matters of the Law: Essays on Law & Religion* (1988); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

5C. Other Influences and Companions

Essays in which Adams reflects on the impact of particular theologians and scholars, excluding Tillich and Troeltsch

"The Sacred and the Secular: Friedrich von Hugel" (1934) originally published in *The Christian Register* (October 11, 1934); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"The Lure of Persuasion: Some Themes from Whitehead" (1975) originally published in *The Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1975-76); appears in *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986).

"Archibald Thompson Davison" (1961) originally delivered in memoriam at Andover Chapel, Harvard Divinity School in 1961; appears in *Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1993); *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

"'The Protestant Ethic' with Fewer Tears" (1968) (also titled "The Protestant Ethic and Society: Max Weber") originally published as part of *In the Name of Life – Essays in Honor of Eric Fromm* (1971) and earlier appeared in the German publication *Zeitschrift für Evangelische Ethik* (1968); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976); *Voluntary Associations* (1986).

"Socialist Humanism and Religion: Karl Marx" (1967) originally published in *Marx and the Western World* (1968); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

“Law and the Religious Spirit: Rudolf Sohm” (1959) originally published as part of *Religion and Culture* (1959); appears in *On Being Human Religiously* (1976).

“Roger Baldwin: By Their Groups Shall Ye Know Them” (1984) address given at the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills, MA on January 20, 1984, for a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roger Baldwin; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“The Classical Humanism of Irving Babbitt” (1932) abridged review of Irving Babbitt’s *On Being Creative: And Other Essays*, appearing in *An Examined Faith* (1991). The original full review appeared in *Hound and Horn*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Oct.-Dec., 1932).

“Charles Eliot Norton, Genius loci, Shady Hill” (1982) essay first appeared in *The Bulletin of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* (March 1982); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“William James: ‘No Man for Committees’” (1977) essay first appeared in *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (December 1977); appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“George Huntston Williams, Church Historian” (1979) essay first appeared in the book *Continuity and Discontinuity in Church History: Essays Presented to George Huntston Williams on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday*; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).

“John XXIII: The Pope Who Would Go Window-shopping” (1964) lecture presented at the First Unitarian Church, Syracuse, New York on May 10, 1964; appears in *An Examined Faith* (1991).



For more on James Luther Adams’ life, see Adams’ memoir *Not Without Dust and Heat* (Chicago: Exploration Press, 1995). Also see the first chapter of John R. Wilcox, *Taking Time Seriously: James Luther Adams* (Washington, DC: University Press of America, 1978). Additionally, for smaller biographical introductions, see the introductions to *Essential James Luther Adams* (1998) and *Prophethood of All Believers* (1986), authored in each case by the editor, George Kimmich Beach. For a chronology of Adam’s life, see *Prophet to the Powerful* (2008).

For more on Adams’ theology, see George Kimmich Beach, *Transforming Liberalism: The Theology of James Luther Adams* (Boston: Skinner House Books, 2005); James D. Hunt, “James Luther Adams and

His Demand for an Effective Religious Liberalism," unpublished Ph.D. dissertation (Syracuse University, 1965); and John R. Wilcox, *Taking Time Seriously: James Luther Adams* (Washington, DC: University Press of America, 1978).

For a bibliography that includes uncollected works to 1995, see Adams' memoir *Not Without Dust and Heat* (1995).

