Handlist to manuscripts: H62

**John Middleton Murry papers.**

**MS 2506-2518**

Please note that only MS 2506 to 2510 are listed in detail. Detailed listing remains to be done for the contents of MS 2511 to MS 2515 and MS 2517 to MS 2518. Appended to this handlist is an earlier listing of the contents of MS 2506 to MS 2510. This listing gives references to George Lilley’s *A Bibliography of John Middleton Murry 1889-1957* (London, 1974). Accession numbers for this collection include E87.68, E88.42, E89.43-44, E90.64, E91.01, E97.50. Further accession numbers are listed under MS 2515.

**MS 2506**


.3 Untitled short story, pp 2-46. Ts. (The capture of Captain Ribnikov, Manchuria 1917?)


.6 Burton’s *Anatomy of Melancholy*. Part appeared in the *TLS*, 1,006, 265-6, 28 April 1921. Ts. 15 pp.


.9a Wordsworth and Meredith. Review of *Three studies in Shelley, and an essay on nature in Wordsworth and Meredith*, by Archibald T. Strong, in *Nation and Athenæum* XXX, 2, 56-7, 8 October 1921. Ts and copy. 7pp.


.11 27 (?) poems, mainly 1922 -23 (?). Some possibly by Katherine Mansfield? (See ink notes “Written just after her illness in 1923”. ) Ts. 33pp.


.18 The Etchings of Walter Sickert. In *Print Collectors’ Quarterly*, 10, pp.31-60 Proof sheets, with one correction and initialled J.M.M. 18pp (paginated 27 to 45).


.20 Article on Byron (possibly the centenary article in *Algemeen handelsblad*, 12 April 1924, p.13). Carbon ts, with some mss corrections. 3pp.

.21 “The Religion of a Journalist”. Ms. 7pp.

.22 On Poets and Christ and Asylums. Ts with ms corrections. 4pp.

.23a Poetry. Carbon ts. 16pp.


Literary criticism. Carbon ts. 6pp.

Keats’ Love. Carbon ts. with corrections, preceded by 1p. of ms. 28pp. Ms on verso of last page.

Dying into life. (On Keats.) Carbon ts, corrected and ms. 6pp.


What May a Man Believe? Six lectures for the Huxley Centenary Sermon. Date of final lecture 12 July 1925. Ts. 6 bundles. 51pp.

Review of Modern Poetry, by H.P. Collins (Cape, 1925). Ts. 1p.


The Romantic Fallacy. (On Tolstoy’s What is Art?). 2 sets of galley proofs (one corrected) of article for New Criterion, 3, 521-37, June 1926.

Reason and Criticism. Review of Reason and Romanticism, by Herbert Read. For the TLS, 1,275, 453-4, 8 July 1926. Ts, with some ms corrections, dated 19 May. 13pp.


Index to The Life of Jesus. Dated 1926 in pencil. 8pp.


Poetry and Christianity. Address to the summer school of the Society of Friends at Jordans Meeting House, June 1927. Published as The Parables of Jesus, New Adelphi, 2, 1, 46-58, September 1927. Carbon ts. 28pp.
.37b Poetry and Christianity. Address to the summer school of the Society of Friends at Jordans Meeting House, June 1927. Ts with ms corrections and additions. pp 1-2, 8-9. 22-28 only.


.39 General Smuts and the Future. Probably a review of *Holism and Evolution*, by J.C. Smuts, part of the review Spiritual Vision (see above). Ts with one correction. 3pp.


.47 Three ms notebooks, entitled “Shakespeare Vol. 1 1926”, “Shakespeare Vol. II 1928” and “Shakespeare Vol. III”. Comprising reading notes on Shakespeare’s plays & poems. Vol. 1 contains five pages of loosely inserted notes and vol II is prefaced, “These notes: covering the early plays are valuable & good. J.M.M. Aug 1933”.

.49 Ms notebook on Shakespeare’s sonnets, dated 29 September 1928 on front flyleaf. Reading notes plus 6pp. of loosely inserted notes.

.50 Ms notebook. “Shakespeare Notes/words & Metaphors/Images”.

.51 Ms notebook, signed on inside cover “J. Middleton Murry The Athenaeum”. Contains ten fols of notes on Shakespeare, the “Last act of Tig’s play”, other fragments, poems, quotations etc. Three pp. loosely inserted, ms, on self discovery (1923?).

.52 Ms notebook. 2 fols of notes on I. A. Richards & Shakespeare.

.53 The True and the False in Reincarnation. No date, but ms address on title page, “1a The Gables Hampstead, N.W.3” was where J.M.M. was resident July - September 1927. Ts 1+5 pp.


.55 What is the Tradition? Prose notes on Romanticism. c.1924-7, as this was the period in which J.M.M. was engaged in the Classicism v Romanticism debate with T.S.Eliot. Ts, with ms corrections. 10pp.


.57 Untitled fragment, c1928. “About two years ago I took my courage in my hands & wrote for the satisfaction of my soul a life of Jesus.” Ms. 3pp.

MS 2507

.1 Autograph manuscript of God, 1929. 226pp. With two contracts: one with Jonathan Cape, dated 3 January 1929; and one with Harper, dated 18 January 1929. Also original wrapper.


.4 Three bundles of notes on Keats. One bundle ts, one bundle carbon ts, one bundle ms. With original folder.

.5 Part of a work on Keats. Ts, with ms corrections, paginated 7-38.
.6 Autograph manuscript of *The Necessity of Communism*, 1931. c130pp. With two contracts: one with Jonathan Cape, dated 13 November 1931; and one with Thomas Seltzer, dated 8 June 1933. Also letter on Adelphi notepaper from Geoffrey Sainsbury to Murry, dated 14 January 1932.

MS 2508

.1 A Lecture to the Modern Churchmen’s Union. No date, but c1930. Ms. 26pp. Signed “J. Middleton Murry, South Acre, Yately,” at which address he was resident from Sept. 1929-December 1931.


.3a The Detachment of Naturalism. This appeared in *Criterion* IX, XXXVII, 642-60, July 1930. Ms. 28pp.

.3b The Detachment of Naturalism. This appeared in *Criterion* IX, XXXVII, 642-60, July 1930. Proofs with ms corrections. 17pp.

.4 Essays On Modern Religion. Given at the Mary Ward Settlement, 1929, and published in the *Adelphi* 1930-31. 6 Lectures given, published in 7 instalments. 7 bundles of lectures in ms, with one bundle of the plan in ms: there are three versions of lecture 1. 10 bundles of tss (including two versions of lecture 3), and one set of proofs. (The relationship between all these parts needs further investigation.)

.5 Defence of Possessions. Appeared in *Adelphi* 3, 1, 8-19, October 1931. Ts. 13pp.

.6 A Digression. Appeared in *Adelphi* 3, 2, 90-7, November 1931. Ts. 8pp.


.11 Pacifism and Socialism. Appeared in *Adelphi* 4, 3, 603-9, June 1932. Ms. 9pp.


.15a Memorandum on organisation of the new I.L.P. Ts, with some ms corrections. 12pp.

.15b Memorandum on organisation of the new I.L.P. Also, Memorandum of comments. Ts with some ms corrections. 21pp. Late 1932?

.16 Untitled essay on the relationship between Christianity and Communism. Ms. 7pp. c.1932/3.

.17 Karl Marx’s Philosophy. Ms. 7pp.


.19 Marxism and Christianity. Appeared in New Britain II, 27:9, 22 November, 1933. Ts. Page 1 only.

.20 Politics, economics and freedom. Appeared in Adelphi 7,5, 328-41, February 1934. (Originally a lecture given in Manchester, November 1933.) Ms. 22pp.


.24a/b Copies of The Wanderer, for July and August 1934, with ms corrections by Murry on article on Thomas Hardy.


.29 Taking bearings. c.1934: begins “Since my resignation from the I.L.P. ...” and 1934 was the year in which he resigned from the I.L.P. Ms. 13pp.


.32a Community (i.e. the classless society). Ms. 15pp (not continuous - several drafts?).

.32b Community (i.e. the classless society). Ts, corrected. 30pp (last two pages a different draft?).


.33b Russia and the west. Appeared in *Adelphi II*, 3, 129-45, December 1935. Text of a lecture written for an American audience. Ts carbon of MS 2508.33a, with 7pp of ms additions at the front, ms corrections throughout, and one ms page at the end.


.35 The significance of the cross. Bears the address “The Old Rectory, Larling nr Norwich” at which J.M.M. was resident December 1931 - January 1937. Carbon ts. 13pp. (Also numbered in pencil: 156-167.)

.36 Letter on Mr Joad & Christianity. Carbon ts., with ms corrections. 4pp (page 1 torn, and lacks right-hand edge of text).

MS 2509

.1a Jesus - Spinoza - Marx. Lecture at Kenyon College. Ms. 13pp (text preceded by 3 pages of notes).


.5 Paper on communism and Marxist socialism, delivered at Pontypridd. No date. Ms and corrected ts. 5pp.

.6 Towards a new socialism. Ts fragment. 1p.

.7 Creative socialism. (Title pasted over with blank.) Corrected ts. 8pp.

.8a-e 5 groups of ts notes dealing with incidents and periods in J.M.M.’s life, for use in Between Two Worlds.

.9 Between Two Worlds, 1935. Ms. 630 pp., plus 11 unnumbered pages at the end.

.10 Shakespeare Miscellany, 1936. Ms.

.11 Miscellaneous ms and ts material on Shakespeare.

MS 2510


.2 Modern Marriage. Written jointly with Dr James Carruthers Young. Appeared in New Britain, N.S. 1, 5, 4 March 1936. Corrected ts, with covering ms note, not in Murry’s hand. 22pp.


Review of *Europe and Europeans*, by Count Carlo Sforza. Published in the *Aryan Path* VIII, 1, 3-8, 8 January 1937. Dated “Oct 1936”. Ts. 7pp.

Peace at any price. c1936? Ts carbon. 18pp.

Notes for address to Peace Pledge Meeting at Colchester, 30 March 1937. Ts. 3pp.


“Meditations of a socialist.” One of a series written for the *Adelphi* between February and September 1937. Ts and carbon ts. 6pp each.


Heaven and Earth, 1938. Ms and ts. c300 pages. (Needs sorting and foliating.)

Possibly “Thoughts on Reviewing”, which apperaed in the *TLS*, 17 September 1938, pp.597-8. Ts. 6pp.


“The New Statesman and the devil”, *Student Movement* XLI, 9, June 1939, 227-9. Ts. 10pp (numbered 11-20) and 1p of ms. Part of an address to the Student Christian movement general conference, July 1938. (Other parts of this address published in *Not as the scribes*, 1959.)
.19 Essay on theology. Ms, undated. 19pp. J.M.M. attended a conference of modern churchmen at Cambridge around September 1939, so this is possibly a paper delivered at that conference.

.20 Prepare the peace. Appeared in *Adelphi*, 16,1, October 1939, 6-10. Ts. 7pp. Reprinted in *Looking before and after*, 1948.

.21 “The Dynamic of Social Revolution”, Chapter VIII of *The Defence of Democracy*, 1939. This draft headed Chapter VII. 1p of ms, and 18pp of carbon ts.


.23 Rules of Community Farming Society Limited. No date, but registered at The Oaks, Langham, at which J.M.M. was resident Jan 1937 - March 1939. Proof sheets. 16pp.

.24a & b The Evolution of an Intellectual. No date. 2 carbon tss. One 28pp; one 29pp.


.27 Article on leadership, with comment by the press censor in accompanying letter, dated 1 July 1, 1940. 7pp (also numbered 127-133 in pencil), plus 1p. Censor's letter has “Odds & Ends rescued Oct. 1946” written on it in ink.

.28 Which way are we going? Appeared in *Adelphi* 17, 1, October 1940, 11-23. Carbon ts. 27pp (incomplete).

.29 Prize giving speech at Thetford Grammar School, October 1940. Ms. 5pp.

.30 Democracy & Pacifism. Notes for an address at Cardiff, 2 November 1940. Ms. 4pp.


.32a-c Three chapters of *The Betrayal of Christ by the Churches*, 1940. Ts of chapter VII, 8pp; ts of chapter X, 12pp; ms of chapter XIII, 15pp.


.34 Possibly J.M.M.’s contribution to the 4th AGM of the Peace Pledge Union, April 1941. Ts. 5pp.

.36 Address at Holton Beekering, 27-28 September 1941. Ms. 11pp.


.41 Probably J.M.M.’s contribution to *Britain & Russia: the future*, a pamphlet which reproduced speeches given at a conference on the theme of Britain and Russia in the new world order, London, April 1942. Ts. 6pp.


MS 2511

Material dating from 1943-1944. No detailed list yet made. Includes much material relating to *Adam & Eve* (1944), which needs further sorting.
MS 2512


MS 2513


MS 2514

Material unidentified or undated. Not yet sorted or listed.

MS 2515

Incoming letters, letterbooks, diary, contracts, etc. Not yet sorted or listed.

Includes the following letters:

Murry (J.M.) 19 ALSs to Orlo Williams 1920-29       MS 2515 (E91.38)
Murry (J.M.) 2 ALSs + 2 TLSs 1937-47               MS 2515(E87.78)
Murry (J.M.) 2 ALSs + 2 TS 1956                    MS 2515 (E88.127)
Murry (J.M.) 2 ALSs 1930                           MS 2515 (E87.77)
Murry (J.M.) 4 ALSs to S. & M. Waterlow 1929-1932  MS 2515 (E93.4)
Murry (J.M.) 8 ALSs 1921-1936                      MS 2515 (E92.86)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1923                              MS 2515 (E89.11)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1925                              MS 2515 (E88.121)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1928                              MS 2515 (E90.99)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1931                              MS 2515 (E94.84)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1932                              MS 2515 (E89.87)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1933                              MS 2515 (E91.35)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1943                              MS 2515 (E88.2)
Murry (J.M.) ALS 1950                              MS 2515 (E95.21)
Murry (J.M.) ALS to D. Attwater 1941               MS 2515 (E93.42)
Murry (J.M.) ALS to H. Palmer 1924                 MS 2515 (E94.25)
Murry (J.M.) ALSs to S. Lawson 1929                MS 2515 (E93.84)
Murry (J.M.) Letter to ? 1931                      MS 2515 (E97.20)
Murry (J.M.) Letter to Collins n.d.                MS 2515 (E97.52)
Murry (J.M.) Letter to Peacock 1949                MS 2515 (E97.46)
Murry (J.M.) TL(carbon) to S. Morris 1949          MS 2515 (E91.112)

[MS 2516   Reserved for expansion.]

MS 2517

6 albums of press cuttings, five of which are from *Peace News* 1939-1947.
MS 2518

Album of press cuttings, and folders of loose press cuttings, with some issues of periodicals in which Murry material appeared.

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