

## James, William (1842 – 1910)



What you want is a philosophy that will not only exercise your powers of intellectual abstraction, but that will make some positive connexion with this actual world of finite human lives. You want a system that will combine both things, the scientific loyalty to facts and willingness to take account of them, the spirit of adaptation and accommodation, in short, but also the old confidence in human values and the resultant spontaneity, whether of the religious or of the romantic type. And this is then your dilemma: you find the two parts of your quaesitum hopelessly separated.  
— Pragmatism

### Works

1884 The Dilemma of Determinism (Lectures)

1890 The Principles of Psychology

1892 Psychology (Briefer Course)

1897 Human Immortality: Two Supposed Objections to the Doctrine (the Ingersoll Lecture)

1897 The Will to Believe, and Other Essays in Popular Philosophy

1897 The Will to Believe, Human Immortality

1899 Talks to Teachers on Psychology: and to Students on Some of Life's Ideals

1902 The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Study in Human Nature

1909 A Pluralistic Universe (Hibbert Lectures)

1909 The Meaning of Truth: A Sequel to "Pragmatism"

1911 Memories and Studies

1912 Essays in Radical Empiricism

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