

Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections
David Allan Hubbard Library
Fuller Theological Seminary

COLLECTION 157: Lewis B. Smedes Collection

Administrative Information

Title:

Lewis B. Smedes Collection

Collection Identifier:

CFT00157

Creators:

Smedes, Lewis B.

Size:

8 Boxes

Repository:

David Allan Hubbard Library
Fuller Theological Seminary
135 N Oakland Ave
Pasadena, CA 91182
archives@fuller.edu

Provenance:

The gift of the Smedes family

Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:

Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law

Language:

English

Processing:

Adam Gossman

Related Collections:

Other papers of Lewis B. Smedes are housed at the Calvin College Archives.

Finding Aid Revisions:

Andrew Wong, August 2018

Biography

Dr. Lewis Benedictus Smedes (August 20, 1921 - December 19, 2002) taught Christian Ethics and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Though firmly within the School of Theology, Dr. Smedes played a key role in the integration of Psychology and Theology at Fuller Seminary.

Smedes, best-selling author of more than 15 books, was a visiting professor in the philosophy of religion at Fuller from 1968 to 1970, when he was invited to join the faculty. In 1990, he accepted a chair for the integration of psychology and theology in Fuller's School of Psychology, where he served until retiring in 1995.

Smedes was a sought-after speaker and the author of best-selling books, some of which were translated into several languages. In the classroom, in the pulpit, and in his writings, Smedes frequently discussed the difficult but important issue of forgiveness. Among his book titles are *Forgive and Forget* (1984), *All Things Made New* (1970); *Shame and Grace: Healing the Shame We Don't Deserve* (1993); *Mere Morality: What God Expects From Ordinary People* (1983); *Choices: Making Right Decisions in a Complex World* (1986); *Caring and Commitment* (1988); *How Can It Be All Right When Everything is All Wrong* (1982) and *My God and I: a spiritual memoir* (2003).

Scope and Content

The Papers of Lewis B. Smedes includes his personal notes on theological, spiritual and psychological topics, reviews of his publications, some correspondence and several boxes of topical files for course, sermon and publication preparation. Bulk dates range withing Dr. Smedes' later years at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Subjects:

- Business ethics
- Christian ethics
- Conduct of life
- Forgiveness
- Human relations
- Sexual ethics

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 8 boxes consisting of 4 series as follows:

Series 1. Writings and Research (Boxes 1- 3)

Series 2. Correspondence (Boxes 4-6)

Series 3. Reviews (Box 7)

Series 4. Fuller Theological Seminary, Business Ethics Material (Box 8)

Box Inventory

Box	Name	Note
1	Writings and Research	
2	Writings and Research	
3	Writings and Research	
4	Correspondence	
5	Correspondence	
6	Correspondence	
7	Reviews	
8	Fuller Theological Seminary, Business Ethics	