

# A Guide to the Robert Green Ingersoll Collection

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## Item Listing

### Manuscripts

**Essay on Religion**

**Unit Date** 189[?]

**Extent**

AMsS,  
13 p.

**Scope and Content**

[States that religious sincerity is no guarantee against being deceitful, providing numerous examples of liars from the Bible, Jehovah not excluded. Includes two pages of typescript from the essay.]

**Essay: "Has religion civilised the world?"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent**

AMs,  
1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Argues against Christianity, claiming Christians do not turn the other cheek but rather have developed many sophisticated weapons.]

**Essay on Religion**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent**

TMs,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Argues that lying and falsehood are essential to orthodox religion.]

**Letters****Robert Green Ingersoll to James W. Taylor**

**Unit Date** 1877 Dec 26

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for sending him the remarks of the Reverend A. Palmer which were stolen from his Steinway Hall speech; and calls Palmer a dishonest man.]

**Robert Green Ingersoll to Clark Mills**

**Unit Date** 1881 May 12

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Sends condolences on the occasion of the death of Mills' father.]

**Robert Green Ingersoll to Mr. Hutchins**

**Unit Date** 1884

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Offers his condolence.]

**Robert Green Ingersoll to the Editor of the Herald**

**Unit Date** 1884 Dec 11

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Denies that he copied his lecture on "The Mistakes of Moses" from a work by John Sherzer Hitteland offers a one thousand dollar reward to anyone who can prove it.]

**Robert Green Ingersoll to Mr. Raymond**

**Unit Date** 1889 Feb 20

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Mentions Judge John J. Brady and his gratitude for an invitation to dine with the Insurance Men.]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto Major James B. Pond**

**Unit Date** 1890 Oct 23

### **Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Asks Pond to advise Baron Harden-Hickey, an expert on Indian matters who was introduced to Ingersoll by Edgar Fawcetton the possibility of lecturing on Indian philosophy and religion.]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto "My dear Friend"**

**Unit Date** 1890 Dec 14

### **Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Compliments correspondent on his new political novel (no title given).]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto [John King] Cowen**

**Unit Date** 1891 Apr 8

### **Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Promises his correspondent tickets for his lecture on Shakespeare at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. ]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto [Charles Warren] Clifford**

**Unit Date** 1891 Aug 28

### **Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Asks Clifford to call the stock-brokers together to raise money before September 15, as he cannot depend on him for a dollar.]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto [Charles Warren] Clifford**

**Unit Date** 1892 May 6

### **Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Writes concerning financial matters.]

## **Robert Green Ingersollto Mr. Deacon**

**Unit Date** 1893 Apr 6

### **Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Regrets his inability to come to the Clover Clubbecause he wil not be in the city at that time.]

## **Robert Green Ingersoll to Samuel S. McClure**

**Unit Date** 1893 Aug 10

### **Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Requests the payment of \$1,000 to "Ouida," as the agreed upon price of her manuscript on "Birds."]

## **Robert Green Ingersoll to J. Frank**

**Unit Date** 1894 May 12

### **Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Insists that he has never been indicted for blasphemy in Delaware or in any other state.]

## **Robert Green Ingersoll to [James B.] Pond**

**Unit Date** 1897 Feb 15

### **Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Has instructed his agent to give Pond a box and regrets not receiving Pond's letter in time.]

## **Robert Green Ingersoll to Raley Husted Bell**

**Unit Date** 1897 Mar 28

### **Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Has read Bell's article about himself in Bell's magazine; does not consider himself worthy of such praise but is deeply grateful; cautions Bell not to injure himself by praising him too much in Georgia. ]

## **Robert Green Ingersoll to Mr. Bloch**

**Unit Date** 1899

### **Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Returns a letter which he does not find worth answering; and promises to write something on the subject soon.]

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Engraved New Year's card with text by Robert Green Ingersoll, plus a calling card**

**Unit Date** n.d.

### **Extent**

Greeting card

## **J. W. Kellerto the Managing Editor of Nebraska State Journal**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent**

Telegram

### **Scope and Content**

[Keller wants Ingersoll interviewed on the prayers that were offered in Cleveland, Ohio for him but Ingersoll refuses. With ANS by William Reed Dunrey and Robert Green Ingersoll. ]

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