

# JONES, DAVID JAMES (1886 - 1947), Professor of Philosophy

Name: David James Jones Date of birth: 1886 Date of death: 1947

Spouse: Margaretta Jones (née Roderick)
Parent: Jane Jones

Parent: William Jones Gender: Male

Occupation: Professor of Philosophy

Area of activity: Education; Scholarship and Languages

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Born 22 December 1886 at Y Pandy, Pontardulais, Glamorganshire, son of William and Jane Jones. Educated at Gowerton, Cardiff University College, and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he took firsts in Philosophy and Hebrew (Wales, M.A., 1912) and became a Fellow of the University of Wales. Ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Wales in 1915, he was Chaplain to the Forces in France in World War I. He held pastorates in Brynmawr and Swansea. A breakdown in health in 1924 caused his retirement. In 1928 he was appointed tutor in Philosophy and Psychology at Coleg Harlech and, ten years later, Professor of Philosophy at Bangor University College. In 1916 he married Margaretta Roderick of Gwynfe, and they had two sons. He died 23 July 1947, and was buried at Bangor.

To the passion which had characterized his preaching were later added, as the consequences of his prolonged fight against ill-health, a mature wisdom, contentment, dignity, and gentleness which made him a remarkable teacher. In his philosophy he sought to bring together the scientific standpoint with the Christian. In 1939 he published a penetrating study of Greek thought, *Hanes Athroniaeth: Y Cyfnod Groegaidd*; other publications include ' Nodiadau ar y Method Gwyddonol ' in *Harlech Studies*, 1938, and articles in *Y Drysorfa* and *Efrydiau Athronyddol*.

### **Author**

Professor Richard Ithamar Aaron, (1901 - 1987)

### **Sources**

Obituary notices in Efrydiau Athronyddol, 1947 and Y Goleuad, 13 August 1947

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