

## Letter from a Birmingham Jail

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Tillich, Paul  
Elijah Muhammad  
Boutwell, Albert Burton  
Jesus Christ  
Carpenter, C. C. Jones  
Durick, Joseph A.  
Grafman, Milton L.  
Hardin, Paul  
Harmon, Noland B.  
Murray, George M.  
Ramage, Edward V.  
Stallings, Earl  
Socrates  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
Hitler, Adolf  
Luther, Martin  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Jefferson, Thomas  
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Meredith, James

King, Yolanda

King, Martin Luther, III

Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo

Aquinas, Thomas, Saint

Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia

Shadrach (Biblical figure)

Meshach (Biblical figure)

Abednego (Biblical figure)

Lincoln, Abraham

Organizations: Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)

United States. Supreme Court

Birmingham City Jail (Birmingham, Ala.)

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Ku Klux Klan

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Places: Atlanta, Ga.

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New Orleans, La.

Tarsus, Turkey

Macedonia

Asia

Africa

Hungary

Germany

Texas

Caribbean

South America

Mississippi

Plymouth, Mass.

Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Critics

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests

Birmingham, 1963

Afro-Americans--Intimidation of

Segregation--law and legislation

Discrimination in public accommodations

Direct action

Nonviolence

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Other Topics: Matthew 5:44

Amos 5:24

Galatians 6:17

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Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
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Socrates  
Boutwell, Albert Burton  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
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Topics:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Birmingham, 1963  
Direct action  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Critics  
Civil Disobedience  
Church and Race Relations  
Afro-Americans--Intimidation of  
Brown vs. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas  
Natural law  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference--relations with other organizations  
Discrimination in public accommodations  
World Politics

Sit-ins  
Freedom rides  
Other Topics: Nonviolence  
Matthew 5:24  
Amos 5:24  
Galatians 6:17  
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Other Topics:

Matthew 5:44  
Amos 5:24  
Galatians 6:17

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Jesus Christ  
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Organizations:

Atlanta, Ga.  
 Tarsus, Turkey  
 Macedonia  
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Other Topics:

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Braden, Anne



Boyle, Sarah-Patton  
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