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## "Can a Christian Be a Communist?" Sermon delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church

<http://okra.stanford.edu/en/permalink/document620930-001>

Author: King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Author Dates: 1929-1968  
Document ID: 620930-001  
Document Date: 9/30/1962  
Document Type: Audio Tape  
Status: In Vol. 6  
Cal. 8  
Place Written: Atlanta, Ga.  
Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 41.8 min.  
Document Note: 1 sound cassette: analog  
Dates: 1847  
Names: Marx, Karl  
Hegel, George Wilhelm Friedrich  
Feuerbach, Ludwig  
Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich  
Pasternak, Boris Leonidovich  
Tillich, Paul  
Temple, William [Church of England]  
Engels, Friedrich  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Jesus Christ  
Meredith, James  
Barnett, Ross R.  
Shakespeare, William  
Stalin, Joseph  
Hitler, Adolf  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Organizations: Church of England  
University of Mississippi (Oxford, Miss.)  
United States. Supreme Court  
Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Places: China  
Russia  
Europe  
India  
New York  
Mississippi  
Jerusalem, Israel  
Topics: Afro-Americans - Religion  
Communism  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Public Speaking  
Church and Race Relations  
Social Gospel  
Poverty

Other Topics: **poverty**  
Communist Manifesto  
Matthew 25:40  
Amos 5:24  
Luke 4:18-19  
Matthew 6:32-33  
Luke 12:23  
Acts 1:8  
Exodus  
Revelation

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## Draft of chapter XII, "How Should a Christian View Communism?," Strength to Love

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Autograph -- author's hand  
Document Type: Document  
Type of Version: Draft  
Status: Cal. 6  
Cal. 8  
Place Written: [Atlanta, Ga.]  
Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 14 pp.  
Document Note: Marginal comments by King.  
Names: Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich  
Tillich, Paul  
Temple, William  
Marx, Karl  
Jesus Christ  
Organizations: United Nations  
United States. Supreme Court  
Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Political and Social views  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Communism  
Theology, Doctrinal  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Ethics  
Strength to Love  
Social Justice  
Church and Race Relations  
Social Gospel  
Colonialism  
Apartheid--South Africa  
Capitalism  
Evangelism  
Other Topics: Amos 5:24  
Communist Manifesto  
Magnificat  
Luke 1:46-55  
Luke 4:18  
Galatians 3:28  
In Christ There is No East or West  
Strength to Love  
Isaiah 40:4  
Luke 16:19-31  
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Place Written: [Atlanta, Ga.]  
Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 12 pp.  
Names: Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich  
Tillich, Paul  
Temple, William  
Marx, Karl  
Jesus Christ  
Organizations: United Nations  
United States. Supreme Court  
Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Political and Social views  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Communism  
Theology, Doctrinal  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Ethics  
Strength to Love  
Social Justice  
Church and Race Relations  
Social Gospel  
Marxism  
Colonialism  
Apartheid--South Africa  
Capitalism  
Evangelism  
Other Topics: Amos 5:24  
Communist Manifesto  
Magnificat  
Luke 1:46-55  
Luke 4:18  
Galatians 3:28  
In Christ There is No East or West  
Strength to Love  
Isaiah 40:4  
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Document Type: Document  
Type of Version: Draft  
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Place Written: [Atlanta, Ga.]  
Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 11 pp.  
Names: Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich  
Tillich, Paul  
Temple, William  
Marx, Karl  
Jesus Christ  
Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Political and Social views  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Communism  
Theology, Doctrinal  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Ethics  
Strength to Love  
Social Justice  
Church and Race Relations  
Social Gospel  
Marxism  
Colonialism  
Apartheid--South Africa  
Capitalism  
Evangelism  
Other Topics: Amos 5:24  
Communist Manifesto  
Magnificat  
Luke 1:46-55  
Luke 4:18  
Galatians 3:28  
In Christ There is No East or West  
Strength to Love  
Isaiah 40:4  
Luke 16:19-31  
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Document Type: Document  
Type of Version: Draft  
Status: Cal. 6  
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Place Written: [Atlanta, Ga.]  
Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 25 pp.  
Names: Darwin, Charles  
Jesus Christ  
Ezekial (Biblical prophet)  
Marcel, Gabriel  
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Condorcet, Jean-Antoine-Nicolas de Caritat, marquis de  
Topics: Good and Evil  
Reformation  
Calvinism  
Faith  
Social Gospel  
Theology  
Parables  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Strength to Love  
Nuclear Disarmament  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Sin  
Social Activism  
Philosophy  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:19  
Ezekial 2:1  
Luke 15:11-32  
Origin of the Species  
Matthew 17:14-21  
Exodus 14:15  
My Religion  
2 Corinthians 2:17  
Revelation 3:20  
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Type of Version: Draft  
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Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 17 pp.  
Names: Jesus Christ  
Darwin, Charles  
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques  
Condorcet, Jean-Antoine-Nicolas de Caritat, marquis de  
Moses (Biblical leader)  
Ezekiel (Biblical prophet)  
Marcel, Gabriel  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Public Speaking  
Strength to Love  
Calvinism  
Sin  
Protestantism  
Good and Evil  
Christianity, History  
Faith  
Social Gospel  
Nuclear Disarmament  
Social Justice  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:19-20  
Origin of the Species  
Exodus 14:15  
Ezekiel 2:1  
My Religion  
Revelation 3:20  
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Rousseau, Jean-Jacques  
Condorcet, Jean-Antoine-Nicolas de Caritat, marquis de  
Ezekiel (Biblical prophet)  
Marcel, Gabriel  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Jesus Christ  
Topics: Good and Evil  
Strength to Love  
Calvinism  
Theology  
Nuclear Disarmament  
Social Activism  
Sin  
Nonviolence  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Social Gospel  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:14-21  
Matthew 17:19  
Origin of the Species  
Exodus 14:15  
My Religion  
Ezekiel 2:1  
2 Corinthians 2:17  
Revelation 3:20  
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Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 14 pp.  
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Rousseau, Jean-Jacques  
Condorcet, Jean-Antoine-Nicolas de Caritat, marquis de  
Ezekiel (Biblical prophet)  
Marcel, Gabriel  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Jesus Christ  
Topics: Good and Evil  
Strength to Love  
Calvinism  
Reformation  
Prayer  
Nuclear Disarmament  
Social Activism  
Sin  
Nonviolence  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Social Gospel  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:14-21  
Matthew 17:19  
Origin of the Species  
My Religion  
Exodus 14:15  
Ezekiel 2:1  
2 Corinthians 2:17  
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Place Written: [Atlanta, Ga.]  
Genre: Sermon  
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Document Note: 1 sound cassette: analog  
Names: Jesus Christ  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Micah (Biblical prophet)  
Moses (Biblical leader)  
Ezekiel (Biblical prophet)  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Alfred, King of England  
Organizations: Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Butler Street YMCA (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Topics: Prayer  
Bible, N.T.  
Social Gospel  
Good and Evil  
Salvation  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Career in Ministry  
Church and Race Relations  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:14-21  
Amos 5:24  
Micah 6:8  
Exodus 14:15  
Ezekiel 2:1  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
Isaiah 2:4  
Revelation 3:20  
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Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Moses (Biblical leader)  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Micah (Biblical prophet)  
Ezekiel (Biblical prophet)  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Tolstoy, Leo, graf  
Alfred, King of England  
Organizations: Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Butler Street YMCA (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Topics: Prayer  
Bible, N.T.  
Social Gospel  
Good and Evil  
Salvation  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Religion  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Career in Ministry  
Church and Race Relations  
Other Topics: Matthew 17:14-21  
Amos 5:24  
Micah 6:8  
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2 Corinthians 5:17  
Isaiah 2:4  
Revelation 3:20  
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