

## "Direct Action for Negroes: Is It Unnecessary?"

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1954  
4/16/1963  
Names: Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Connor, Eugene  
Socrates  
King, Yolanda  
Elijah Muhammad  
Jesus Christ  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Hitler, Adolf  
Meredith, James  
Organizations: Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)  
Funtown (Atlanta, Ga.)  
United States. Supreme Court  
Alabama. Legislature  
Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
White Citizens Council  
Ku Klux Klan  
Places: Birmingham, Ala.  
New Orleans, La.  
Germany  
Hungary  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Critics  
Birmingham, 1963  
Nonviolence  
Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications - Reprints  
Direct action  
Sit-ins  
Freedom rides  
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# A Letter From the Birmingham Jail, Sermon delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church

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Author: King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Author Dates: 1929-1968  
Document ID: 630421-000  
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Genre: Sermon  
Document Length: 52.9 min.  
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4/17/1963  
4/18/1963  
1956  
4/3/1963  
4/12/1963  
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4/14/1963  
4/13/1963  
Names: Handel, George Frideric  
Abernathy, Ralph  
Luther, Martin  
Peter, the Apostle, Saint  
Belafonte, Harry  
Muhammad, Elijah [Nation of Islam]  
Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Connor, Eugene  
King, Bernice A.  
King, Alberta Williams  
King, Coretta Scott  
Scott, Bernice M.  
Griffin, Marvin C.  
Jesus Christ  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
Holmes, Hamilton  
Holmes, Alfred  
Boutwell, Albert Burton  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
Lincoln, Abraham  
Jefferson, Thomas  
Key, Francis Scott  
King, Martin Luther  
Jones, Clarence B.  
Organizations: Birmingham (Ala.). City Jail

Talladega College (Talladega, Ala.)  
Alabama. Circuit Court (10th Circuit)  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)  
Congress of Racial Equality  
Jefferson County (Ala.). County Jail  
United States. Supreme Court  
Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)  
Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)  
University of Georgia (Athens, Ga.)  
Rich's Department Store (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Nation of Islam

Places:

West Hunter Baptist Church (Atlanta, Ga.)  
Talladega, Ala.  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Tarsus, Turkey  
Athens, Greece  
Rome, Italy  
Philippi  
Corinth, Greece  
Ephesus  
Thessalonica, Greece  
Albany, Ga.  
New York, N.Y.  
Jackson, Miss.  
Greenwood, Miss.  
Plymouth, Mass.  
Florida  
Tennessee

Topics:

Southern Christian Leadership Conference--trials, litigation, etc.  
Montgomery Bus Boycott  
Black nationalism  
Albany Movement  
Birmingham, 1963  
Sit-ins  
School integration  
Discrimination in public accommodations  
Afro-Americans - Economic conditions  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Public Speaking  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference--Finance

Other Topics:

Acts 5:29  
Acts 16:9  
Moral Man and Immoral Society  
Matthew 5:39  
Matthew 5:44  
John 18:11

Matthew 18:22

Amos 5:24

Galatians 6:17

Acts 17:26

Isaiah 40:3-5

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## "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

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Author Dates: 1929-1968  
Author Affiliation: Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
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Document Date: 6/12/1963  
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Genre: Article  
Document Length: 8 pp.  
Dates: 9/1962  
4/14/1963  
3/1963  
5/17/1954  
4/12/1963  
Names: Stallings, Earl  
Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Connor, Eugene  
Socrates  
Boutwell, Albert Burton  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Aquinas, Thomas, Saint  
Buber, Martin  
Tillich, Paul  
Shadrach (Biblical figure)  
Meshach (Biblical figure)  
Abednego (Biblical figure)  
Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia  
Hitler, Adolf  
Jesus Christ  
Elijah Muhammad  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Luther, Martin  
Bunyan, John  
Lincoln, Abraham  
Jefferson, Thomas  
McGill, Ralph  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Golden, Harry  
Dabbs, James McBride  
Braden, Anne

Boyle, Sarah-Patton  
Barnett, Ross R. [Mississippi. Office of the Governor]  
Wallace, George C. (George Corley) [Alabama. Office of the Governor]  
Pritchett, Laurie [Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.]

Meredith, James

Organizations:

Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns)  
Birmingham City Jail (Birmingham, Ala.)  
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)  
Birmingham (Ala.). Office of the Mayor  
Funtown (Atlanta, Ga.)  
United States. Supreme Court  
Ku Klux Klan  
White Citizens Council  
Spring Hill College (Mobile, Ala.)  
Alabama. Office of the Governor  
Mississippi. Office of the Governor  
Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.

Places:

Birmingham, Ala.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Tarsus, Turkey  
Macedonia  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Asia  
Africa  
New Orleans, La.  
Texas  
Germany  
Hungary  
South America  
Caribbean  
Mississippi  
Albany, Ga.  
Plymouth, Mass.

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  
Nonviolence

Other Topics: Matthew 5:44  
Amos 5:24  
Galatians 6:17  
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## Letter from a Birmingham Jail

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Genre: Letter  
Document Length: 23 pp.  
Dates: 9/1962  
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4/12/1963  
Names: Higginbotham, Joe C.  
Carpenter, C. C. Jones  
Durick, Joseph A.  
Grafman, Milton L.  
Harmon, Nolan  
Murray, George M.  
Ramage, Edward V.  
Stallings, Earl  
Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Connor, Eugene  
Socrates  
Boutwell, Albert Burton  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Aquinas, Thomas, Saint  
Buber, Martin  
Tillich, Paul  
Shadrach (Biblical figure)  
Meshach (Biblical figure)  
Abednego (Biblical figure)  
Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia  
Hitler, Adolf  
Jesus Christ  
Elijah Muhammad  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Luther, Martin  
Bunyan, John  
Lincoln, Abraham

Jefferson, Thomas  
McGill, Ralph  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Golden, Harry  
Dabbs, James McBride  
Barnett, Ross R. [Mississippi. Office of the Governor]  
Wallace, George C. (George Corley) [Alabama. Office of the Governor]  
Pritchett, Laurie [Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.]  
Meredith, James

Organizations:

Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns)  
Birmingham City Jail (Birmingham, Ala.)  
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)  
Birmingham (Ala.). Office of the Mayor  
Funtown (Atlanta, Ga.)  
United States. Supreme Court  
Ku Klux Klan  
White Citizens Council  
Spring Hill College (Mobile, Ala.)  
Alabama. Office of the Governor  
Mississippi. Office of the Governor  
Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.

Places:

Atlanta, Ga.  
Tarsus, Turkey  
Macedonia  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Asia  
Africa  
New Orleans, La.  
Texas  
Germany  
Hungary  
South America  
Caribbean  
Mississippi  
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Topics:

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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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Carpenter, C. C. Jones  
Durick, Joseph A.  
Grafman, Milton L.  
Hardin, Paul  
Harmon, Nolan  
Murray, George M.  
Ramage, Edward V.  
Stallings, Earl  
Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
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Boutwell, Albert Burton  
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King, Martin Luther, III  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Aquinas, Thomas, Saint  
Buber, Martin  
Tillich, Paul  
Shadrach (Biblical figure)  
Meshach (Biblical figure)  
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Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia  
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Jesus Christ  
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Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Luther, Martin  
Bunyan, John  
Lincoln, Abraham

Jefferson, Thomas  
McGill, Ralph  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Golden, Harry  
Dabbs, James McBride  
Barnett, Ross R. [Mississippi. Office of the Governor]  
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Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
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Nonviolence

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## "Letter From Birmingham City Jail"

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Names: Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Connor, Eugene [Birmingham (Ala.). Dept. of Public Safety]  
Socrates  
Boutwell, Albert Burton [Birmingham (Ala.). Office of the Mayor]  
Niebuhr, Reinhold  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo  
Aquinas, Thomas, Saint  
Buber, Martin  
Tillich, Paul  
Shadrach (Biblical figure)  
Meshach (Biblical figure)  
Abednego (Biblical figure)  
Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia, d. 562 B.C.  
Hitler, Adolf  
Jesus Christ  
Elijah Muhammad  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Luther, Martin  
Bunyan, John  
Lincoln, Abraham  
Jefferson, Thomas  
McGill, Ralph  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Golden, Harry

Dabbs, James McBride  
Stallings, Earl [First Baptist Church (Birmingham, Ala.)]  
Barnett, Ross R. [Mississippi. Office of the Governor]  
Wallace, George C. (George Corley) [Alabama. Office of the Governor]  
King, Martin Luther  
Williams, Adam Daniel (A. D.)  
Williams, Willis  
Pritchett, Laurie [Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.]  
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns)

Organizations:

Meredith, James  
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Birmingham (Ala.). Dept. of Public Safety  
Birmingham (Ala.). Office of the Mayor  
United States. Supreme Court  
Alabama. Legislature. Senate.  
Alabama. Legislature. House of Representatives.  
Ku Klux Klan  
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Topics:

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Afro-Americans - Civil rights  
Albany Movement  
Birmingham, 1963  
Civil Disobedience  
Civil rights  
Direct action  
Jews  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Montgomery Bus Boycott  
Natural law  
Nonviolence  
Police - Complaints against  
Segregation--law and legislation  
Church and Race Relations



Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications - Reprints  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Political and Social views  
Sit-ins

Other Topics:

Freedom rides  
Matthew 5:44  
Amos 5:24  
Galatians 6:17  
Acts 5:29

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