

## Letter from a Birmingham Jail

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Author: King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Author Dates: 1929-1968  
Author Affiliation: Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
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4/14/1963  
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4/12/1963  
Names: 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

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

Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns)

Organizations:

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

Albany, Ga.

Plymouth, Mass.

Topics:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests

Birmingham, 1963

Segregation--law and legislation

Discrimination in public accommodations

Brown vs. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas

Civil Disobedience

Natural law

Hungary Revolution, 1956

Black nationalism

Church and Race Relations

Other Topics and Cross-References

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Political and Social views

Other Topics: Amos 5:24  
Matthew 5:44  
Galatians 6:17  
Philippians 3:20  
Declaration of Independence

Code for Location of Original: CCFA-ICarBS

Location of Original: Christian Century Foundation Archives, Special Collections Research Center, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.

Copy Location (1): BMCRFA-AB, Burke Marshall, Files on Civil Rights in Alabama, Birmingham Public and Jefferson County Free Library, Birmingham, Ala.

Filing Info: Box 1, folder 5

Copy Location (2): DJG-GEU-S, David J. Garrow Collection, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

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Copy Location (3): CB-CtY-BR, Chester Bowles Collection, Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, New Haven, Conn.

Copy Location (4): MMBC-INP, Malcolm M. Bliss Collection, In Private Hands

Copy Location (5): JMRP-GEU-S, Jacob M. Rothschild Papers, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

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## "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"

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Author Affiliation: Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Document ID: 630500-013  
Document Date: 5/1963  
Type of Writing: Printed -- published  
Document Type: Document  
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Place Written: Philadelphia, Pa.  
Genre: Pamphlet  
Document Length: 16 pp.  
Dates: 4/16/1963  
9/1962  
3/1963  
1/1963  
4/12/1963  
Names: Bell, Colin W. [American Friends Service Committee]  
Fox, George [Religious Society of Friends]  
Carpenter, C.C. Jones  
King, Yolanda  
King, Martin Luther, III  
Durick, Joseph A.  
Grafman, Milton L.  
Hardin, Paul  
Harmon, Nolan B.  
Murray, George M.  
Ramage, Edward V.  
Stallings, Earl  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Jesus Christ  
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]  
Neibuhr, Reinhold  
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  
Elijah Muhammad  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Luther, Martin

Bunyan, John  
Lincoln, Abraham  
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  
Jefferson, Thomas

Organizations:

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

Places:

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

Topics:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Afro-Americans - Civil rights  
Albany Movement  
Birmingham, 1963  
Civil Disobedience  
Civil rights  
Direct action  
Jews  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications - Reprints

Montgomery Bus Boycott  
 Natural law  
 Nonviolence  
 Police - Complaints against  
 Segregation--law and legislation  
 Church and Race Relations  
 Matthew 5:44  
 Amos 5:24  
 Galatians 6:17  
 Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Other Topics:

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Copy Location (2): SCs-AIBICRI, Small Collections, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

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Copy Location (3): SCLCE-GEU-S, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Records, 1864-2007, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Filing Info: Box 549, folder 7

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**"Unwise and Untimely'?", A letter from Eight Alabama Clergymen to Martin Luther King, Jr. and his reply to them on order and common sense, the law and justice, nonviolence and love"**

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Author: King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Author Dates: 1929-1968  
Author Affiliation: Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Document ID: 630600-004  
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Place Written: Nyack, N.Y.  
Genre: Pamphlet  
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Dates: 4/12/1963  
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9/1962  
3/1963  
Names: Shuttlesworth, Fred L. [Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)]  
Buber, Martin  
Connor, Eugene [Birmingham (Ala.). Dept. of Public Safety]  
Tillich, Paul  
Muhammad, Elijah  
Boutwell, Albert Burton [Birmingham (Ala.). Office of the Mayor]  
King, Martin Luther, III  
King, Yolanda  
Jesus Christ  
Bunyan, John  
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  
Lincoln, Abraham  
Jefferson, Thomas  
McGill, Ralph  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Golden, Harry  
Dabbs, James McBride  
Luther, Martin  
Amos (Biblical prophet)  
Paul, the Apostle, Saint  
Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo

Aquinas, Thomas, Saint  
Barnett, Ross R. [Mississippi. Office of the Governor]  
Wallace, George C. (George Corley) [Alabama. Office of the Governor]  
Pritchett, Laurie [Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.]  
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns)  
Meredith, James  
Shadrach (Biblical figure)  
Mesbach (Biblical figure)  
Abednego (Biblical figure)  
Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylonia  
Fellowship of Reconciliation (U.S.)

Organizations:

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

Places:

Alabama. Legislature  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Albany, Ga.  
Birmingham, Ala.  
New Orleans, La.  
Texas  
Mississippi  
Plymouth, Mass.  
Asia  
Africa  
Germany  
Hungary

Topics:

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Publications - Reprints  
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

Other Topics:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Matthew 5:44



Amos 5:24

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Galatians 6:17  
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## "Letter From Birmingham City Jail"

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Published In: New Leader 66 (24 June 1963): 3-11.  
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4/12/1963  
4/7/1963  
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  
Birmingham City Jail (Birmingham, Ala.)  
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR)  
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  
White Citizens Council  
First Baptist Church (Birmingham, Ala.)  
Spring Hill College (Mobile, Ala.)  
Birmingham (Ala.). Police Dept.  
Mississippi. Office of the Governor  
Alabama. Office of the Governor  
Albany (Ga.). Police Dept.

Places:

Atlanta, Ga.  
Birmingham, Ala.  
New Orleans, La.  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Albany, Ga.  
Texas  
Mississippi  
Germany  
Hungary  
Plymouth, Mass.

Topics:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
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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## Interview by John H. Britton

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Author Dates: 1936-  
Author Affiliation: Atlanta Committee on Appeal for Human Rights  
Document ID: 670829-001  
Document Date: 8/29/1967  
Type of Writing: Typed  
Handwritten -- other than author's hand  
Document Type: Audio Transcript  
Status: Cal. 5  
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Place Written: Washington, D.C.  
Genre: Interview  
Document Length: 62 pp.  
Dates: 8/30/1936  
2/1/1960  
2/2/1960  
3/15/1960  
5/1961  
5/17/1960  
Names: King, Lonnie [Atlanta Committee on Appeal for Human Rights]  
King, Martin Luther  
Watson, Thomas  
Carew, Colin  
Finn, P.T.  
Horne, James E.  
Wolfe, Welty  
Pierce, Joseph  
Bond, Julian  
Daugherty, J.C.  
Williams, Samuel W. [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)]  
Hollowell, Donald  
Mays, Benjamin Elijah  
Clement, Rufus E.  
Brawley, James P.  
Manley, Albert E.  
Richardson, Henry J.(Henry Johnson)  
Cunnigham, Frank  
Clark, Donald  
Wright, Marion A. (Marion Allan)  
Pope, Rosalind  
Vandiver, S. Ernest (Samuel Ernest)  
Gibson, John  
Turner, Romae  
Scott, Cornelius Adolphus [The Atlanta Daily World]  
Ware, J. Lowell  
Long, Ralph  
Gibson, Jim

Strong, Bill [The Atlanta Inquirer]  
Williamson, Q.V.  
Hunter, Charlayne  
Hill, Jesse  
Warner, Clinton  
Yancey, Ronald  
Holman, Carl [U.S. Commission on Civil Rights]  
Young, Whitney M.  
Yancey, Johnnie  
Johnson, Leroy  
Richardson, Harry [Interdenominational Theological Center]  
King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Borders, William Holmes  
Johnson, B.J.  
Walden, A.T.  
Sullivan, Herschelle  
Moss, Otis  
King, Alfred Daniel  
Calhoun, John H.  
Allen, Ivan  
Neely, Frank  
Smith, Lillian Eugenia  
Baker, Ella  
Berry, Marion  
King, Ed  
Jenkins, Timothy [National Student Association]  
Brown, Ben [Georgia State Legislature]  
Graves, Curtis [Texas State Legislature]  
Mitchell, Clarence [Maryland State Legislature]  
Maddox, Lester  
Howard University  
Washington Urban League  
United Planning Organization  
District of Columbia Young Democrats  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Civil Rights Division  
United States. Navy  
Morehouse College  
Student Bar Association  
International Business Machines  
National Urban League  
Office of Economic Opportunity  
Police Community Alert Council Project  
United States. Dept. of Justice  
United States. Dept. of Labor  
University of San Francisco  
Clark College  
Spelman College  
Morris Brown College  
Rich's Department Store  
University of Chicago

Organizations:

Atlanta Committee on Appeal for Human Rights  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
The Atlanta Daily World  
The Atlanta Inquirer  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Southern Regional Council  
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (US)  
American Telephone & Telegraph  
F.W. Woolworth's  
United States. Congress.  
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
National Student Association  
Georgia State Legislature  
Texas State Legislature  
Maryland State Legislature  
D.C. Young Democrats  
Atlanta, Ga.

Places:

Arlington, Ga.  
Detroit, Mich.  
Syracuse, N.Y.  
Rochester, N.Y.  
Newark, N.J.  
Tampa, Fla.  
Appalachia, N.H.  
Vancouver, Canada  
New Mexico  
Maine  
Louisiana  
Seattle, Wash.  
Hong Kong, China  
Greensboro, N.C.  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Decatur, Ga.  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Louisville, Ky.  
Jackson, Miss.

Topics:

Afro-American student movements  
Arrest  
Black power  
Discrimination  
Poverty  
Riots  
Segregation--law and legislation  
Sit-ins  
Nonviolence  
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Arrests  
Martin Luther King, Jr.-- Personal finances

Other Topics:

The Student Movement and You

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