

To George D. Kelsey

31 March 1958  
Montgomery, Ala.

*King asks one of his Morehouse College mentors for comments on a chapter from his manuscript. Kelsey returned the draft with extensive notes on 4 April.<sup>1</sup>*

Dr. George D. Kelsey  
Drew University  
Madison, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Kelsey:

Enclosed is a rough draft—a very rough draft—of a chapter which is to appear in a book that I am writing on the Montgomery Bus struggle. This happens to be one of the chapters dealing with the theoretical phase of the Movement—the philosophy of non-violence. I would deeply appreciate your critical comments on this chapter. As you know, I have a great deal of respect for you as a scholar and I would not like to have this chapter go out without your critical suggestions. I know of your extremely busy schedule and I feel somewhat guilty in even making the request, but I can assure you that it would be of immeasurable assistance to me.

I am mainly concerned with your critical comments on my intellectual pilgrimage to non-violence which begins on page 163 and the theoretical meaning of the philosophy of non-violence which begins on page 177. There are, naturally, several grammatical and stylistic corrections which I will have to make, but I am

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1. See Kelsey to King, 4 April 1958, pp. 394–395 in this volume.

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Apr 1958 deeply concerned about having the content in line with straight theological and philosophical thinking.

Since I am racing with a dead-line, I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

[*signed*] M. L.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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P.S. Please ignore marks that I have already made on this copy.

TLI. GDKP.