Blessed Are The Peacemakers: Martin Luther King, Jr., Eight White Religious Leaders, and The Letter From Birmingham Jail

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter From Birmingham Jail is arguably the most famous public statement of the civil rights movement, and its significance is well documented. The letter was written in response to a series of events that took place in the summer of 1963, when King was arrested for organizing a peaceful protest against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. The letter was directed at eight clergy who were considered moderate religious leaders. I had hoped, King wrote at one point, that the white moderate would bless the peacemakers, focuses on the writing of King’s letter and the - Dissent: The History of an American Idea - Google Books Result


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