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Wade Williams, Journal Entry 1, *Divine Command Theory; & Free Will vs Determinism*

After reading Martin Luther King Jr's letter, I felt humbled to read the words of such a great person. Having access to his perspective back when segregation was still alive is a very valuable resource for attempting to understand what colored people were going through during segregation. I was surprised by his accounts of the horrible treatment whites committed against colored people back then. Martin Luther King Jr. states on page 41 that the white policemen at the Birmingham jail would slap and kick and curse at colored men and women, even children. The treatment of people Mr. King Jr witnesses is very unethical and unjust.

I believe it is morally wrong for people of a common race to treat people of another race differently. We are all people, and we are all humans living on the Earth. Every person that is born has the birthright to be treated equally and as fairly as everyone else. I believe it is even more unethical for people that observe unethical behaviors to be stagnant, and not try to assist the people being treated wrongly. As Mr. King Jr experienced, the churches that did not support segregation would also not reach out to colored people to provide support. Being a bystander to obviously immoral actions is unethical.

I believe that God exists, but there is so much that humanity does not know and understand, so I do not believe that everyone who says that they can speak to God or hear God actually can. Perhaps God remains detached from our lives, and watches to see if we can develop what is truly morally right, and understand what is truly morally wrong on our own. Each of us has our own unique perspective on life, and we each have our own beliefs. I do not believe that what one person commands they believe as morally right or wrong is necessarily what is actually morally right or wrong. Rather, I believe that deciding what is morally right or wrong should be

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something that we feel very passionately about, and deep down inside know the answer to when we ask what is morally right or wrong .