

Jamestown, Alabama  
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Hon. Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Ga.  
My dear Sir:

I, of course, did not hear you testify before that committee in Washington the other day, but I heard it announced on television, and saw it in the papers, and I am just writing to you, to let you know that I heartily and fully endorse your stand on this subject.

I know that there is nothing much that a man of no note, as I am can do to assist in these efforts, but I hope to encourage you and others who are in a position to be heard, to put forth every effort to accomplish in our day, at least a part of the things, which is making a start on all the things, which as I see it, are so long past due.

To me, the color of a person's skin, has nothing to do with his usefulness in accomplishing the things that always have, and still do, lie ahead of the human race to accomplish, and it appears to me, that the Creator had a purpose and use for all the peoples of his creation to, or in order to accomplish whatever he had in mind for the human race accomplish, so that we may all enjoy the greatest happiness.

And from my position, it appears that the sooner we humans of all races and colors can realize these things, and stop acting like that we think our Creator made a mistake because he made somebody else with a lighter or darker color than we are, and accept all creation just as it is, and get busy, by putting all our efforts together to accomplish the good things that will benefit all colors alike, (which plan, so far as I know, has never been tried ~~tried~~.) From my position, it appears to me, we might have some reason <sup>to</sup> expect that greater accomplishments and benefits that have been with-held from mankind because of our attitude toward our Creator's handiwork of different peoples, might soon begin to appear, with a peace and prosperity that has never before been known to the world, so that happiness might abound through-out the Earth, and maybe it would be a step in the direction of everybody having plenty and to spare, and un-afraid!

Otherwise, it seems to me that we may expect to keep having to put up with such things as we have been, until such time as some future generation sees fit to take advantage of the chance that now confronts us, and reaps the better benefits, which are now open to us.

Hoping my long letter has not tried your patience, and that it will be no hindrance to you in your undertakings, as mayor of the great city of Atlanta.

Your friend J.H. Carter