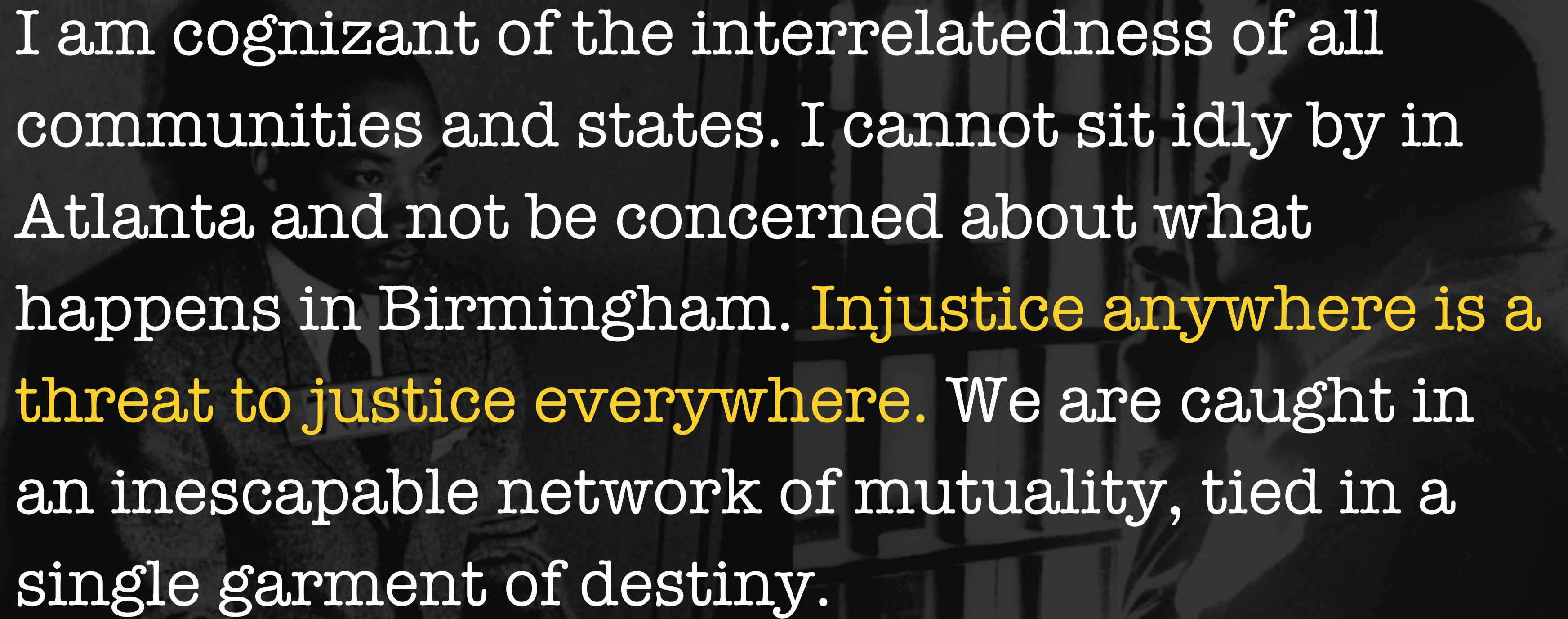


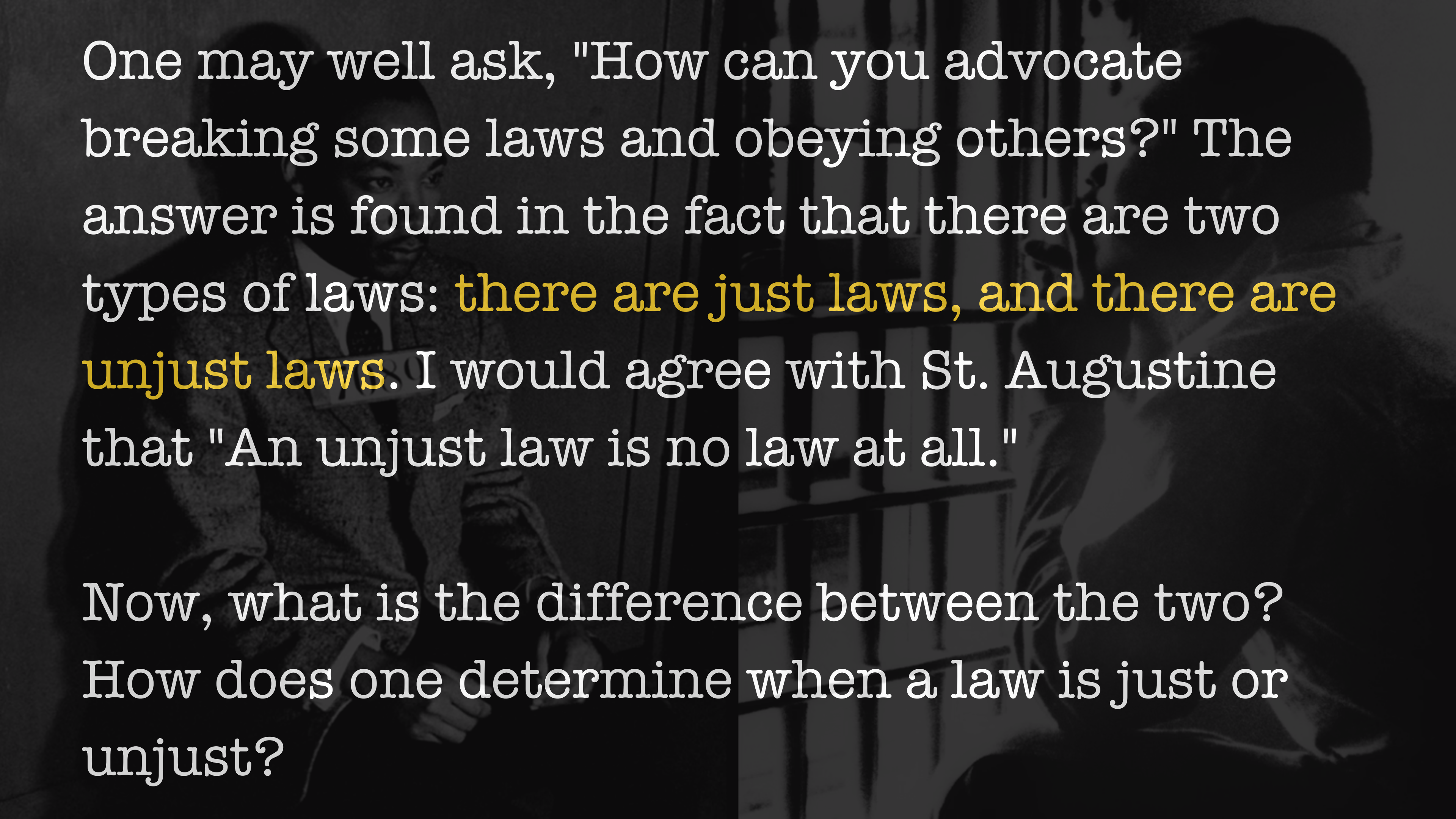
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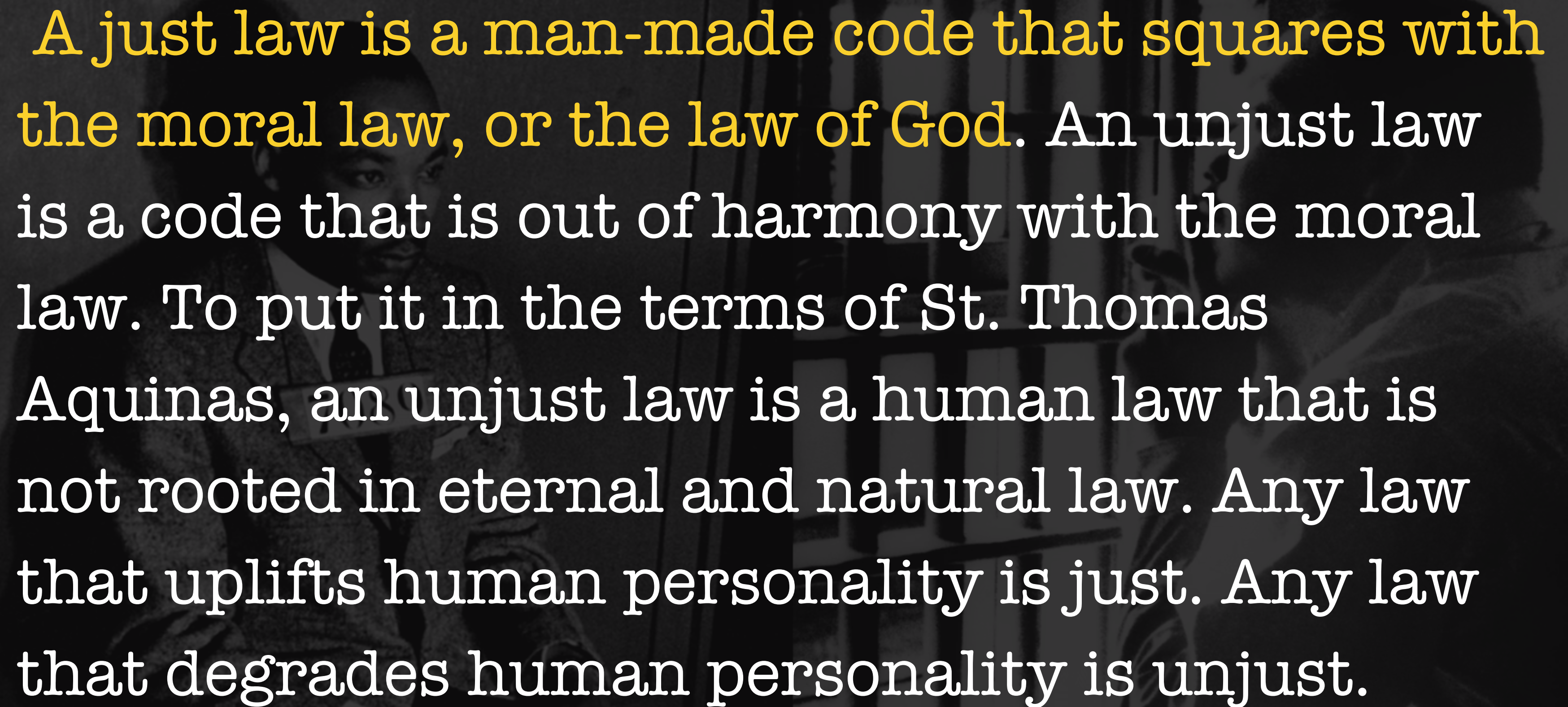
I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. **Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.** We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

MLK Jr. A Letter from a Birmingham Jail



One may well ask, "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?" The answer is found in the fact that there are two types of laws: **there are just laws, and there are unjust laws.** I would agree with St. Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all."

Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust?



A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law, or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.

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The **ONLY** way to know if a
human deed or law is just or
unjust

is by recognizing there is a
higher law that is just.



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**Can't see them
but they're there**



You may never know God's
reasons for your pain &
suffering.

You can trust that the reason is
rooted in His love for you.

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Will you let your trial push you closer to God or further away?

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33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.

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He promises to minister to us in our
trials so that we may overcome.

Acts 8: 26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). **This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,** 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

Acts 8: 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

Acts 8: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who
is the prophet talking about, himself or someone
else?”

Acts 8: 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. **What can stand in the way of my being baptized?**” [37] **38** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

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Isaiah 53: 7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

Isaiah 56: 3 Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say,

“The Lord will surely exclude me from his people.”

And let no eunuch complain,

“I am only a dry tree.”

4 For this is what the Lord says:

“**To the eunuchs** who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—

Isaiah 56: 5 to them I will give within my temple
and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
**I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.**

Philippians 1: 12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to **advance the gospel**. **13** As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that **I am in chains for Christ**. **14** And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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