

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Documentary Collection,
1997-2003: Finding Aid

Summary Information:

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Title and dates: Dietrich Bonhoeffer Documentary Collection, 1997-2003

Abstract: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and theologian, is particularly well-known for his theology (published in such works as *Discipleship*, *Life Together*, and *Ethics*), his activism against Nazi principles, his leadership of the Christian opposition, his role in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, and his hanging at a concentration camp just weeks before the end of the war. The collection consists of the visual materials used in the creation of Martin Doblmeier's documentary on Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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Location:
Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries
Special Collections
Mercer St. and Library Place
P.O. Box 111
Princeton, NJ 08542-0111

Size: 8.3 l.f. (2 boxes)

Language(s) of material: English (some interviews in German with English subtitles)

Biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and theologian, is particularly well-known because of his activism against Nazi principles, as a leader of the Christian opposition, his role in plots to assassinate Adolf Hitler, and his hanging at a concentration camp just weeks before the end of the war.

He was born February 4, 1906 to a large upper middle-class family in Breslau. He studied college at Tübingen and earned his doctorate at the University of Berlin. He then spent a year in New York City studying at Union Theological Seminary. He often

attended the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, and was particularly affected by African American spirituals.

After coming back to Germany in 1931, he was a founding member of the Confessing Church, and supported Karl Barth's Barmen Declaration of 1934—the declaration reaffirmed the Church's allegiance to Christ alone. He briefly served as pastor for two German churches in London before returning to head an underground seminary for Confessing Church members. German authorities, particularly the Gestapo, gradually reduced his freedoms to speak out before arresting him in 1943 for sponsoring the escape of Jews to Switzerland. After German authorities discovered his association with the group that unsuccessfully plotted to assassinate Hitler in 1934, he was moved to a concentration camp at Flossenburg and was hanged on April 9, 1945.

Description:

The collection consists of the visual materials used in the creation of Martin Doblmeier's 2003 documentary on Dietrich Bonhoeffer for PBS: the still images and the interviews with Bonhoeffer friends, relatives, contemporaries, scholars, and commentators. The still images are stored on CD and have also been printed out. Interviews have been recorded both on beta and VHS, and transcripts have been included as well. Two copies of the final documentary, on DVD, have been placed in the first folder.

Arrangement:

Materials are arranged alphabetically by topic (documentary, images, and interviews) and then by medium.

Access and Use:

There are no restrictions on these records; they are all open for research. Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Interviews or portions of interviews may only be republished with the written permission of both the archivist and Journey Films; images may only be republished with the permission of the institution holding the original. Researchers are responsible for determining any other copyright questions. Copies of any materials may be ordered for personal research.

Acquisition:

This collection was transferred to Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries, in January 2006 by Martin Doblmeier and Philip Ziegler of Journey Films. Its accession number is 2006.2.

Related Materials:

Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries, also holds the Paul Lehmann Papers. Lehmann, a theology professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, was a close friend of Bonhoeffer and studied his thought and life after the war. The Lehmann papers contain correspondence with Bonhoeffer, his family, and Bonhoeffer's biographer Eberhard Bethge as well as outlines for Lehmann's courses that focused on Bonhoeffer. Special Collections also contains the facsimile of the first edition of Martin Luther's Bible (SCD #2863) that was given to Bonhoeffer by his students at the underground seminary. The students, who gave the two-volume set to Bonhoeffer on his birthday in 1937, signed their names on the inside cover.

Processing Information:

Processed by Matthew Reeder, November 2006; finding aid written by Matthew Reeder, November 2006.

Works Cited:

The Dietrich Bonhoeffer entry on Wikipedia.com (November 28, 2006) assisted the composition of this finding aid's history section.

Folder List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date range</u>
1	1	Documentary (DVD)	2003
	2	Images (CDs): 1-350	2003
	3	Images (CDs): 351-563	2003
	4	Images (printouts): 1-175	2003
	5	Images (printouts): 176-350	2003
	6	Images (printouts): 351-500	2003
	7	Images (printouts): 501-563	2003
	8	Images (printouts): thumbnail catalog	2003

2	1	Interviews--transcripts (CDs)	2003
	2	Interviews--transcripts (printouts): Barnett-Kelly	1997-2003
	3	Interviews--transcripts (printouts): Liebholz-Zimmermann	1997-2001

3		Interviews--videos (beta): 1, E. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 2, E. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 3, E. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 4, E. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 5, R. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 6, R. Bethge	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 7, R. Bethge and Liebholz	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 8, Von Bismarck	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 9, Von Bismarck	2003

4		Interviews--videos (beta): 10, Young and Barnett	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 11, Barnett	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 12, DeGruchy	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 13, DeGruchy	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 14, Doblmeier	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 15, Doblmeier	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 16, Dudzus	2003

5		Interviews--videos (beta): 17, Dudzus	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 18, Dudzus	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 19, Dudzus	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 20, Conway	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 21, Conway	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 22, Gremmels	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 23, Huber	2003

6		Interviews--videos (beta): 24, Huber	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 25, Mitchell	2003

6		Interviews--videos (beta): 26, Hoffman	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 27, Hoffman	2003

7		Interviews--videos (beta): 28, Kelly	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 29, Kelly	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 30, Green	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 31, Liebholz	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 32, Liebholz and Maechler	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 33, Maechler	2003

8		Interviews--videos (beta): 34, Maechler and Zimmermann	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 35, von Hase	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 36, von Hase	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 37, Schoenherr	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 38, Schoenherr	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 39, Sembritzky	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 40, Sembritzky	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 41, Sembritzky	2003

9		Interviews--videos (beta): 42, Tutu	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 43, Tutu	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 44, von Dohnanyi	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 45, Zimmermann	2003
		Interviews--videos (beta): 46, Zimmermann	2003

10		Interviews--videos (VHS): 1, Barnett (beta 10-11)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 2, E. Bethge (beta 1-4)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 3, R. Bethge (beta 5-6, 7)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 4, von Bismarck (beta 8-9)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 5, Conway (beta 20, 21)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 6, Doblmeier (beta 14-15)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 7, von Dohnanyi (beta 44)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 8, Dudzus (beta 16-19)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 9, Gremmels (beta 22, 23)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 10, Green (beta 30)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 11, DeGruchy (beta 12-13)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 12, von Hase (beta 35-36)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 13, Hoffman (beta 25-27)	2003

11		Interviews--videos (VHS): 14, Huber (beta 23-24)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 15, Kelly (beta 28-29)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 16, Liebholz (beta 31, 32, 7)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 17, Maechler (beta 32-34)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 18, Mitchell (beta 25)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 19, Schoenherr (beta 27-38)	2003

11		Interviews--videos (VHS): 20, Sembritzky (beta 39-41)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 21, Tutu (beta 42-43)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 22, Young (beta 21, 10)	2003
		Interviews--videos (VHS): 23, Zimmermann (beta 34, 46)	2003