

Martin Luther King Jr. & The Civil Rights Movement

In this essay I will be talking about our beloved and remembered "Martin Luther King Jr.". He was one of the greatest minds of his time. Some say he was the perfect form of poetic justice. For years man was conceited with hatred and pure animosity for African Americans. Martin Luther King Jr. made one of the biggest stands for peace throughout the land. And for that he will always be remembered. Martin Luther King Jr. brought hope peace and prosperity to all those who listened to his kind and gentle words. He bridged the gap between the Caucasian and African American community.

The Trumpet of Conscience....

In 1967 Martin Luther King Jr. made a bold statement regarding the suffering in which was caused in Vietnam. He spoke of truth and confronted the very issues in which troubled thousands in America. He spoke of solutions and brought out the truth of the war in which killed thousands of innocent American soldiers.

"I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak"
Martin Luther King Jr.

A phrase so powerful it speaks for itself. Shaking the very ground in Vietnam. Telling of the horrors in which where at that time a reality for thousands of innocent bystanders. Speaking of taking back the land in which was rightfully ours. Tearing down the walls which bound us to war hoping to make a difference and rebuild. That was his purpose. And that was his reality.

On November 13th 1962....

On this day Martin Luther King Jr. made a statement in which turned heads after being posted in the "Wall Street Journal". He never knew what kind of impact these simple little words would make within the course of history. And how it would change thousands of peoples lives forever.

"It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important."

Declaring his feelings towards racism, Martin Luther King Jr. made people realize that they where not alone. One lone wolf amongst many took words and made them into reality. Making people think and realize. You may be able to speak the words but from this day forward you will never be able to condemn innocent people only because of the origin.

Strength of Love....

In 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. made a statement which shook the very foundation of the religious community. People questioned there fate after death and preachers churned in there sleep. And tears where shed as fear struck the hearts of many with the false pretense of the Christian church.

"The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority."

The Christian community had a rude awakening as his words filled the ears of the unfaithful and rebellious people of America. People from all over the world came to realize that gods image is that all people are to be treated equally and that all people are equal and are his children. No matter the origin, color, or background.

Why We Can't Wait?....

In 1964 Martin Luther King Jr. addressed the world with the statement of how peace should be taken care of. Implementing guidelines. Stating that violence is not the way. He tried to explain that

nonviolence was the better way. The way that would produce an incredible result from all communities. And how it would bring people together instead of driving them apart.

“Nonviolent action, the Negro saw, was the way to supplement, not replace, the progress of change. It was the way to divest himself of passivity without arraying himself in vindictive force.”

He tried to make the nation realize that vindictive force was not the answer. “Treat others as you would have them treat you”. That’s what I was always told. To be a great nation you must recognize the potential of a great nation. Acceptance is a major key role in unity.

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?

In 1967 Martin Luther King Jr. made a statement in which stunned thousands. And had thousands on the edge of their seats shocked as these words of pain, agony, and grief flowed from his narrow jaw.

“Being a Negro in America means trying to smile when you want to cry. It means trying to hold on to physical life amid psychological death. It means the pain of watching your children grow up with clouds of inferiority in their mental skies. It means having your legs cut off, and then being condemned for being a cripple. It means seeing your mother and father spiritually murdered by the slings and arrows of daily exploitation, and then being hated for being an orphan.”

Trying to make people see feel and realize the trueness in the pain in which African Americans were being forced to endure Martin Luther King Jr. expressed his deepest feelings of grief, pain, and fear. Wishing no more pain for African Americans around the world. He never said “My people” referring to only African Americans. He always said “My brothers and sisters”. And to those who listened. Those were the strongest words in which brought more and more together to live breath and rejoice in harmony.

I Have A Dream....

On August 28, 1963. in Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King Jr. stood proud and tall prepared to make the speech of a lifetime. It was entitled “I Have A Dream”. Not knowing how the end result would be. Or even what would happen. Would people actually really listen and believe in the same beliefs in which brought him there at that moment that day? Or would people make a mockery and laugh. His intentions were clear as he stepped up to the podium. Thousands of people in which came from different parts of the United States just to listen and see what Martin Luther King Jr. had to say filled the grass.

“I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.”

As he finished the first sentence people acknowledged his purpose. The very purpose that would change the way the world was seen and heard. On that day Martin Luther King Jr. never knew what was going to happen or even what the end result would be. He took a leap of faith. And like a cat, landed on all fours. The impeccable rebels in which still rebelled against his beliefs still exist today. But from 1960 - present words from one man are still taught in school. Words of one man still make a difference every day. And the words of one man still save lives. Just by the lessons learned.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a great historian in his day. Even today his literature is taught in thousands of US schools and colleges around the world. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in change. He based his life around a belief in which made from a dream in to reality. His words rained across the country catching everyone’s attention. Changing the lives of thousands.

“Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair”

In this statement Martin Luther King Jr. gives hope to all who are listening. Letting the people know that no matter where they come from change is possible and inevitable. Telling his followers to go back to their homes and announce hope and change in a matter in which has never been seen before. Cleaning up the valley of despair and wallowing in success was his views. Relentless thought of change and animosity, Martin Luther King Jr. implanted change in a way that shook the foundation of thousands. Being remembered throughout the land as their angel of freedom.

From 1960 to present, Martin Luther King Jr. has made a deep impact upon the subject of racism and poverty. Civilization as we know it has been changed for the best.

"Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

In his closing statement Martin Luther King Jr. reminded his followers of the old phrase in which has been screamed from thousands of refugees across the land for years.

"Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

In our present world people in this world remember and thank Martin Luther King Jr. for what he has done during his time on this earth. From past to present changes based on the teachings and guidance of Martin Luther King Jr. have been made in accepting any age, color, or past background of any and all citizens of this great nation. Many people still have conflicting issues with what was taught by our great politician.

Like any other conflict we take great prejudice in resolving the matters of the opposing party. Resolving every last issue in which is made clear. Martin Luther King Jr. had a vision. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. A dream of prosperity and good will towards men, women, and children throughout the land.