

Martin Luther King, Jr. Quotes

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You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's not the violence of the few that scares me, it's the silence of the many

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for

others?'

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let's build bridges, not walls.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Perhaps the worst sin in life is knowing right and not doing it.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I agree with Dante, that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in a period of moral crisis maintain their neutrality. There comes a time when silence becomes betrayal.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Quietly endure, silently suffer and patiently wait.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the existence of justice for all people.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The time is always right to do what is right.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must learn that passively to accept an unjust system is to cooperate with that system, and thereby to become a participant in its evil.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The difference between a dreamer and a visionary is that a dreamer has his eyes closed and a visionary has his eyes open

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must face the appalling fact that we have been betrayed by both the Democratic and Republican Parties.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is nothing new about poverty. What is new, however, is that we have the resources to get rid of it.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Unconditional love will have the final word in reality.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Be The Peace You Wish To See In The World!

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided

missiles and misguided men.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

You can't reach good ends through evil means, because the means represent the seed and the end represents the tree.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

History is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

â€”It is a cruel injustice to tell a bootless man to pull himself up by his bootstraps.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Discrimination is a hellhound that gnaws at Negroes in every waking moment of their lives to remind them that the lie of their inferiority is accepted as truth in the society dominating them.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles;
Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Curse of poverty has no justification in our age...The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Life's piano can only produce melodies of brotherhood (and sisterhood) when it is recognized that the black keys are as basic, necessary and beautiful as the white keys.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must learn that to expect God to do everything while we do nothing is not faith but superstition.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We who in engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We live in a world of guided missiles and misguided men.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

O America, how you've taken necessities from the masses to give luxuries to the classes.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

We must combine the toughness of the serpent with the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The human heart is like a ship on a stormy sea driven about by winds blowing from all four corners of heaven.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The great issue of life is to harness the drum major instinct.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The SILENCE of the good people is more DANGEROUS than the BRUTALITY of the bad people

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A productive and happy life is not something you find; it is something you make.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The poor in our countries have been shut out of our minds and driven from the mainstream of our societies, because we have allowed them to become invisible.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Injustice and corruption will never be transformed by keeping them hidden, but only by bringing them out into the light and confronting them with the power of love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Capital punishment is against the best judgment of modern criminology and, above all, against the highest expression of love in the nature of God.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be... The nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

In some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

You can kill the dreamer, but you can't kill the dream.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Don't let anybody make you think that God chose America as his divine, messianic force to be a sort of policeman of the whole world.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The reason I can't follow the old eye-for-an-eye philosophy is that it ends up leaving everyone blind.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Call it democracy, or call it democratic socialism, but there must be a better distribution of wealth within this country for all God's children.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A riot is the language of the unheard.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Knowledge is a process of piling up facts; wisdom lies in their simplification.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nonviolent resistance makes it possible for the Negro to remain in the South and struggle for his rights. The Negro's problem will not be solved by running away.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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