

DR. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Inspirations

“Love is the Light that transforms our Lives”

Years before Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke you would have never seen an African American president or an African American singer on the radio. My mom would never have guessed when she was younger that she and her African American friend Suziana would be able to be friends without getting discriminated against by people with stupidity, ignorance and hatred towards those not like them. Martin Luther King Jr. used non violence; he used love to transform not only a few lives but the whole United States of America. He once said “we can not walk alone and as we walk, we must make a pledge that we shall always march ahead. We can not turn back.” When saying this he had a dream. That in America whites and blacks would be treated equally. That African Americans in Mississippi could vote and African Americans in New York believed there was something to be proud of to vote for. He would not be satisfied with life until these simple things happened which led him to a peaceful resolution to change. He believed that there should be no discrimination that all men and women was the same and born equally in all facets of everyday life.

I also have a dream that no man or woman would die in pain that people would be courteous and helpful to those with cancer. That people with any other terminal disease would be helped by the family members who has had a loved one pass away while in pain during these tragic diseases. People who are handicap could get the equipment they need without their family having to struggle. The government could come up with better ways and means to get money to purchase the things handicap person need. The equipment is so expensive it is hard for so many citizens to afford the high costs. Also I dream that the people getting shot, mugged, and robbed should instead feel safe to walk out their door and stroll up the street. I remember my biological mom saving up money then it was stolen by a junkie who just wanted his next fix. All of these injustices with people against just living their everyday life. I dream that executions will not happen to innocent or guilty people. I dream that people will continue to join hands to fight for the

rights of gay, bisexuals, lesbians, black, and whites. I dream that everyone will accept each other as equals and as brothers and sisters.

I believe that we watch too much television with violence and we are not learning enough about God and we worry too much about the little things as teenagers. Such as belonging to a certain group in school... a gang or "The in crowd." Plus we worry about how we look in the mirror when we need to worry about what we look like on the inside and how big our giving and caring heart is. We need to think about others as well as ourselves. People feel sorry for themselves and talk about not having families although if they just look in front of them they do have families even though they are not blood; "We the People of all the world."

Martin Luther King Jr. also said "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain and the crooked place will be made straight and the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all the flesh shall see it together". I believe that God will teach us to do better if by using the bible and praying that our world will be a better place and in actions of His teachings the non-violent way.

You see my mom died in so much pain from cancer but I am thankful as she was that she lived long enough to see the fighting Temptations and to see Mr. Obama become our first African American President. I bet you a thousand butterfly kisses that Martin Luther King, Jr. would cry with joy to know that what he said in his speech, that most parts of his dream has come true. "That love is the light that does transform lives".