

Famous Quotations from the Works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

...And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man.

All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.

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

Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. you only need a heart full of grace. a soul generated by love.

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

Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

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

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.

I submit to you that if a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

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

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

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

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

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

Now, I say to you today my friends, 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. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: - 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.

Segregation is the adultery of an illicit intercourse between injustice and immorality.

Ten thousand fools proclaim themselves into obscurity, while one wise man forgets himself into immortality.

The church must be the critic and guide of the state, and never its tool.

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

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

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

When you are right, you cannot be too radical; When you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative.