

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s

prophetic voice is as relevant today as when he preached against war 44 years ago.

In loving memory, we pray that everyone be inspired to read his words and reflect on his radical vision.

"Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism."

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death. **Nonviolence is the answer to the** cruel and inhuman conditions of our time: the need for man to overcome his sense of inferiority without resorting to oppression and violence. **Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which does not depend on a physical inferiority of size.** **Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out love; only love can do that.** **Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....**

War is NOT the Answer

The chain reaction of evil-hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars-must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation. Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man's sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true.

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Where do we go from here: chaos or community?

- Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

"Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in time of war. Nor does the human spirit move without great difficulty against all the apathy of conformist thought within one's own bosom and in the surrounding world."

"This business...of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice, and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

"I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without first having spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today: my own government."

"[D]on'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. God has a way of standing before the nations with judgment, and it seems that I can hear God saying to America, 'You're too arrogant! And if you don't change your ways, I will rise up and break the

backbone of your power, and I'll place it in the hands of a nation that doesn't even know my name."

"[T]he day has passed for superficial patriotism. He who lives with untruth lives in spiritual slavery. Freedom is still the bonus we receive for knowing the truth."

"When machines and computers, profit motives and property

rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, militarism and economic exploitation are incapable of being conquered."

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY PARADE MONDAY, JANUARY 17

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