

The King Fifty Years Later – Where is the Peace?

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Fifty years ago, in 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took the podium at Ebenezer Baptist Church to deliver one of his most famous speeches, declaring, “All life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. We aren't going to have peace on earth until we recognize this basic fact.”

Our country represents every race and religion, background and belief, origin and orientation. We are truly a melting pot of beliefs and backgrounds from around the world. And although we may not hold the same beliefs or come from the same backgrounds, at the core we are all humans, living on this planet earth together, with all other forms of life. The reality is, as so eloquently pointed out by Martin Luther King, what we do to one part, impacts the whole. So let's be conscious in our actions, carefully insuring each action we take has a positive outcome for all life. Let's insure our choices bring peace, not strife and chaos.

In the world community, at our most basic level, together we should be committed to uniting this small planet of ours more closely and bringing people together in a common effort. **We should not judge those that are different than we are, but instead lend a helping hand and show them a new way.**

As humans, we cannot exist except in the kind of interrelated world that Dr. King spoke of and suffered to bring about. All of us, of every color and from every corner of the world, are heirs to his vision, which is God's vision spoken through Dr. King that memorable day.

The courtesy you extend to your fellow friends, families, co-workers and strangers, the empathy you show to those in need in your community and elsewhere; and the basic optimism that lies at the heart of a progressive community dedicated to keeping the world open, tolerant, connected and diverse is so important today. It is this kind of attitude, that can overcome the destructive forces in the world. Remember, united we stand to transcend difficult times. United the truth can be heard and positive change made.

It is 50 years later, and still world peace has not been achieved. Be part of the movement to bring peace around the world. Make conscious, constructive and wise choices each day. Make sure that pebble in the pond ripples out positively, to touch even those you don't know in an uplifting way. We are all in service to one another so do something special for someone today. Don't lose another moment, do it now!

May each of you find peace in your heart, mind and soul and may each of you connect with the pulse of life in a positive way each and every day. Happy 2017!

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