

# THE LIVING KING

Martin Luther King Jr. lives in monuments, streets and open doors, and he is a living presence — and challenge — in the eloquent words of his speeches, books and public statements. The genius and contemporary relevance of this 20th century prophet are reflected in the selected quotations on the following pages.

## AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

No amount of gold could provide an adequate compensation for the exploitation and humiliation of the Negro in America down through the centuries . . . Yet, a price can be placed on unpaid wages. The ancient common law has always provided a remedy for the appropriation of the labor of one human being by another. This law should be made to apply for American Negroes. The payment should be in the form of a massive program by the government of special, compensatory measures which could be regarded as a settlement in accordance with the accepted practice of common law.

## AFRICA

We realize that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Therefore, we are as concerned about the problems of Africa as we are about the problems of the United States.

## THE AMERICAN DILEMMA

We may have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic actions and words of the bad people, but also for the appalling silence of the good people.

The black revolution is much more than a struggle for the rights of Negroes. It is forcing America to face all its interrelated flaws — racism, poverty, militarism and materialism.

For its very survival sake, America must re-examine old presuppositions and release itself from many things that for centuries have been held sacred. For the evils of racism, poverty and militarism to die, a new set of values must be born.

## THE AMERICAN DREAM

In a real sense, America is essentially a dream, a dream as yet unfulfilled. It is a dream where men of all races, of all nationalities, and of all creeds can live together as brothers.

*A moment of silence  
in celebration of  
the life and accomplishments of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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