

If Dr. King could speak today, he would say that this nation needs a revolution of values that exposes the lies of war.

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He would say there is nothing keeping us from changing our national priority so that the pursuit of peace can take precedence over the pursuit of war.

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He would say we must remove the causes of chaos, injustice, poverty and insecurity that are breeding grounds for terrorism. This is the way towards peace.

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I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like [Iraq and Afghanistan] continued to draw men [and women] and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube. So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such.

“A time comes when silence is betrayal.”

“When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered”

“I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today -- my own government.”

“We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for victims of our nation and for those it calls enemy, for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers [and sisters].”

For King’s entire speech against the Vietnam war, see www.africanamericans.com/MLKjrBeyondVietnam.htm

ACTIONS

1. Contact President Obama and say, NO! to the ongoing wars against Iraq and Afghanistan. YES! to money for housing and food.

Comments: 202-456-1414,
www.whitehouse.gov/contact/



The Beloved Community - MLK

2. Start a peace vigil in your community. 8th Day has conducted one each Tuesday, 8-9 AM, at the Chicago Federal Building since Sept. 2001 and distributed over 200,000 informational peace leaflets to date.

3. Other peace leaflets produced by 8th Day Center can be found at www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html You may wish to use them for your own vigils, in classrooms, etc

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

To our most bitter opponents we say: We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We shall meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will, and we shall continue to love you. We cannot in all good conscience obey unjust laws, because noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good. Throw us in jail, and we will still love you. Bomb our homes and threaten our children and we shall still love you. Send your hooded perpetrators of violence into our community at the midnight hour and beat us and leave us half dead, and we shall still love you. But be assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer. One day we shall win freedom, but not only for ourselves. We shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory. - Rev. ML King

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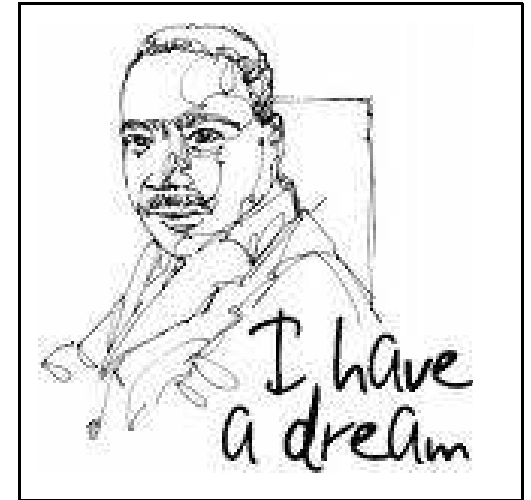
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Saturday, April 4, is the 41st anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. It is also the 42nd anniversary of his speech against the Vietnam war which he delivered at Riverside Church in New York City.

King's words can easily be applied to the ongoing, murderous occupation of Iraq, and to the Obama's administration's expanding war against Afghanistan and Pakistan.