

We Are the Legacy

Thoughts on the Occasion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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As I observantly gaze upon the world today, I perceive a government on the brink of destruction and a community of people slowly awakening from a slumber of a false nightmare to the visualization of the truth.

With eyes wide open the world around them is collapsing and with soft voices they ask themselves what's happened to the American Dream? As their eyes squint across the horizon in fear, inside there is another voice that cries there is hope.

I hunger for a more progressed economy, not an oppressed economy; one without desolation, hunger, destitution, and prostitution. I desire to see an economy that cares about children who are left behind, the children who are ashamed because they cannot sign their names. These children are the quiet and lost society.

I hunger for people to live with a healthy mind, body, soul, and not be denied the most important and imperative piece of plastic they need because of pre-existing conditions. That piece of plastic is not a credit card but a health insurance card.

I hunger to see fewer girls abandoned by their fathers. So these young women won't look for love in all the wrong places. They are the forgotten and misunderstood society. Left to fend for themselves in a world created by men and for men.

We are sold into modern day slavery without the knowledge and realization, and now like the seasons we must change. I hunger for the birth of new ideas; like I hunger for old concepts to dissipate.

Through this dark and stifling economic struggle we can reach euphoria together and get to the beach of opportunity to see the sunrise. This transformation is one to be reached together so we can cross the bridge into a new beginning. Coming alive we move towards unity, integrity, tranquility, and sustainability. By coming alive we become leaders of greatness and not followers of corruption and greed.

We are the models of our own destiny and must recreate truth and a new American Dream, one that appeals to all humankind and not one specific group or class. We must recreate a new appreciation for this vast and immaculate Earth and love it with every inch of our being. To respect it's power and presence and how we are all connected to it.

Reshape this idealistic vision we call democracy let this go down in history, we stand for the synthetic vagabonds in frayed clothing begging for a dollar and not by choice, for the broken child afflicted with humility from poor education, for the distressed hardworking unemployed citizen who is passionate about living, for the terrified young women propelled in to prostitution, for the individual who craves health insurance for the sake of an energetic sprit, and for all who are being thrown into world poverty from unrealistic aspirations.

Martin Luther King Jr. said "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed".

So how can we free ourselves from our oppressor? I'll tell you how, we stand up. LET'S START TODAY!!!EVERYONE STAND UP!! -
-----THANK YOU. WE ARE THE LEGACY! BY LATOYA A RUSSELL