



2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

The Fight for Equality and Justice

I have a dream that the world will soon be a happy place for all humans, no matter their race, no matter their gender, no matter their background, no matter their skin color. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his entire life to fighting for civil rights through words and peace, eventually ending the legal segregation of African Americans in the United States. I believe I can continue Dr. King's fight for equality and injustice by spreading my morals and treating all people equally.

Although not all people are religious, the concepts behind most religions can be very beneficial in the fight for equality. From my religion I receive my morals, and from my morals I can change the world. First and foremost, by loving others, the world could be a completely different place. Dr. King made a point of accepting and loving people no matter their differences, and that is what I plan to work on every day for the rest of my life. By simply making it a point to love everyone, an amazing chain reaction is likely to occur. I will spread my love so that others can spread their own. When people begin to love others as themselves, they begin to treat people equally with compassion, as opposed to hate.

Next, I believe I can stand up for people who are being treated unjustly and unequally. Too often, I stand by and watch others continue to be treated differently than me, and that makes me just as guilty as the other person. I can work to build up others who are put down, and once again, I can lead as the example. Even so, I can correct others who make racist comments to teach them that all humans are on an even playing level. I will make it a point to encourage others to be empathetic, because we all struggle. We all make mistakes. We all hate to feel pain. If I could solely convince people that we are all human, I think equality and justice would be amplified.

In addition to loving and teaching others to be empathetic, I will dig deeper into myself and erase the stereotypes I have come to believe. As I walk down the streets of bigger cities, I often fear people of a darker skin color. As I walk down the halls of my own school, I often stray away from people who are not my people. To continue Dr. King's legacy, I will push out of my boundaries and get outside my comfort zone. I will open up to people who are different than me, and I will approach those of a different skin color knowing they are the same as me. I will stop judging people based on their looks and dig deeper into who they are.

Overall, by simply loving others as myself, I believe I can fight for equality and justice. By making this world realize what kindness and compassion can do, everyone will look at each other equally and treat others in a much fairer way. Although I may not be able to change everything, I can make a difference. I will do this to continue Dr. King's fight for equality and justice, as I know if he were still here today he would still be dedicating his life to others.

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The Journey is Not Complete

