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Famous Quotations of Martin Luther King Jr.

"If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, "There lived a great people—a black people—who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization." From an address given in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31, 1955

"The question is not whether we will be extremist but what kind of extremist will we be."
From "Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963

"We are not makers of history. We are made by history."
From *Strength to Love*, 1963

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal." From the "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963

"Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see." The Measure of a Man, 1958

"A riot is the language of the unheard."
From an address given in Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31, 1963

"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." From "Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

From the "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963

"From the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom ring. From the mighty mountains of New York, let freedom ring. From the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania, let freedom ring. But not only that: Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi." From the "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963