

Just what King said

(by Rev. Martin Luther King)

Over the years, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of dreams, life, death and the condition of white and black men in the United States. Here is what he said: I say to you today, my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. 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. I have a dream... I have a dream that one day in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. - August 28, 1963, The March on Washington.

A great revolution is taking place in our world, a social revolution in the minds and souls of men. And it has been transformed into a unified voice, crying out, "We want to be free." - 1960

It may get me crucified. I may even die. But I want it said even if I die in the struggle that "He died to make men free." - 1962.

In the spirit of the darkness of this hour, we must not despair, we must not become bitter - we must not lose faith in our white brothers. - 1963, after the bombing of a church in Birmingham where four little girls were killed.

The question is not whether we will be extremist but what kind of extremist we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice - or will we be extremists for the cause of justice? 1963

Some of you have knives, and I ask you to put them up. Some of you have arms, and I ask you to put them up. Get the weapon of non-violence, the breastplate of righteousness, the armor of truth and just keep marching - 1964.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant. - 1964

What good does it do to be able to eat at a lunch counter if you can't buy a hamburger. - 1965

The Negro needs the white man to free him from his fears. The white man needs the Negro to free him from his guilt. - 1966.

Vote For Our Candidate (by Thomas Henry Judge of Brant County Sheltered Workshop)

Dear Voter:

I am writing this letter to you to tell you about the nineteenth candidate for office: Burray Bannen. Now Burray understands our needs and thoughts. And Burray promised to do something for us. Heres what Burray will do for Brant riding. He will raise taxes 50%. In addition to this generous raise, he will raise our consumer prices by 99%. Yes its time we voted for Burray Bannen. Get smart, vote for Burray, he'll take your money in a hurry.

Sincerely,

The President of the Brall's Underwear Company.

Dear Voter:

I am very happy to write you this letter. I hope that you will vote for me because I am going to vote for myself. I am also going to do something for you. I promise that if I'm elected I'll raise the taxes by 50%. If you don't think this is a big enough raise, I'll raise them even higher. If I am elected, I also promise to raise the price of food, so that a roast that now costs you only 89¢ will - when I am elected - cost you \$4.75. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. Give me your vote and I'll take your money. Thank you.

Your best friend, and, the only honest politician,
Burray Bannen.