



THE WORDS AND LIFE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.,  
a Christian minister and prominent  
leader of the U.S. civil rights  
movement, continue to inspire today,  
half a century after his death.

Above: Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream"  
speech at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963.  
At least 250,000 demonstrators filled the Mall that day.

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4 APRIL  
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"...When we allow freedom to ring,  
when we let it ring from every  
village...from every state and every  
city, we will be able to speed up that  
day when all of God's children...will  
be able to join hands and sing in  
the words of the old Negro spiritual:  
Free at last! Free at last! Thank God  
Almighty, we are free at last!"

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH, 1963