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Quotations



“We are not makers of history. We are made by history.” From Strength to Love, 1963

“There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.” 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, August 28, 1963.

“A riot is the language of the unheard.” From an address given in Birmingham, Alabama, December 31, 1963.

“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, Alabama, December 31, 1955.

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” From Strength to Love, 1963.

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.” Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, December 10, 1964.

“I decided early to give my life to something eternal and absolute. Not to these little gods that are here today and gone tomorrow, but to God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” From “Rediscovering Lost Values,” February 28, 1954.

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