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Abstract
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-Martin Luther King Jr.

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Dr. King was so advanced for his time that his teachings and words have matured into the most advanced lesson the current population could ever come to understand. He never spoke on one issue without noting, explaining, and speaking on the other factors and individuals which added to the situation. He has taught me that one cannot discuss racism without talking about discrimination, and discrimination without talking about the numerous types of thoughts each individual holds true, and these thoughts without talking about humanity as a whole.

Societal issues and problems are like delicate flowers, and Dr. King is one of the great thinkers who recognized this aspect in any challenge to be overcome. Flowers can only grow under certain conditions, and either thrive or die because of others. Who we are and what we do pertaining to issues in society affects how and when specific issues either tend to become worse or die in terms of reaching a resolution.

In his *Letter from Birmingham*, King says that “life is inter-related” and flawlessly connects all people in just a few simple words. Different people lead different lives, accomplish different things, and fight or support different issues according to their individuality. In the grand scheme of things, these aspects of life are the same for all Americans. Thus, simple building blocks of human nature connect us all on the same level of creating thoughts and actions in the world we all share.

King goes on to say that “(we) are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,” and again addresses the entire planet on a fundamental basis. All people are people, regardless of race, beliefs, ethnicity, gender, or religion. I feel that more and more modern day Americans
recognize and understand this fact and have become a stronger united force because of it. Brotherhood is one of Dr. King’s most emphasized ideas, and his dream is finally becoming a reality in the way different people fight for the same issues. We aren’t all that much different when it comes to deserved rights and equality for all. Therefore, we can form a unified family as long as humanity allows it.

By describing us as “caught” in something which is “inescapable,” King adds emphasis and significance about the world in which we live. Some problems that were alive back then are alive and thriving today, whereas others have died out or become modified to attack a smaller population of individuals. Nonetheless, we as human beings cannot escape what divides us because people are too harsh on other people who are trying to do nothing more than they are - live their life true to themselves with respect from others. This is where “mutuality” can be used to understand each individual as nothing less than a person entitled to his or her rights just like everyone else. Yes, we all look different, come from different places, and believe different things, but everyone in any place in the world has rights and a light within them to be cast on the issues and aspects of life which they hold to be prevailing. As long as this respect is applied to all people, we will all be held to the same mutual responsibility and opportunity to blossom on our own.

Despite being born into different generations and modern-day issues, every life has meaning and a role in the problems of current times. On this basis alone, I can see the meaning and importance of King describing all of humanity as “tied in a single garment of density.”
When talking about one person we cannot exclude the others who feel and think just like us, and for this reason no one person can be described as being apart from humanity as a whole, because we are all alike. This holds true on a global scale because the global population grows in number every minute. The “garment of density” is the world’s population in any given place. Every individual with a place in this world adds another petal to the great flower of life from which we all bloom.

To me, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr was more than a racial reformer. He was, still is, and forever will be the brightest and warmest ray of sunshine to ever bless our severed world. With his words and the words of other great ambassadors of peace to guide us into the future, it is my hope and greatest dream that our world will grow into one land of peace, acceptance, and understanding. Understanding not only for our brothers and sisters, but also the brothers and sisters of others that do not resemble our own kin in appearance, religion, sexual preference, social class, gender, race, or values. America is a place of opportunity; it is our job as upstanding Americans to ensure everyone the opportunity to thrive as a part of the flower of life in our shared soil. This can only become a reality once our problems become connections between people who are nothing less than the same.