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ROMANS 12:1-3



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**3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:
Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
in accordance with the faith God has distributed
to each of you.**

ROMANS 12:1-3



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What do we embody together?



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Justice (righteousness)

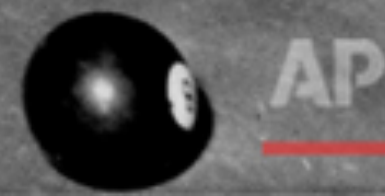
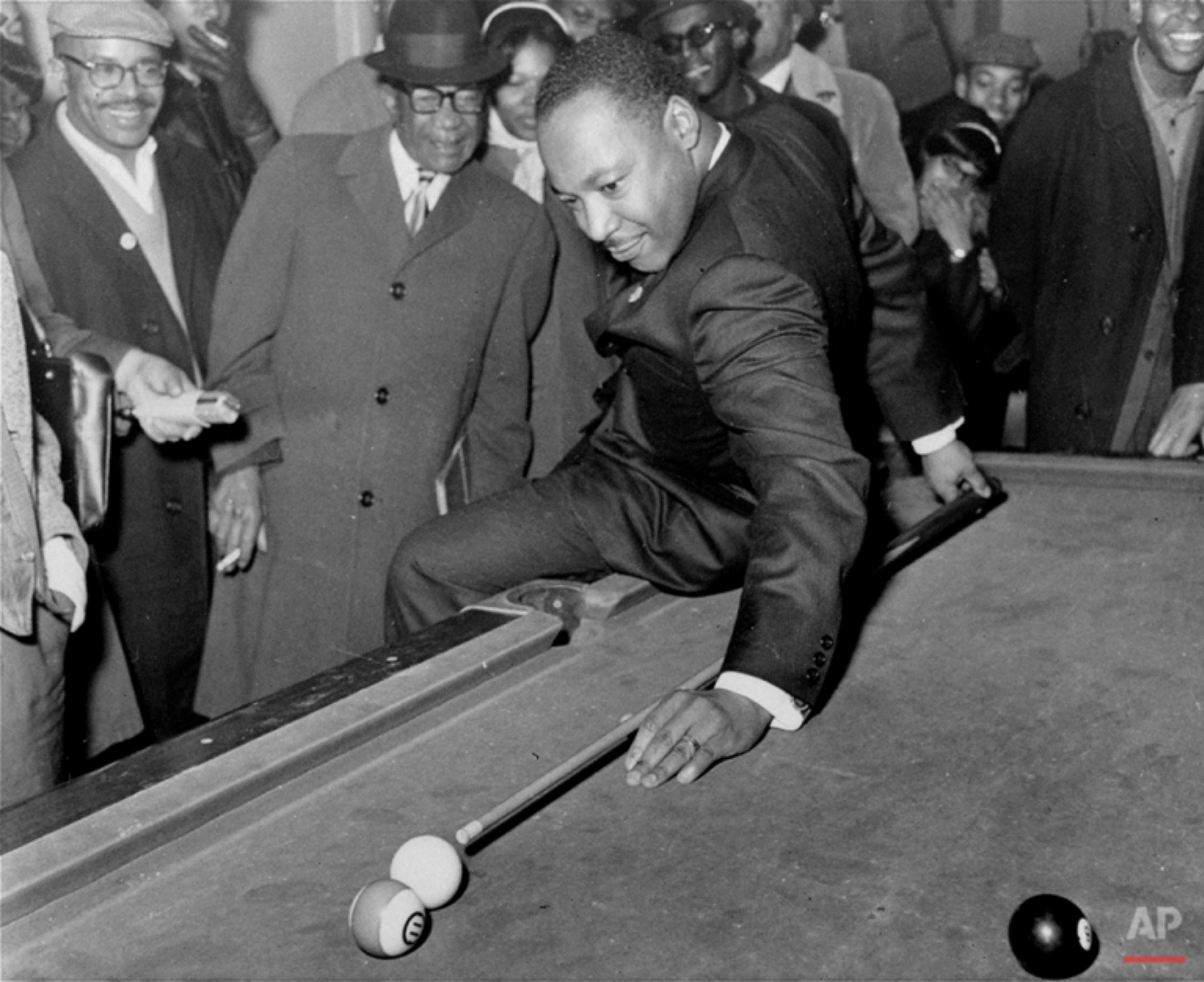
Bringing right order,
life-giving power,
& shalom as a lifestyle of love



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I remember riding with him another day when he accidentally drove past a stop sign.

A policeman pulled up to the car and said:

"All right, boy, pull over and let me see your license."

My father instantly retorted: "Let me make it clear to you that you aren't talking to a boy. If you persist in referring to me as boy, I will be forced to act as if I don't hear a word you are saying."

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Grace & Peace



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**In view of...
offer your body
with others
with others in love
with the strength of non-violence.**

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Dreams come at a cost.



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I was ready to give up. With my cup of coffee sitting untouched before me, I tried to think of a way to move out of the picture without appearing a coward. In this state of exhaustion, when my courage had all but gone, I decided to take my problem to God. With my head in my hands, I bowed over the kitchen table and prayed aloud.

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The words I spoke to God that midnight are still vivid in my memory. “I am here taking a stand for what I believe is right. But now I am afraid. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I stand before them without strength and courage, they too will falter. I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I’ve come to the point where I can’t face it alone.”

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At that moment, I experienced the presence of the Divine as I had never experienced God before. It seemed as though I could hear the quiet assurance of an inner voice saying: “Stand up for justice, stand up for truth; and God will be at your side forever.” Almost at once my fears began to go. My uncertainty disappeared. I was ready to face anything.”

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**For I bear on my body the scars
that show I belong to Jesus...**

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So we had no alternative except that of preparing for direct action, whereby we would present our very bodies as a means of laying our case before the conscience of the local and national community.

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**Everywhere and at all times,
the love ethic of Jesus is a radiant light
revealing the ugliness of our stale
conformity.**

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Justice too long delayed is justice denied.

When you see hate filled policemen curse, kick, and even kill your black brothers and sisters;

When you have to concoct an answer for a five-year-old son who is asking:

“Daddy, why do white people treat colored people so mean?”

Then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.



**I have been gravely
disappointed with
the white moderate.**

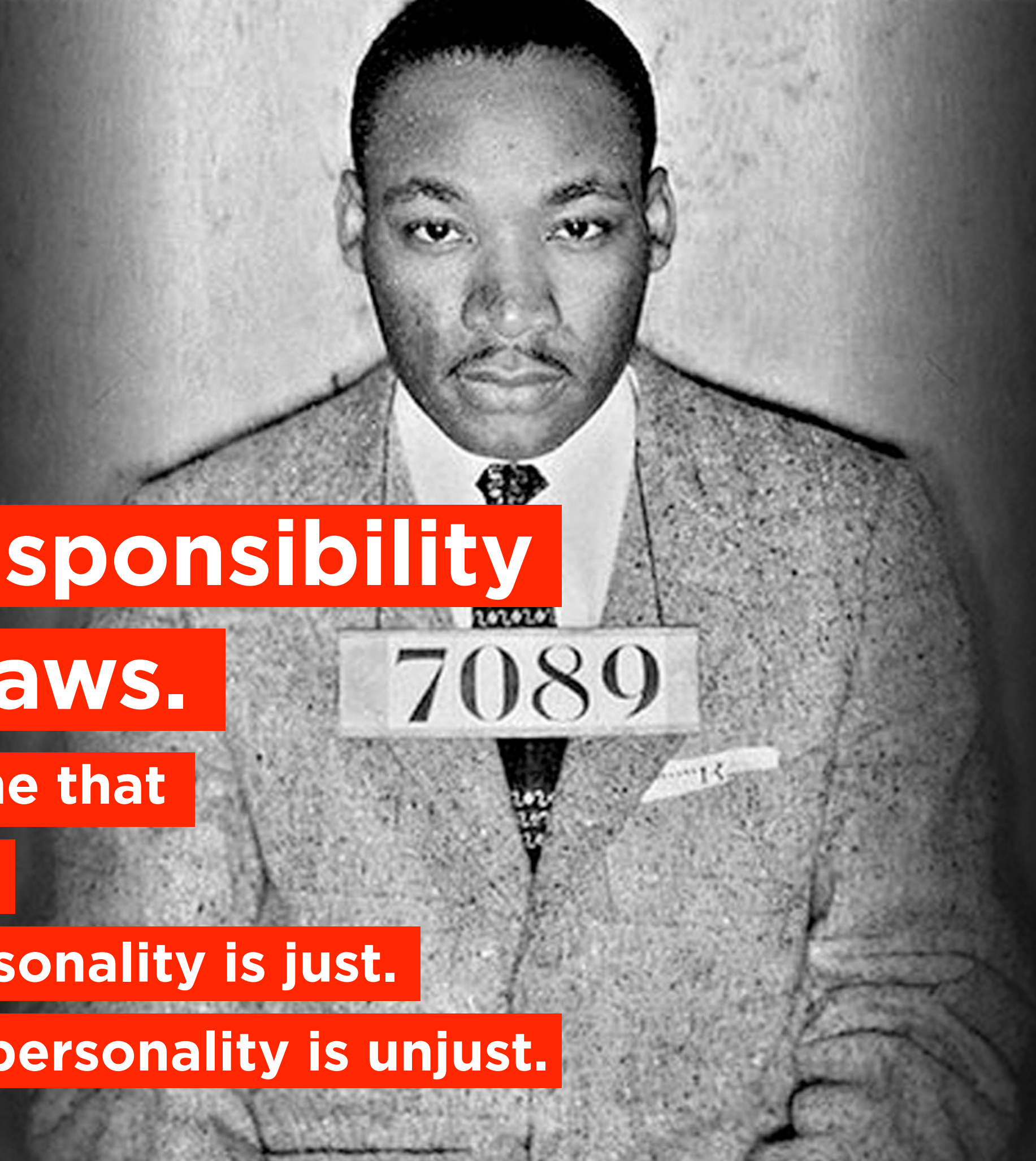
**the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride
toward freedom is not... the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate,
who paternalistically believes he can set
the timetable for another man's freedom.**

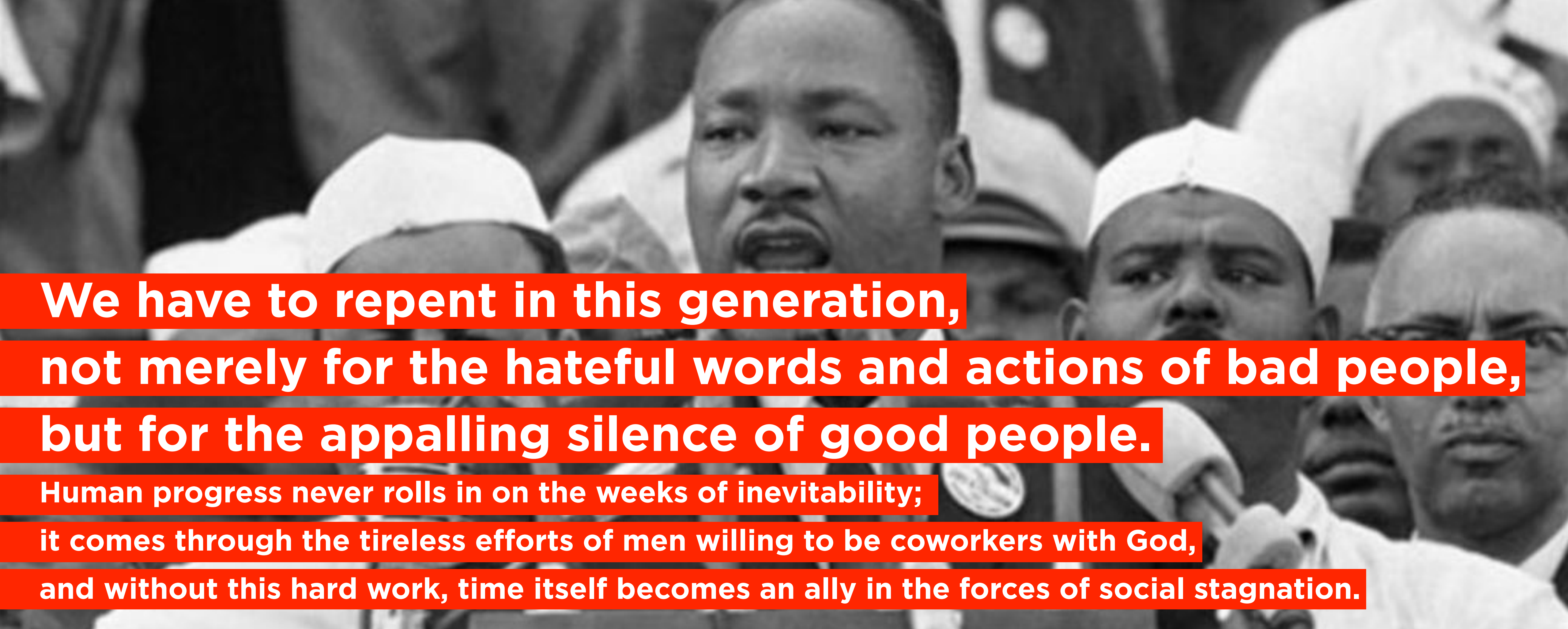
**One has a moral responsibility
to disobey unjust laws.**

**I would agree with St. Augustine that
“An unjust law is no law at all.”**

Any law that uplifts human personality is just.

Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.





**We have to repent in this generation,
not merely for the hateful words and actions of bad people,
but for the appalling silence of good people.**

**Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability;
it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be coworkers with God,
and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally in the forces of social stagnation.**



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