

A MODERN IDOL

The Truth About "Martin Luther King, Jr."

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Discernment

It is absolutely essential that we know the truth of history in order to recognise the lies of propaganda and indoctrination. We need to study the Word of God so we can be freed from the deceptions of the world.

Deceiving the Nations

In the Book of Revelation, we read: *"Then I saw an angel coming down from Heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old who is the devil and satan and bound him for one thousand years and he cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more..."* Revelation 20:1-3. *"And war broke out in Heaven... that serpent of old, called the devil and satan, who deceives the whole world..."* Revelation 12:7. Satan is plainly deceiving the nations.

Indoctrination

Education teaches you **how** to think. Indoctrination teaches you **what** to think. The ability to think critically is becoming less and less common. We are being subjected to the greatest flood of misinformation and disinformation in the history of mankind.

Misinformation

Misinformation is error, either as a result of sincere mistakes, or typographical errors. Frequently trusting in unreliable sources results in misunderstanding the facts of a matter.

Disinformation

Disinformation is the intentional distortion of events, or issues. While misinformation is unintentional, disinformation is intentional. Communist governments established Departments of Disinformation to manufacture deceit and to confuse issues.

Truth

God is Truth. God's Word is Truth. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Under the Duties Required in the Ninth Commandment, the Westminster Larger Catechism lists: The duty of preserving and promoting Truth. The duty to stand for the truth and to do so from the heart. The duty to speak the truth and only the truth in matters of judgment and justice. The duty to speak the truth at all times. The duty to study and practice everything true, noble, lovely and of good report.

Deception

Under Sins Forbidden in the Ninth Commandment, the Westminster Standards include: The sin of giving false evidence. The sin of lying. The sin of concealing the truth. The sin of misconstruing intentions. The sin of exaggerating minor faults. The sin of perverting the truth to a wrong meaning.

You are Being Lied To

The Scripture teaches us that satan is deceiving the nations. If we find ourselves in full agreement with Hollywood and the United Nations, we need to stop and carefully consider where we have been deceived. If you agree with the world on the major issues, then satan has deceived you.

Propaganda

Propaganda, the calculated manipulation of public opinion to serve political and ideological interests is pervasive. Propaganda aims to do other peoples thinking for them. Propaganda today has moved into prop-agenda, not only controlling **what we think**, but **how we think**, and **what we think about**.

Twisting History

As Karl Marx declared: *"The first battlefield is the re-writing of history."*

Delusion

On almost any given day, you will be confronted with deception. The news media and entertainment industry use deceit as their stock and trade. One example of how Christians have bought into propaganda, is how many quote, with respect and even reverence, sayings attributed to *"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."*

Respected Authority

In recent months, I have received numerous communications from friends and respected colleagues, circulating quotes that were reported to have come from Martin Luther King. Key speakers at a Christian University graduation service repeatedly and profusely quoted from Martin Luther King. At a recent Ministers Conference, an overseas guest speaker quoted most positively from Martin Luther King.

Hijacking History

When I am speaking through an interpreter almost anywhere in Africa, when I mentioned the great German Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, inevitably the translator will say: *"Dr. Martin Luther King!"* Many people, who are ignorant of the writings and teachings of the great Reformer who launched the Protestant Reformation, almost 500 years ago, quote regularly (and actually often erroneously), from *"Martin Luther King, Jr."* At many of our camps and courses, and during surveys on outreaches in shopping malls, we find people listing Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the greatest people who has ever lived, and as a leader that they greatly respect.

Researching the Facts

This led me to undertake some research to find out what are the facts behind this modern idol. This is what I found:

American Idol

Every January, the media go into a kind of frenzy of adulation for the so-called *"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."* King even has a national holiday declared in his honour, an honour accorded to no other American - not George Washington, not Thomas Jefferson, not even Abraham Lincoln. (Washington and Lincoln no longer have holidays - they share the generic-sounding *"Presidents' Day."*)

Sealed Files

A liberal judge has sealed the FBI files on King until the year 2027. What are they hiding? Let us take a look at this modern-day idol.

Michael King

Born in 1929, King was the son of a Black preacher known at the time only as "Daddy King." "Daddy King" named his son Michael. In 1935, "Daddy King" had an inspiration to name himself after the great Protestant Reformer Dr. Martin Luther. He declared to his congregation that henceforth they were to refer to him as "Martin Luther King" and to his son as "Martin Luther King, Jr." None of this name changing was ever legalized in court. "Daddy King's" son's real name is to this day Michael King.

A Pattern of Plagiarism

We read in Michael Hoffman's *Holiday for a Cheater*:

According to the testimony of King's best friend of that time, Reverend Larry H. Williams, the first public sermon that King ever gave in 1947, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, was plagiarised from a homily by Protestant clergyman Harry Emerson Fosdick, entitled *Life is What You Make It*.

The first book that King wrote, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was plagiarised from numerous sources, all unattributed, according to documentation recently assembled by sympathetic King scholars Keith D. Miller, Ira G. Zepp, Jr., and David J. Garrow.

No less an authoritative source than the four senior editors of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (an official publication of the Martin Luther King Centre for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., whose staff includes King's widow, Coretta), stated of King's writings at both Boston University and Crozer Theological Seminary: "*Judged retroactively by the standards of academic scholarship, (his writings) are tragically flawed by numerous instances of plagiarism... Appropriated passages are particularly evident in his writings in his major field of graduate study, Systematic Theology.*"

King's essay, *The Place of Reason and Experience in Finding God*, written at Crozer, pirated passages from the work of Theologian Edgar S. Brightman, author of *The Finding of God*.

Another of King's theses, *Contemporary Continental Theology*, written shortly after he entered Boston University, was largely stolen from a book by Walter Marshall Horton.

King's doctoral dissertation, *A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Harry Nelson Wieman*, for which he was awarded a PhD in Theology, contains more than fifty complete sentences plagiarized from the PhD dissertation of Dr. Jack Boozer, *The Place of Reason in Paul Tillich's Concept of God*.

According to ***The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.***, in King's dissertation "*only 49% of sentences in the section on Tillich contain five or more words that were King's own....*"!

In *The Journal of American History*, June 1991, page 87, David J. Garrow, a leftist academic who is sympathetic to King, says that King's wife, Coretta Scott King, who also served as his secretary, was an accomplice in his repeated cheating. (***King's Plagiarism: Imitation, Insecurity and Transformation***, *The Journal of American History*, June 1991, p. 87)

Reading Garrow's article, one is led to the inescapable conclusion that King cheated because he had chosen for himself a political role in which a PhD would be useful, and, lacking the intellectual ability to obtain the title fairly, went after it by any means necessary.

Academic Failure

Why, then, one might ask, did the professors at Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University grant him passing grades and a PhD? Garrow states on page 89: "*King's academic compositions, especially at Boston University, were almost without exception little more than summary descriptions... and comparisons of other's writings. Nonetheless, the papers almost always received desirable letter grades, strongly suggesting that King's professors did not expect more....*" The editors of *The Martin Luther King Jr. Papers* state that "...the failure of King's teachers to notice his pattern of textual appropriation is somewhat remarkable...."

Political Agenda

Researcher Michael Hoffman tells us "...actually the malfeasance of the professors is not at all remarkable. King was politically correct, he was Black, and he had political ambitions. The leftist [professors were] happy to award a doctorate to such a candidate no matter how much fraud was involved. Nor is it any wonder that it has taken forty years for the truth about King's record of nearly constant intellectual piracy to be made public."

Academic Fraud

Supposed scholars, who in reality shared King's vision of a racially mixed and Marxist America, purposely covered up his cheating for decades. The cover-up still continues. From the *New York Times* of October 11, 1991, page 15, we learn that on October 10th of that year, a committee of researchers at Boston University admitted that, "*There is no question, but that Dr. King plagiarised in the dissertation.*" However, despite its finding, the committee said that "*No thought should be given to the revocation of Dr. King's doctoral degree,*" an action the panel said "*would serve no purpose.*"

Academic Integrity

No purpose, indeed! Justice and academic integrity demands that, in light of his wilful fraud as a student, the "*reverend*" and the "*doctor*" should be removed from King's name.

Communist Connections

King was not a legitimate reverend, he was not a bona fide PhD, and his name was not really "*Martin Luther King, Jr.*" What is left? Just a sexual degenerate with a Marxist agenda. On Labour Day, 1957, a special meeting was attended by Martin Luther King and four others at a strange institution called the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee. The Highlander Folk School was a Communist front, having been founded by Myles Horton (Communist Party organizer for Tennessee) and Don West (Communist Party organizer for North Carolina). The leaders of this meeting with King, were Horton and West, along with Abner Berry and James Dumbrowski, all open and acknowledged members of the Communist Party, USA. The agenda of the meeting was a plan to tour the Southern states to initiate demonstrations and riots.

Rustin

From 1955 to 1960, Martin Luther King's associate, advisor, and personal secretary was Bayard Rustin. In 1936 Rustin joined the Young Communist League at New York City College. Convicted of draft-dodging, he went to prison for two years in 1944. On January 23, 1953 the *Los Angeles Times* reported his conviction and sentencing to jail for 60 days for lewd vagrancy and homosexual perversion. Rustin attended the 16th Convention of the Communist Party, USA in February, 1957.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

One month later, he and King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or SCLC for short. The president of the SCLC was Martin Luther King, Jr. The vice-president of the SCLC was the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, who was also the president of an identified Communist

front known as the Southern Conference Educational Fund, an organisation whose field director, a Mr. Carl Braden, was simultaneously a national sponsor of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. The program director of the SCLC was Andrew Young, later Jimmy Carter's ambassador to the UN and mayor of Atlanta.

The Soviet Connection

Soon after returning from a trip to Moscow in 1958, Rustin organized the first of King's famous marches on Washington. The official organ of the Communist Party, *The Worker*, openly declared the march to be a Communist project. Although he left King's employ as secretary in 1961, Rustin was called upon by King to be second in command of the much larger march on Washington which took place on August 28, 1963.

Duplicity

Bayard Rustin's replacement in 1961 as secretary and advisor to King was Jack O'Dell, also known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. According to official records, in 1962 Jack O'Dell was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA. He had been listed as a Communist Party member as early as 1956. O'Dell was also given the job of acting executive director for SCLC activities for the entire Southeast, according to the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* of October 26, 1962. When word of O'Dell's party membership became known, King fired O'Dell with much fanfare. He then, without the fanfare, immediately re-hired him again as director of the New York office of the SCLC, as confirmed by the *Richmond News-Leader* of September 27, 1963.

The China Connection

In 1963 a Black man from Monroe, North Carolina named Robert Williams made a trip to Peking, China. Exactly 20 days before King's 1963 march on Washington, Williams successfully urged Mao Tse-Tung to speak out on behalf of King's movement.

The Cuban Connection

Mr. Williams was also around this time maintaining his primary residence in Cuba, from which he made regular broadcasts to the southern US, three times a week, from high-power AM transmitters in Havana under the title *Radio Free Dixie*. In these broadcasts, he urged violent attacks by Blacks against White Americans. During this period, Williams wrote a book entitled ***Negroes With Guns***. The writer of the Foreword for this book? None other than Martin Luther King, Jr. It is also interesting to note that the editors and publishers of this book were all supporters of the infamous Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Revolution

According to King's biographer and sympathizer David J. Garrow, "*King privately described himself as a Marxist.*" In his 1981 book, ***The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.***, Garrow quotes King as saying in SCLC staff meetings, "*...we have moved into a new era, which must be an era of Revolution.... The whole structure of American life must be changed.... We are engaged in the class struggle.*"

Levison

Stanley Levison can best be described as King's behind-the-scenes "*handler.*" Levison, who had for years been in charge of the secret funnelling of Soviet funds to the Communist Party, USA, was King's mentor and was actually the brains behind many of King's more successful ploys. It was Levison who edited King's book, ***Stride Toward Freedom***. It was Levison who arranged for a publisher. Levison even prepared King's income tax returns! It was Levison who really controlled the fund-raising and agitation activities of the SCLC. Levison wrote many of King's speeches. King described Levison as one of his "*closest friends.*"

FBI: King Bought Sex with SCLC Money

The Federal Bureau of Investigation had for many years been aware of Stanley Levison's Communist activities. It was Levison's close association with King that brought about the initial FBI interest in King. Lest you be tempted to believe the controlled media's lie about "racists" in the FBI being out to "get" King, you should be aware that the man most responsible for the FBI's probe of King was Assistant Director William C. Sullivan. Sullivan describes himself as a liberal, and says that initially "*I was one hundred per cent for King...because I saw him as an effective and badly needed leader for the Black people in their desire for civil rights.*" The probe of King not only confirmed their suspicions about King's Communist beliefs and associations, but it also revealed King to be a hypocrite, an immoral degenerate, and a charlatan.

Embezzlement

According to Assistant Director Sullivan, who had direct access to the surveillance files on King which are denied the American people, King had embezzled, or misapplied, substantial amounts of money contributed to the "*civil rights*" movement. King used SCLC funds to pay for liquor, and numerous prostitutes, both Black and White, who were brought to his hotel rooms, often two at a time, for drunken sex parties which sometimes lasted for several days. These types of activities were normative for King's speaking and organizing tours.

Whoremongering

The National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, which is putting on display the two bedrooms from the Lorraine Motel where King stayed the night before he was shot, has declined to depict in any way the "*occupants*" of those rooms. That "*according to exhibit designer Gerard Eisterhold*" would be "*close to blasphemy.*" The reason? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spent his last night on earth having sex with two women at the motel and physically beating and abusing a third.

Adulterous Affairs

Sullivan also stated that King had alienated the affections of numerous married women. According to Sullivan, who in 30 years with the Bureau had seen everything there was to be seen of the steamy side of life, King was one of seven people he had encountered who was a total degenerate.

Tactical Non-Violence

Noting the violence that almost invariably attended King's supposedly "*non-violent*" marches, Sullivan's probe revealed a very different King from the carefully crafted public image. King welcomed members of many different Black groups as members of his SCLC, many of them advocates and practitioners of violence. King's only admonition on the subject was that they should embrace "*tactical nonviolence.*"

The FBI Files on MLK

Sullivan also related an incident in which King met in a financial conference with Communist Party representatives, not knowing that one of the participants was an infiltrator actually working for the FBI. J. Edgar Hoover personally saw to it that documented information on King's Communist connections were forwarded to the President and to Congress. Conclusive information from FBI files was also provided to major newspapers and news wire services. Even in the 1960s, "*the controlled*" media and politicians were determined to push their racial mixing program on America. King was their man and nothing was allowed to get in their way. With a few minor exceptions, these facts have been kept from the American people. The pro-King propaganda machine grinds on, and many Christians publically quote MLK more prominently than many Bible passages.

The Agenda

What are the forces and motivation behind the controlled media's active promotion of King? What does it tell you about our politicians when you see them, almost without exception, falling all over themselves to honour King as a national hero? What does it tell you about our society when any public criticism of this very flawed individual is considered grounds for dismissal? What does it tell you about the controlled media when you see how they have successfully suppressed the truth and held out a picture of King that can only be described as propaganda?

Sources:

The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr. (an official publication of the Martin Luther King Centre for Nonviolent Social Change).

King's Plagiarism: Imitation, Insecurity and Transformation, *The Journal of American History*, June 1991, p. 87) David J. Garrow

New York Times of October 11, 1991, page 15.

The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr., David J. Garrow, (1981).

And The Walls Came Tumbling Down, Rev. Ralph Abernathy (1989)

www.martinlutherking.org

THE SEALED FBI FILES ON MLK

King was under FBI surveillance for several years (until he died) due to his ties with communist organizations throughout the country. King accepted money from the organizations to fund his movements. In return, King had to appoint communist leaders to run certain districts of his SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), who then could project their communist ideas to larger audiences. A federal judge in the 60's ruled that the FBI files on King's links to communism to remain top-secret until 2027. Senator Jesse Helms appealed to the Supreme Court in 1983 to release the files, so the current bill in the Senate to create the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday could be abolished. He was denied.

He was christened Michael King at birth on January 13, 1929.

King's famous 'I Have A Dream' speech was not his own. In both letter and spirit, the rousing conclusion of King's most famous speech borrows, without attribution, from one given eleven years earlier by family friend Archibald Carey at the 1952 Republican National Convention: [I Have a Dream](#)

While gathering and collating King's writings for publication in the late 1980s, the editors of Stanford University's [Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project](#) discovered "extensive plagiaries" in his academic papers, including his 1955 doctoral dissertation. All these instances of plagiarism had apparently escaped detection during King's lifetime, even by his dissertation supervisors at Boston University.

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Sources:

[The FBI and Martin Luther King](#), by David J. Garrow, *Atlantic Monthly*, July/August 2002

[Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project](#), Stanford University

[Proclamation: Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday](#), White House press release, 14 January 1994

Martin Luther King, Jr., by Peter J. Ling. Routledge: 2002.

And The Walls Came Tumbling Down, by Ralph David Abernathy. HarperCollins: 1991.

www.worldaffairsbrief.com

See related articles:

[The Worst Hypocrites in History](#)

[How Propaganda Changes Perceptions and People](#)

[Dealing with Deceit](#)

[A World War of Worldviews](#)

[Humanists are Hypocrites](#)

[Beware Lest Anyone Cheat You](#)

[Guilt Manipulation Vs. Real Repentance](#)

Several of these articles can also be viewed as PowerPoint Presentations on [Slideshare](#).

Audio CDs of these messages are also available from: **Christian Liberty Books**, PO Box 358, Howard Place 7450, Cape Town, South Africa, tel: 021-689-7478, email:

admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za and website: www.christianlibertybooks.co.za.

Dr. Peter Hammond

Frontline Fellowship

P.O. Box 74 Newlands 7725 Cape Town South Africa

Tel: 021-689-4480

Email: mission@frontline.org.za

Website: www.frontline.org.za

www.ReformationSa.org

www.Reformation500.org

