

Join a Group Reading of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s:
1967 SPEECH "BEYOND VIETNAM"
MLK DAY: MON. JAN. 17th - 5pm



"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 "Beyond Vietnam:
 A Time to Break Silence"
 Riverside Church, New York City
 April 4, 1967

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"I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic, destructive suction tube. So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

[Today the U.S. has replaced "Vietnam" with Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and beyond.]



Stop the Wars! Cut War Spending! Fund Human Needs!

Martin Luther King: Beyond Vietnam

"The war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit...."

"In 1957 a sensitive American official overseas said that it seemed to him that our nation was on the wrong side of a world revolution."

In the haunting words of the late John F. Kennedy: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.' Increasingly, by choice or by accident, this is the role our nation has taken, the role of those who make peaceful revolution impossible by refusing to give up the privileges and the pleasures that come from the immense profits of overseas investments."

"I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin, we must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

"A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies."

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

