



# “War is NOT the Answer.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## On the 81st Anniversary of Dr. King's Birthday

Below are excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence* (4/4/1967)

King's words are amazingly relevant to the current wars on Afghanistan and Iraq.

“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.”

***(Now: “One in eight Americans, and one in four children, are on food stamps. Some six million Americans have said that food stamps were their only income.” – New York Times, 1/5/2010. Our government has spent \$950 billions on the wars. The share of war cost for each Rockland family is \$20,000 so far!)***

“We increased our troop commitments in support of governments which were singularly corrupt, inept and without popular support. All the while the people read our leaflets and received regular promises of peace and democracy. Now they languish under our bombs and consider us -- not their fellow Vietnamese --the real enemy.”

***(Now: “The bulk of the insurgency fights not for the white banner of the Taliban, but rather against the presence of foreign soldiers.” – Matthew Hoh, senior US official in Afghanistan, who resigned in Sept. 2009, to protest the war.)***

**To save** our country from spiraling down the self-destructive path of permanent war, we must demand that our government: **1. stop waging war, 2. start just foreign policies, 3. rebuild our economy.**



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