

### *When Will (Did) You Die?*

This week marks the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's most remarkable leaders, who was shot down on April 4, 1968, by a conspiracy of some of the most abominable traitors this country has ever known, including FBI head J. Edgar Hoover. Along with the British-sponsored murder of John Kennedy five years earlier, and Robert Kennedy, two months after King, the elimination of Dr. King consolidated a process of rapid devolution of the United States, from which we have yet to recover.

What was the quality of Martin Luther King, that our citizens, and most definitely our leaders, have lost today? Listen, and reflect, as he speaks to us across the decades:

"You may be 38 years old, as I happen to be. And one day some great opportunity stands before you and calls you to stand up for some great principle, some great issue, some great cause. And you refuse to do it because you are afraid. . . . You refuse to do it because you want to live longer. . . . You're afraid because you will lose your job, or you are afraid that you will be criticized and will lose your popularity, or you're afraid that somebody will stab you, or shoot at you, or bomb your house, so you refuse to take that stand.

"Well, you may go on and live until you are 90, but you will be just as dead at 38 as you would be at 90. And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit. You died when you refused to stand up for right. You died when you refused to stand up for truth. You died when you refused to stand up for justice."

Rev. King gave that speech at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta in November of 1967, a few months before his courageous leadership in expanding what we known as a "civil rights" strug-

gle into a full-blown battle against the disastrous war in Vietnam and overall attack on the living standards of the American working population, white and black alike, triggered his enemies to act. His *potential* to break through as a great national leader for all Americans, led him to be cut down with the approval of the very same evil forces that killed the Kennedys.

Today, those who claim that expanded "sexual" rights and the occupancy of the Oval Office by a dark-skinned President represent the realization of Dr. King's dream are spitting on his grave. On the contrary, most American leaders—outside the LaRouche movement and those collaborating with us—have given up even striving for a human identity, fighting against the powerful financial (oligarchical) forces which control our planet, for the benefit of all humanity. Empires, like that which the British monarchy stands at the head of today, are perfectly happy to see the spread of "sexual freedoms," as long as they go unchallenged in their determination to maintain power in a depopulated, dumbed-down world.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity," Dr. King declared. He was demanding that his fellow citizens act as world historical leaders, and achieve the kind of society worthy of human dignity for *all* mankind. That kind of action meant sacrifice in the short term for the individual, but would result in the survival of the noble ideas for which they fought, eternally.

This is not a timeless goal. The world right now stands on the brink of an abyss, with nuclear war and the economic murder of whole nations staring us in the face. Either we take up Dr. King's challenge now, or there may not be another chance.