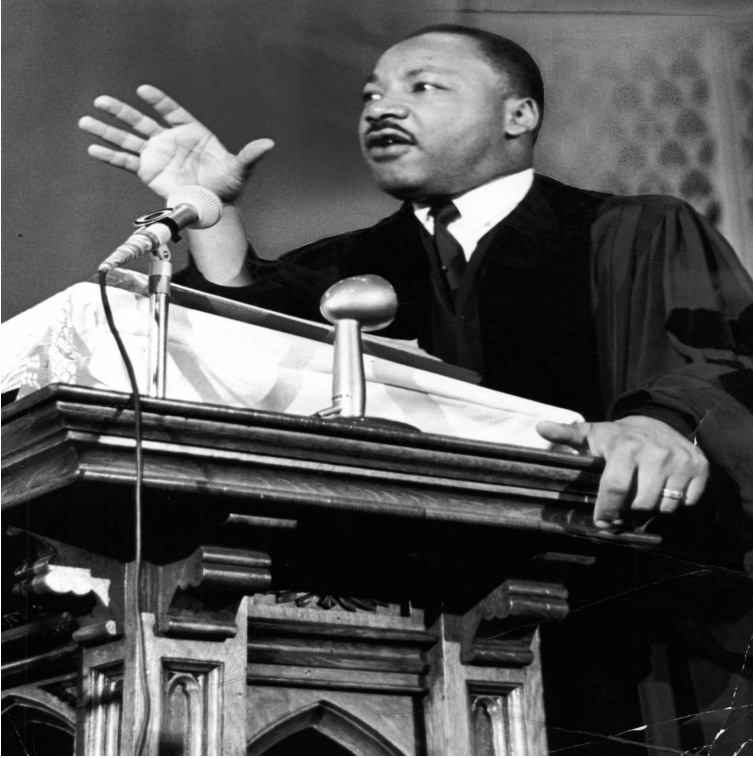


Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr



Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most prominent leader of the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, to the Reverend Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams King. King's legal name at birth was Michael Luther King, Jr., but he later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the tradition of naming the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the most prominent leader of the American civil rights movement, on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the second floor of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December 1955 until April 4, 1968, he led the U.S. Civil Rights Movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King became a well-known civil rights leader in 1955, when he urged people to boycott, or stop riding, of city buses to protest the arrest of Rosa Parks. The obituary, which was published on April 5, 1968, celebrated the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a prophet of a crusade for racial equality. We call him MLK; MLK Jr.; and Dr. King. For some reason we rarely call him the Reverend. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made several visits to Oberlin during the Civil Rights Movement. King's first official visit to Oberlin, in February of 1964, was his last. Fifty years ago today, we lost one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time. The death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sent shock waves. As we commemorate the life and works of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his assassination, it's worth contemplating. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. was in Miami when he had a meeting with film producer Abby Mann, who was contemplating a movie biography about King. In the 1960s, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spent much time visiting Oberlin and at one point renting a home in Chicago to help with open housing. Today is Martin Luther King Jr.'s 84th birthday. ABC News Internet Ventures. All rights reserved. The Life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. +. ? Historians and biographers have spent much ink celebrating and interrogating the life and influence of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 50 years. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated 50 years ago on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., considered one of the greatest Americans to ever live, was assassinated 50 years ago on a balcony at the Lorraine Motel. 28 file photo, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, addresses marchers during his "I Have a Dream" speech. On April 4, 1968, a movement lost its leader when the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. But four children.

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