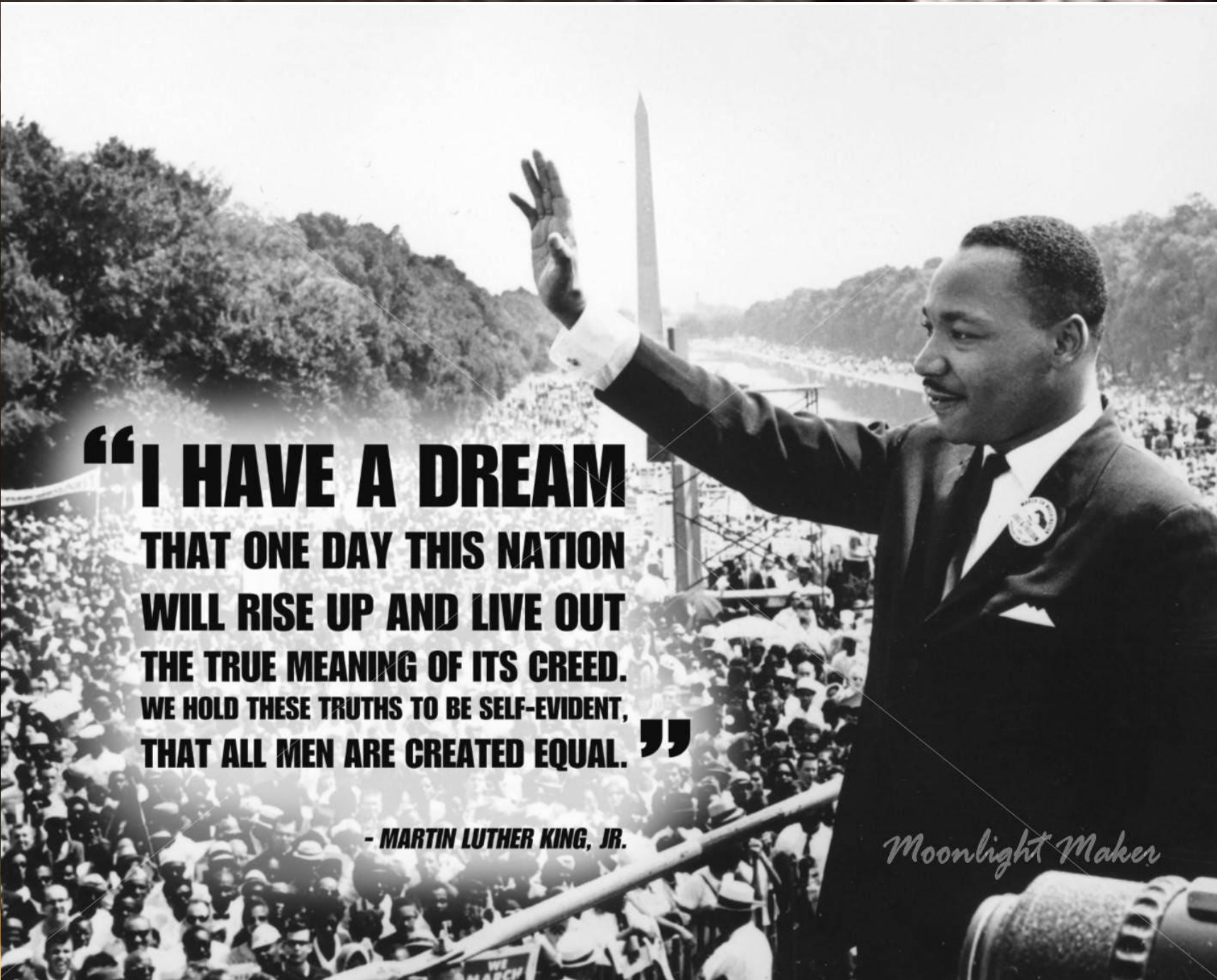




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- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Moonlight Maker

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James 2:1-13

James 2:1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

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Acts 10:34 “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

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- Favoritism in verse 1 is plural
- The combination of two words – the verb “to receive” and the noun “face”
- The word is unique to the Christian faith.



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Ways in which we show favoritism:

- a) Appearance
- b) Ancestry
- c) Achievement
- d) Age
- e) Accent
- f) Affluence

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² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

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⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

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⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

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¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

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¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.