

Myth of the Binary God



Nebuchadnezzar was the Hitler of his day...



Jeremiah calls Nebuchadnezzar a
“monster”



- Jeremiah 51:34

Habakkuk hearing God will work with
the Nazis (Babylonians) of his day...



Revelation code word: Babylon—
enemy of God's people



Nebuchadnezzar and genocide of the Jews



- 2 Chron 36:17

Nebuchadnezzar sings “How Great Thou Art”



³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;

his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

Celebrating Osama bin Laden's death

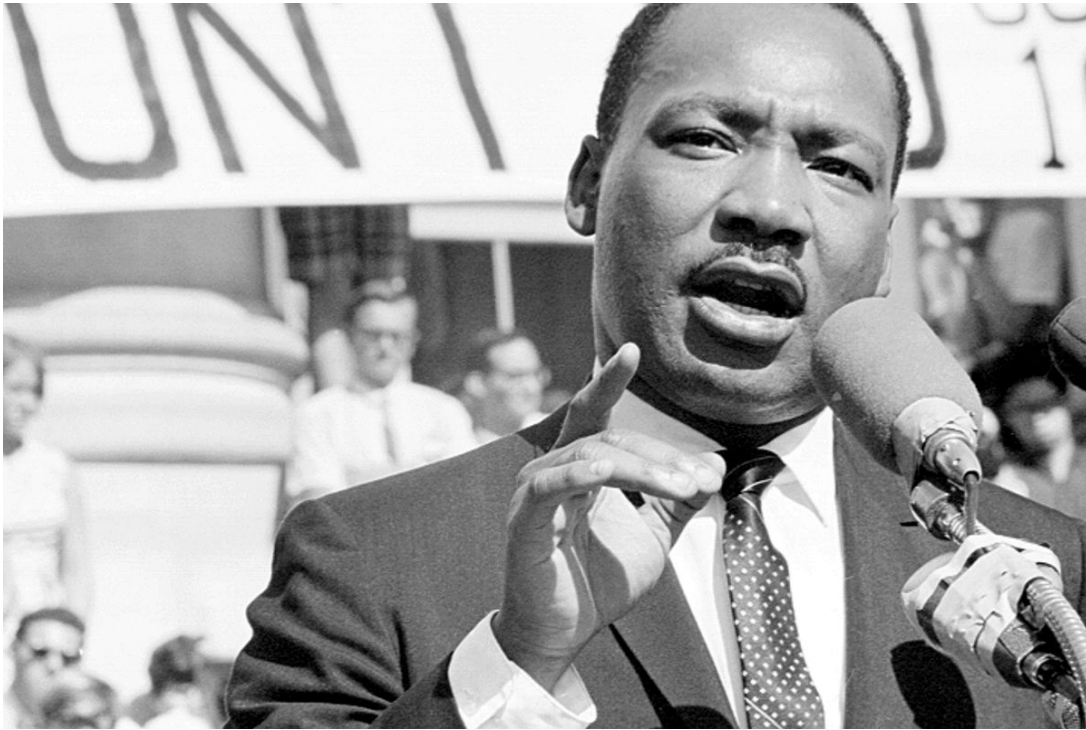


Ezekiel 33:11a



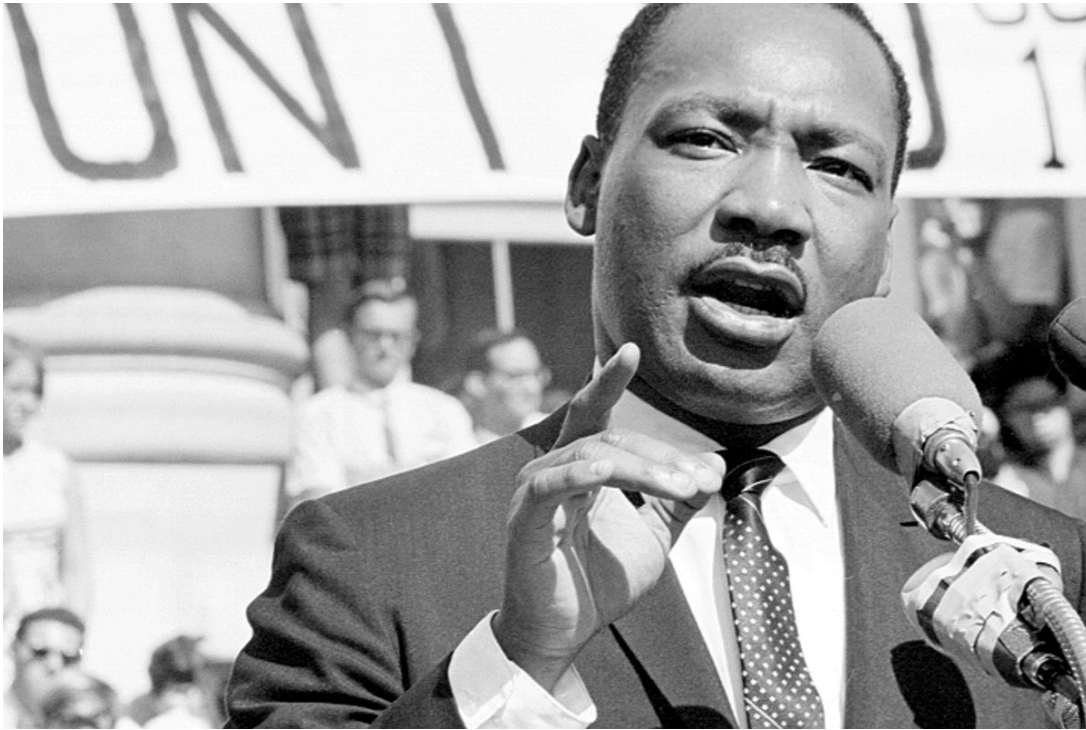
Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked...'

“Sublimation”



- Substituting a mature response for natural response

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“But religion gives you the art of sublimation and so you don’t repress your emotions, you substitute the positive for the negative of repression... and that is what religion gives us when we go unto Christ.”

Living in 2020...

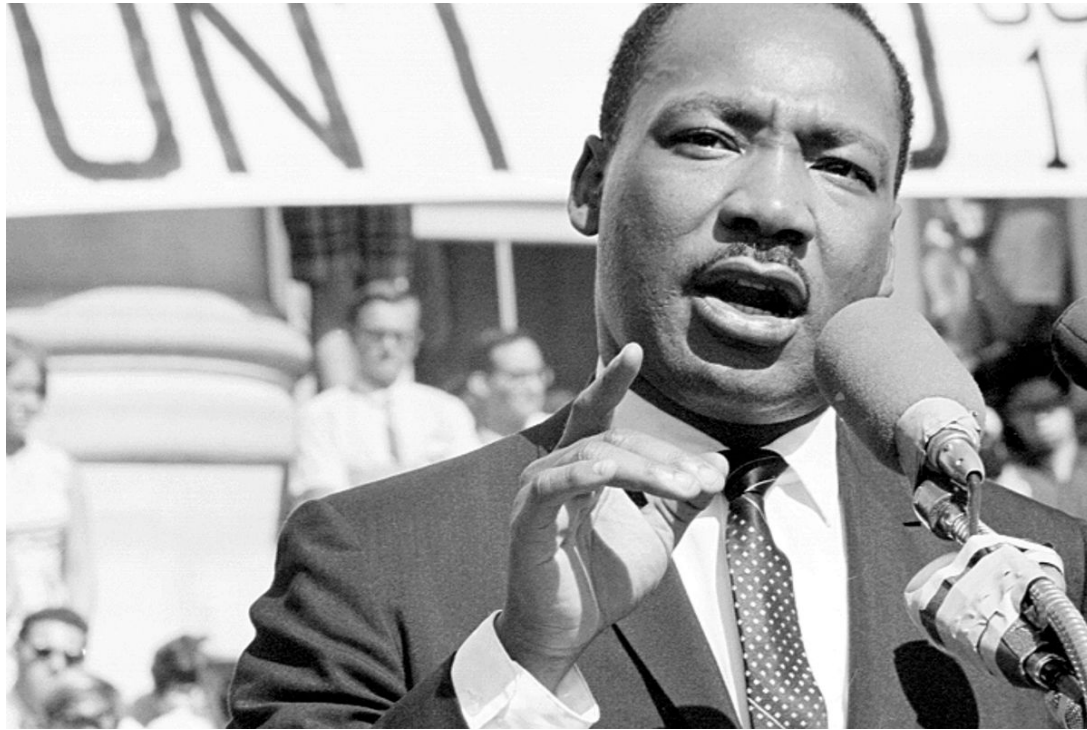


- Record fires
- Ran out of alphabetical names for storms
- Covid
- Economy
- Political divide...

Jane Carson-Sandler confronting the Golden State Killer



MLK refusing to hate...



“I begin to think about the viciousness of the people who would bomb my home. I could feel the anger rising when I realized that my wife and baby could have been killed... I was once more on the verge of corroding hatred.” But “once more I caught myself and said, ‘You must not allow yourself to become bitter.’”

1. Loving one's enemy is not natural

- It calls for the super-natural power of the Holy Spirit to do it

2. Forgiving is not necessarily absolving someone of their consequences

- We may forgive the Golden State Killer, but he is still going to prison

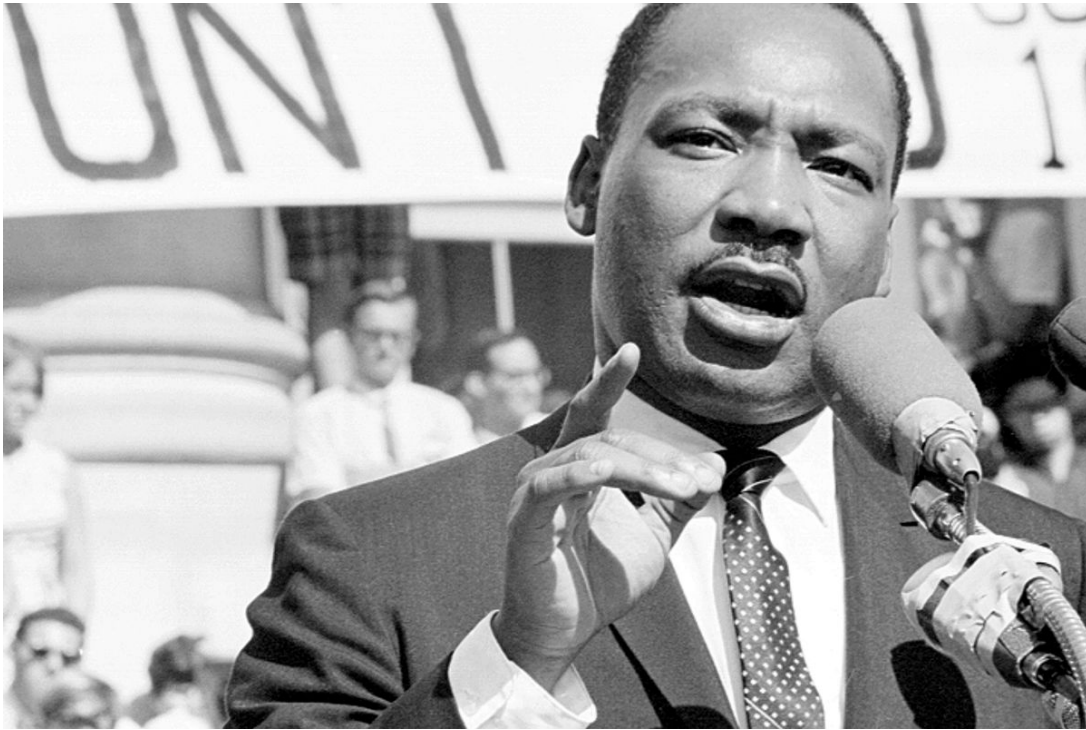
3. Forgiving doesn't mean the offending action is now "ok"

- When we forgive, we often feel compelled to say, "That's ok" when it really isn't...
- Loving our enemies isn't saying what they're doing is "ok" when it isn't...

4. Forgiving someone is not the same as loving them...

- Forgiveness is releasing someone from my hate or need for vengeance
- Loving someone is actually wishing them well

5. Loving our enemies doesn't mean we necessarily "like" them



There may be little to nothing to like in our enemies, and loving them doesn't mean I like what all they're about.

Binary—two choices



A soap opera about wealthy, eccentric people totally explains America...



2 Peter 3:11 response to 2020



“what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...?” NASB

The Presidential Debate America Voted For...



Romans 12:14



Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Jeffrey Dahmer



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“But no matter what I did, I could not undo the terrible harm I have caused. My attempt to help identify the remains was the best that I could do and that was hardly anything. I feel so bad for what I did to those poor families, and I understand their rightful hate. I know I will be in prison for the rest of my life. I know that I will have to turn to God to help me get through each day. I should have stayed with God. I tried and failed and created a holocaust.”

Jeffrey Dahmer



“Thank God there will be no more harm that I can do. I believe that only the Lord Jesus Christ can save me from my sins”.

Competed for "Most Evil King" Award



But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.

-2 Chronicles 33:9