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The best words to describe the assination of Martin Luther King are those that I received ~~yesterday~~ from a couple in Maseru, Lesotho. The words are that he was such a good man and because of that, the good in man came out in all its glory. He was such a good man, and because of that, the evil in man came out in all its fury. Reverand Martin Luther King, Jr., a man born of a Black ~~sharecropper~~ skin in a nation where that was looked upon as a crime. Martin Luther King, Jrs., born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. ~~Atlanta, Georgia~~ - a state known well for its oppression of Black Americans. ~~Georgia is a southern state in America in the same category as Mississippi, Alabama, Louisianna and Tennessee.~~ ~~Martin Luther King grew up under the racism of the white majority.~~ It was inevitable that he should want to correct the injustices suffered by his Black brothers and sisters in America. As he grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, he finished highschool and attended Morehouse University. After graduation, he went on the receive his PhD from Harvard University. Dr. King began on his road to international fame when he challenged the white segregation of Montgomery, Alabama, where Blacks, among other things, had to ride in the back of the bus provided for public transportation, reserving ~~other~~ the seats up front for whites. Dr. King and his followers organized the Black citizens of Montgomery and

boycotted the bus company. This financially hurt the owners of the bus company so badly that the segregation of Black and white passengers was wiped away. The Black mans' struggle for freedom was now in motion again and Dr. King took his fight to other American cities challenging segregation and discrimination in all areas of American life. The movement grew and so did Dr. King, as his name became the symbol of the Black mans' struggle for freedom in America. Dr. King was a philosopher. He adopted the philosophy of non-violence. to obtain the freedom he so eloquently articulated. He preached peace and love to all who listened and unfortunately some did not listen and some of those who listened did not act. Dr. King preached non-violence to his Afro-American people in spite of the hatred and brutality directed at them. And we followed him. We suffered with him. We were spat on, kicked, beaten, hosed down with powerful forces of water, prodded by police using electric prods, put in jail and murdered. We, as Afro-Americans, suffered with Dr. King the atrocities of white oppresion. He was our leader, the symbol of our struggle. ~~He taught his philosophy of non-violence.~~ Dr. King was an orator. He grew up under a father who was a Baptist minister. Dr. King himself became a Baptist minister and delivered firely sermons from the pulpit thatwould send the congregation shouting and stomping with emotion. Dr. King's speeches on civil rights were

just as potent as his Sunday sermons. They reached way down to the soul of every Black American and made him share Dr. King's dream that one day the American Black man would break all the chains of slavery and would one day be completely free. Dr. King took his message to every corner of America to both Black and whites. He inspired not only the Black Americans but some of the whites as well. Some whites began to take an active part in the Civil Rights Movement.] Dr. King was a husband and a father. He was survived by his wife and 4 children. His wife also took an active part in the struggle along with her husband. She often joined him on marches and she would use her singing talent to raise money to support the struggle by giving concerts throughout America.] Dr. King was an author. As he took time out from his busy schedule to write a book entitled "Strive Toward Freedom" (and Manner of Man). Dr. King was a Man, a man of men. He chose to fight for those things that ~~our~~ are just, according to God. ~~and he chose to fight in the same manner that Jesus Christ would have fought.~~ Dr. King was America's conscience. Dr. King is America's conscience. Dr. King is the conscience of mankind and we will never let mankind forget. Dr. King is the sanity of America. ~~and that sanity must not die with Martin Luther King. But there is no turning back.~~ The Black mans'

struggle against white domination will continue until we are completely free. Dr. King led us down the road of non-violence to achieve this goal. ~~Will his absence on earth cause us to take another course.~~ ~~So we say goodby to this great man.~~ He has left the struggle now. Gone to join Malcolm X, Medgar Evers and the countless numbers of Black Americans who perished from the earth at the hands of white racism. ~~Rest in peace, my bro-thers.~~ May They Rest In Peace.