

# The Legacy That Changed the World

## Introduction

Pasquale De Marco has spent many years studying the Civil Rights Movement and the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. In this *The Legacy That Changed the World*, Pasquale De Marco shares a deep understanding of the key events, people, and ideas that shaped the movement and King's legacy.

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*The Legacy That Changed the World* is an essential resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement and the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Pasquale De Marco provides a clear and concise overview of the movement, while also offering a deep understanding of the key events, people, and ideas that shaped it. This book is a valuable addition to the bookshelf of any student, teacher, or historian of the Civil Rights Movement.

This book is divided into 10 chapters, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the Civil Rights

Movement. The chapters are arranged chronologically, so that readers can follow the development of the movement over time. Each chapter is also divided into several sections, which cover specific events, people, or ideas.

This book is written in a clear and concise style, making it accessible to a wide range of readers. The book is also well-researched and documented, making it a valuable resource for students and scholars.

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# Chapter 1: The Seeds of Change

## Topic 1: A troubled childhood

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. His father, Martin Luther King, Sr., was a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and his mother, Alberta Williams King, was a schoolteacher. King had a troubled childhood. His parents divorced when he was young, and he was raised by his maternal grandmother. He was often bullied by other children because of his dark skin and his father's position as a prominent civil rights leader.

Despite these challenges, King was a bright and inquisitive child. He skipped two grades in elementary school and entered Morehouse College at the age of 15. At Morehouse, King studied sociology and philosophy and became involved in the civil rights movement. He joined the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People (NAACP) and participated in sit-ins and other nonviolent protests.

After graduating from Morehouse, King attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. There, he met his wife, Coretta Scott. The couple had four children together. King was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1954 and returned to Montgomery, Alabama, to serve as pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

King's early life experiences had a profound impact on his development as a civil rights leader. He witnessed firsthand the injustices faced by African Americans in the South. He also learned the importance of nonviolence and civil disobedience from his father and other civil rights leaders. These experiences shaped King's philosophy of nonviolent resistance and his commitment to fighting for racial equality.

# Chapter 1: The Seeds of Change

## Topic 2: Growing up in the shadow of segregation

Growing up in the shadow of segregation, Martin Luther King, Jr. witnessed firsthand the injustices and indignities faced by African Americans in the United States. He saw how black people were denied basic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to equal education, and the right to fair housing. He saw how black people were subjected to violence, intimidation, and discrimination simply because of the color of their skin.

King's experiences growing up in the segregated South had a profound impact on his life and his work. They inspired him to become a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and to fight for justice and equality for all Americans.

One of the most important lessons that King learned from his experiences growing up in the shadow of segregation was the importance of nonviolence. He believed that violence only begets more violence, and that the only way to achieve lasting change was through peaceful means.

King's commitment to nonviolence was tested many times throughout his life. He was beaten, jailed, and even threatened with death. But he never wavered in his belief that nonviolence was the only way to achieve true justice.

King's message of nonviolence and love inspired millions of people around the world. He showed that it is possible to overcome even the most entrenched forms of injustice and discrimination through peaceful means. King's legacy continues to inspire people today to fight for justice and equality for all.

Here are some specific examples of the segregation that King experienced growing up:

- He was forced to attend segregated schools, which were often inferior to white schools.
- He was not allowed to eat in the same restaurants as white people.
- He was not allowed to use the same bathrooms as white people.
- He was not allowed to vote in elections.

These experiences taught King the importance of fighting for justice and equality. He dedicated his life to working for the Civil Rights Movement, and his efforts helped to bring about major changes in American society.

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## Topic 3: The influence of education and religion

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. His father was a minister, and his mother was a schoolteacher. King was raised in a religious household, and he attended church regularly. He was also a good student, and he graduated from high school at the top of his class.

King went on to attend Morehouse College, a historically black college in Atlanta. At Morehouse, King studied sociology and philosophy. He was also active in the civil rights movement, and he led several protests against segregation.

After graduating from Morehouse, King attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. At Crozer, King studied theology and ethics. He was also ordained as a minister.

King's education had a profound influence on his life and work. He learned about the history of racism and discrimination in the United States, and he developed a deep commitment to social justice. King's religious beliefs also played a major role in his activism. He believed that all people are created equal, and he fought for the day when all people would be treated with dignity and respect.

King's education and religious beliefs gave him the strength and courage to fight for what he believed in. He was a tireless advocate for civil rights, and he helped to bring about many important changes in American society. King's legacy continues to inspire people around the world to fight for justice and equality.

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