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**BARACK OBAMA**  
**AND**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING**

Soon comes another celebration of a great man and his meaning. Dr. Martin Luther King was a civil rights leader, an inspiration in many ways without equal.

No matter the depth of racial injustice, Martin Luther King believed very much in the American spirit, the American dream as he termed it. He believed in opportunity for all regardless of race, especially regardless of race. Men of all colors, he told us, should be judged only by their character, how rich and deep the content of that character was. By little else, and certainly never by color. Color was skin deep, but character was the inner substance of this human being, what that person really was.

One can only wonder whether or not Martin Luther King believed, really believed that it was possible for a man or woman of color to become President of the United States. Perhaps he did, or perhaps he hoped so. But along came Barack Obama, a person of color to fulfill that dream. Barack Obama has become the first American President with skin color different from all other Presidents. The achievement is remarkable.

It says to all Americans, especially the young, that anything is possible, ANYTHING! One man African American told me that before Obama, the possibility of a man of color becoming President was nothing more than a cliché, empty words, white hypocrisy. Now, he said to me, he believed that anything was possible, ANYTHING!

America is indeed still the land of opportunity. The American dream lives no matter our problems. Opportunity continues no matter how bad the economy. Men and women of character, with values and standards, with courage and conviction now have opportunity perhaps more than ever. America desperately needs men and women with all such character to do, to lead, to communicate and restore. We are a nation in need of revival and restoration and we can only pray for leaders with character, leaders who really know the difference between right and wrong.

Opportunity without character is always subject to abuse. Our economy has been brutalized by men and women without character, without values, morals and standards. These leaders, decision makers have sought power, personal gain and profit without regard for others. So many have shown the world that they are men and women without character. They have learned to lie, cheat, defraud and otherwise corrupt the economics

of the great country in which we live. We have allowed that to happen and now we pay the price. We pay the price for entrusting billions of dollars to men and women without character. Nothing is more of an abuse to the American dream than that.

Barack Obama has seized the opportunity. He has begun to realize at least the first step of the fulfillment of the American dream. He is now our leader. He will make decisions that will influence the lives of literally millions of Americans and billions the world over. What an awesome responsibility, literally awesome for such a young man with somewhat limited political experience. But a man nonetheless that the majority of American voters feel is the right man to lead our great country. I pray he is.

Now we find out as Americans about the content of Obama's character. We will put him to the test as Martin Luther King would do. We will demand of him, regardless of color, that he be a President with character, with the highest values, standards and morality. We will expect of Barack Obama character which truly knows the difference between right and wrong. We will hope that his character will cleanse Washington, remove lies and hypocrisy and demand the highest possible character at work for everyone he chooses and everyone with whom he works. Martin Luther King would have it no other way. We will hope that Mr. Obama, President Obama is inspired by Martin Luther King, inspired by his life, his character and his values, all of which would have been so good for America. The more Obama is like King, THE BETTER PRESIDENT HE WILL BE!

May God bless America and may God bless Barack Obama.