

BLACK HISTORY MONTH and the American Experience

RELIGION

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.

— Martin Luther King Jr.



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In the Spirit of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Kaiser Permanente employee Tiffany Crumble bags rice at the Oregon Food Bank in northeast Portland as part of the "Day On Not A Day Off" commemoration of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Kaiser paid for Crumble and approximately 700 other employees to spend half a day serving their community at 16 local non-profit agencies, safety-net medical clinics and schools.

Evening of Negro Spirituals

With the growth and development of so many new music genres, the Negro spiritual faces the danger of being lost if not preserved for future generations.

As a means continuing the legacy of the spiritual, the Bethel AME Cathedral Choir will perform their annual concert, "An Evening of Negro Spirituals," on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave.

Concert leaders said the performance will retain the spirit of the "oral" spiritual and the style of the "concert" spiritual.



"Lord Guide my Feet" will be the theme of the musical concert "An Evening of Negro Spirituals" Sunday, Feb. 26 at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave.

Ask Deanna!



**Dear Deanna!**  
If a relationship is doing well and things are fine without marriage, why do women complain? I've been with my girlfriend for nine years and sometimes she rants about being legal and having a piece of paper justify our relationship. I feel it won't make any difference because we have love and neither one of us is going anywhere. --Ronnie; Beaumont, Texas

**Dear Ronnie:**  
So you want to sacrifice salvation for physical comfort? True, your courtship lasted longer than most marriages. If you love the relationship you should do the right thing and not fornicate by living the shacking lifestyle. Marriage will change things because you'll have the true blessing of God over your relationship as well as many marriage perks and benefits. After 9 years, quit playing and do the right thing.

**Dear Deanna!**  
I'm in prison and have been here for over 10 years. My children were babies when I left and my wife always throws it in my face that I never did anything for them. No I haven't paid child support or provided material things, but I can share wisdom. Now they've gone astray and she's blaming it on me. I feel I can help if she would only bring them to see me. --Anonymous;

Soledad Prison in Calif.

**Dear Anonymous:**  
Child support and material things don't raise children. Love, support, and wisdom along with discipline and faith lead children in the right way. She should be bringing those kids to visit you every chance she gets. A child seeing their father in prison is the ultimate tool to help them do right and stay out of trouble. When they visit, help them by keeping it real about the consequences of your misdeed that landed you in prison and took your life, your dreams and your family.

**Dear Deanna!**  
I spent so much time raising my kids that I lost myself in my marriage. Next thing you know, my husband files for divorce, takes the house, the money and the kids. Now he's taking me to court for child support and I don't think its right. I don't know what to do as a housewife with no education. --Jeanie; Paoli, Penn.

**Dear Jeanie:**  
If you had custody of those kids you would've beat the court doors off the hinges trying to get some money. Regardless of gender, absent parents should pay child support. Like being homeless, divorce is not an overnight thing and you should've seen it coming. You knew what you were working with. Like they tell men, stop whining, get a job and handle your business even if you have to flip a few burgers.

Ask Deanna is written by Deanna M. Write Ask Deanna! Email: askdeanna@yahoo.com or 264 S. LaCienega Blvd. Suite 1283 Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Website: www.askdeanna.com

King Orations Recorded Live

Famous orations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be presented during the devotional hour each Saturday at 9 a.m. at Irvington Village Community Room, 420 N.E. Mason St. at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Host Charles E. Long invites area residents to attend the orations, which were recorded live.

The free series begins Saturday, Feb. 18 and continues through April. For more information, call 503-546-9292.

Council Celebrates 42 Years

Portland's division of the National Council of Negro Women celebrates 42 years of community service this year with its 16th annual Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Portland Airport Ramada Inn.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune founded the National organization in 1935, as a way to unite those concerned with the welfare of African American women. The organization also promotes the unity of educational, cultural, economic, social and spiritual life in America.

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Reverend Matt Hennessee  
Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church  
3138 N. Vancouver Avenue - Portland, Oregon

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Barry Ray  
Christ Temple CME Church - Tacoma, Washington

SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY

Chosen Generation; Cary Simms;  
Julianne Johnson;  
Gloria Stidum & Calvin Allmon

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, February 13, 2006

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North Portland Bible College's

Third Annual Martin Luther King  
Lecture Series

will be presented on  
February 23, 2006 - 6 p.m.  
at Portland Community College  
Cascade Campus - Terrell Hall, room 122



"Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X:  
A Comparative Analysis"  
by  
Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr.

Dr. Haynes is highly qualified to do this series, not only through his scholarly studies, but also by personal involvement in the struggle. He holds degrees from the University of North Texas, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Christian University. His experience includes working in the Civil Rights Movement as Field Organizer for the Student Nonviolent Christian Leadership Conference (SNCC), as a leader in Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and as co-founder of the Black Panther Party of Texas.

Among other activities and responsibilities, Dr. Haynes serves as President of North Portland Bible College and is chairman of the Albina Ministerial Alliance's ad hoc committee: Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability.

Even a brief glance at the list of accomplishments of Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. will reveal a person uniquely qualified to speak about the struggle for justice and freedom, who continues not only the words but also the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Rev. Dr. Haynes, Jr.

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