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Well congratulations everyone, you have made it through another year. So have we at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Your tax-deductible contributions, your willingness to care and help has sustained us for another few months. We thank you immensely. So once again it's time to put away the party hats and get down with reality and by a reality,

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." -John Kennedy.

So let's remember someone who had his life taken away from us a long time ago. Just because he's gone, doesn't mean that he's really gone. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. maybe he is hiding in us waiting to come out. Maybe he's our greatest strength and we don't know it yet. Shouldn't we begin to know it. - Editor

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Stir it, UP!

Next show is

Wednesday January 10th at 3pm.

Our host Joshua Shurley and hopefully, Rabbi Rick as possible guest to follow up after Reza's appearance. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559) 237-3223 or check our website at

www.centerfornonviolence.org.

In December, our host Joshua Shurley engaged with activist and faith leader Hajj Reza Nekumanesh. They discussed the ongoing brutal onslaught against Palestinians and the intersectionality of struggle, connecting what happens abroad with the ways that vulnerable communities are marginalized here at home. To hear again go to:

<https://on.soundcloud.com/NRxRn>



We all know that Dr Martin Luther king Jr. was a man who gave his life to fight for justice for black and all people following God's teaching. Dr. King gave his life. Now every year there is a March in the street of Fresno to celebrate the history of Dr. King and all the sacrifices he made, along with other civil rights leaders. Yet there are tons of injustice taking place in the City of Fresno - *from Police Brutality, Homelessness, Unemployment, Inadequate Public Education, Environmental Racism, Bad Air Quality, Bad Water. The City of Fresno had received an All-American City award in June 2000 but the problem with the award is it does not include poor people. Back then, the ACLU, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and the Heller Ehrman law firm had to come into Fresno to File a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction in order to stop the relentless attacks on Fresno homeless residents* If Dr. King were alive today, I know he would have been on the front lines with us in Fresno denouncing The Fresno Police Department, Mayor, City Manager, Sanitation Department, and others for violating the constitutional rights of poor people. These people who say they believe in Dr. Martin Luther Kings Jr.'s life in put themselves in the front of the march and the microphone every year speaking about how wonderful he was, while they act totally opposite of Dr. King's legacy. If we are going to march for the celebration of Dr. King, then let's march for something that will bring justice to the community. Stop letting the government dictate how we organize or celebrate anyone's birthday. We will not march to feel good or to get some exercise, but we will march to demand FREEDOM, JUSTICE, PEACE and EQUALITY for all people. Once again, we are expected to march hand in hand with the politicians who are making life hell for people and those who DON'T GIVE A DAMN about

God's people when we Sing " WE SHALL OVER COME SOME DAY." When politician cannot stand up for you when you are being abused, then those representatives need to be recalled. Many politicians are well practiced turning a deaf ear to the Genocide going on in Gaza and the problems of this city, state, nation, and the world. What Dream are we living, or Freedom, Justice, Peace or where is the healing we need to begin that road to make that dream our need to live a happy and healthy life a reality?

I once dreamt that I and others were running away form something horrible and them I and some others tripped or fell over a fallen tree. When I stood up, I was filled with the realization that what I was running from only existed in my mind. It wasn't real and I started to laugh as did the others. We walked back to our village to continue our lives. I don't remember how difficult the rebuilding felt but it wasn't as fearful as the non-existent horror that chased us. As I get older, will there be tranquility in my time.

I cobbled this article from two articles written in the Community Alliance by Rev. Dr. Floyd Harris thoughts on the "white washing" being done by our city of the memory of Martin L. King Jr. on 2006 and 2017. Some things haven't changed. Yet... Editor