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In this era of constant conflict and violence, the hope of a secure world is seemingly unattainable. This is attributed to terrorism, inter-city crime, racial tensions, and poverty. Dr. Martin Luther King proposed a plan that, if implemented, had the potential to craft a secure world. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. insinuates, "The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined non-conformists who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood." Thus, a secure and livable world will be formed, second to none, when people begin to dedicate themselves exclusively to brotherhood, justice and tranquility; when communities begin to form legitimate organizations that are based on a genuine endeavor to help other people; and when nations begin to form more cooperative relationships amongst one another. Most importantly, a secure and livable world will become a reality when people truly organize themselves to overcome and overthrow the various evils that exist in this world. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is suggesting that we must voice our concerns, we must stand up, we must let our concerns be heard, and we must let the government know that injustice and inequality will no longer be tolerated under any circumstance.

According to Dr. Martin Luther JR. in order to form a secure and livable world we must utilize the government to enact legislation that will encourage and promote the configuration of brotherhoods. The complete abolishment of racism is imperative, to the goal of forming brotherhoods. Many people mistakenly believe that eradicating racism is about ensuring that people do not use racial epithets. When in reality, racism is the nefarious capability to militarily, economically, politically, and psychologically control, dominate, and subjugate another race, the impetus usually having its origins in a definite and undeniable hatred of that particular race. Racism is the act of controlling the fate of a race and it is using that control tyrannically, exploitatively, and detrimentally to that race. Thus, eradicating racism is mainly about restructuring the government, economy, and social attitudes of the United States. Thus when Martin Luther King JR spoke of the formation of brotherhood as a means of constructing a secure and livable world he was also speaking of the abolition of racism which causes disunity amongst humans.

Above all, Martin Luther King's quote conveys a fundamental truth; if we amass and congregate concerned and intellectual individualists who are dedicated to fighting injustice, intolerance, disunity and chaos---- the goal of a secure and livable world will become a reality. This will be achieved through collective networking of people who are serious about fighting injustices in the world and through people that have a serious commitment to strengthening brotherhoods and sisterhoods throughout the world. The individual of African descent who most exemplifies Dr Martin Luther King's words is Patrice Lumumba. The Congo was colonized by Belgium's who were searching for rubber and other resources that the Congo was rich in. Over 10 million Congolese were killed during the Belgium Colonization of the Congo. Patrice Lumumba was elected after overthrowing the tyrannical regime and securing the country's independence. Patrice Lumumba was an amazing martyr who endured great suffering and eventually death for refusing to renounce his beliefs. Patrice Lumumba worked to get the resources and wealth of his country out of the hands of imperialist and into the hands of the native people. Since Patrice Lumumba refused to denounce his African Nationalist beliefs while working to secure peace and justice in his country, he is a textbook case exemplifying the ideology expounded in Dr Martin Luther King's quote. In conclusion, the road to a secure and livable world must be led by independent individuals that refuse to comply with unjust laws and those who genuinely desire justice and peace.