

## A Dialogue with Dr. Martin Luther King

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“Hello Dr. King. Great to meet you. How are you doing?,” I said nervously. “I am fine son,” said Dr. King’s spirit. “Very happy to achieve more equality among human beings.” “Do you really believe this?,” I replied with exasperation. “There is rampant inequality again in this world. People are being discriminated based on their neurology. Please come back and fight for us. “Neurology based intolerance?,” gasped Dr. King. “Explain to me how it works.” “Well,” I shrugged. “It pretty much works the same way as racism. We autistics are deemed inferior. We are segregated into ghettos where there is no real education and no real hope. We are rendered powerless, so that others see us as offering no value to society. Is this how you envisioned one group of humans treating another?” “My God!” shuddered Dr. King. “It looks like no one learned the lessons post my demise. This calls for another revolution. Unfortunately, you will have to lead it son.” “Yes, we will,” I replied. “One typed letter by one typed letter.”

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