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Justice is a patriotic word. It is used too freely sometimes. It has been redefined though it can only be defined one way. Justice is doing what is right. The way people redefine justice delve into the question of is it legally just or is it morally just. Martin Luther King Jr. had defined it as doing what is morally right. He has seen the legal side of life and seen the truth behind laws; laws that are unjust. His stand on justice opened the minds of so many to the injustice that was being placed upon them. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." His own words reflect his work. He tried to bring justice to the world. When he saw laws as unjust he referred to this quote. Then the injustice was infringing on the justice. He wanted to get rid of the laws and regulation that prevented fairness in society.

In his time, his quote meant helping create equality among the races. Now it can mean to stand up when injustice seen so to help to create a better world. A world in which the symbol of blind justice is not just a symbol, but a way of life. We should not take the law word for word but see the morality in what ourselves and others are doing. Like King explains in *Letter From a Birmingham Jail* this does not mean to go out and hurt others because we feel it is necessary for justice. This means the people use their voices to convey the true justice. The people must determine that something has got to be done with the laws that created a fault in society. The people have knowledge of and stand up against the evil that injustice has brought upon the world.

The humanity of the world makes mistakes but the mistakes that create conflict are to be dealt with and responded to in a just way. The meaning of King's words have the same meaning today as they did then. They are timeless words that explain the reason for his actions. He did not break any just laws. If he has broken any laws they were not just laws and he was just fulfilling his duty as a citizen of the United States of putting down injustice.