

## #MoralResistance Quotations

Like William Loyd Garrison, we declare, "I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation. . . . I am in earnest -- I will not equivocate -- I will not excuse -- I will not retreat a single inch -- AND I WILL BE HEARD." We cannot stand down.

Like Frederick Douglas, let us be clear: ""Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe." We cannot stand down.

With Ella Baker, that great freedom fighter of the 20th century, let us say clearly: "In order for us as poor and oppressed people to become a part of a society that is meaningful, the system under which we now exist has to be radically changed. It means facing a system that does not lend itself to your needs and devising means by which you can change that system." We cannot stand down.

With the poet Jayne Cortez, let us steal ourselves and say,

If we don't fight  
If we don't resist  
If we don't organize and unify and  
Get the power to control our own lives  
Then we will wear  
The exaggerated look of submission  
The bizarre look of suicide  
The dehumanized look of fear  
And the decomposed look of repression  
Forever and ever and ever.

Fannie Lou Hammer if I fall I'm falling 5 feet 4 inches forward not backwards

Yes, with Dr. King we must confess that "there comes a time when silence is betrayal" and "they must have an enteral dissatisfaction with poverty, racism, materialism and militarism."

A time that we must say like Jesus, "woe unto to those who engage in religious practices but leave undone the weightier matters of love, justices mercy and faith."

And with the Apostle's letter to the Hebrews we must proclaim, "we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who preserver have faith and are saved."