

The King Star of Far Away Khemet
My Story for All Ages
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If you go to the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. as soon as you walk in the door you will see a large statue of this woman we call "Lady Justice." She is blindfolded. In her left hand, she holds a set of scales. In her right hand, a long sword. The scales represent truth, justice and fairness. The sword symbolizes the law that "Those who live by the sword will die by the sword."

Far away and a long time ago, there *is* a land called Khemet that lives in the heart of many people. The ancient Egyptians called their land and themselves Khemet, which in their tongue means "The Land of Blacks." In this land, there lives the *Mother* of Lady Justice – Her name is Ma'at. In statues of Ma'at, she is not blindfolded. Though She does hold the scales of justice, she does not carry a sword in her right hand. Instead, she carries a large, beautiful, ostrich feather.

In this far away land of Khemet, when a person has finished living a life on Earth, after they die, Ma'at weighs their heart on the scale to see if it is lighter or heavier than her ostrich feather. If the person's heart is lighter than the feather, she sends the soul of that person to a new place to live in peace, with joy and bliss, according to their choice. If the heart is heavier than the feather, she sends that person to school to learn some lessons that they will need for their next life.

Once upon a *Khemet* time, a man named Denmark Vessy lived on earth as a slave. He realized that this system was not fair or just. He decided to help the slaves get their freedom. Even though his ancestral mother had taught him that he should respect the lives of everyone on earth – it appeared that, the only way to win back his (and their) freedom was with violence and bloodshed. The sheriffs found out about his plan and killed him and all those who were planning to get their freedom. Although his intentions were good, his actions caused the death of a lot of innocent people and their families.

After he died, he stood before Ma'at to have his heart weighed. His heart was much heavier than the ostrich feather because he caused so much pain and suffering to many people and their families.

Ma'at sent him to school to study more about the peaceful ways of the ancient people of *Khemet*.

When he thought he had learned his lessons, he went back to Ma'at and she sent him back to Earth.

In this new *Khemet* life, this man was again born as a slave. This time his name was Nat Turner. He started this new life very well. He worked hard for his slave master. He did not hurt anyone. Still he wanted to help free the slaves. He secretly organized what would have been the biggest slave revolt in the history of America. His plan did not include hurting or destroying any other people.

But something went wrong. The people who were keeping him enslaved found out his secret plan. Once again, many good and innocent people and their families were destroyed.

Once again, after he died Ma'at found that his heart was still heavier than a feather. Ma'at sent him back to school.

This time his class included many books, personal development workshops in anger management, and go to therapy and healing sessions to help him learn his lessons.

Some of the books he read were written by or teachers such as: Jesus, the Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi, Ernest Holmes, Dick Gregory, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, the Vedic Scriptures, Emma Curtis Hopkins, Swedenborg and the Unitarian Church literature. His training was intense, but he really wanted to be successful in accomplishing his mission. Moreover, he was determined to do so in a manner that was pleasing to his peaceful, loving, ancestors. His studies expanded his heart so he could think about all people -- not just the slaves and their descendants. -- And embrace them with genuine compassion, and love, and forgiveness.

One day in this *Khemet* time, Ma'at came to him and asked, "Are you ready to return to earth? If so, I have a family that I think is a perfect match. The Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King are waiting for you in Atlanta, Georgia. They will raise you up to be a good man -- strong and brave and courageous -- with a kind and loving heart. They will help your dream come true!"

And, this time, when you should die,
we know your heart will be lighter than a feather.
And it was ... and Ma'at said,

We will take your body, and cut it into shining little stars. You will help make the face of heaven so fine and bright that all the world will be in love with the night"

In the evening, after the sun goes down, if you close your eyes, softly, and call this far away land of *Khemet* to your imagination, you can see the group of stars named after him. They are everywhere. There is one special star that glows brighter than all the others. Every year it gets brighter and brighter as our sun travels around this star – the King Star of far away *Khemet*. If you want to know how to live your life non-violently, try wishing upon this star. Your *dream* can come true. **END**