



Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Image of God

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Scholars universally acknowledge the role that Christian belief played in the social movement engendered by Martin Luther King Jr. Yet few have actually delved into the complexity of King s theology itself. The centrality of one aspect of his theology in particular - imago Dei, the belief that human beings are made in God s image - has been surprisingly overlooked. In this book, Richard W. Wills Sr. offers a comprehensive analysis of King s appeal for civil rights by investigating his understanding of imago Dei. Wills begins by tracing the evolution of this idea through the history of Christian thought, showing the intellectual sources King drew on in constructing his own beliefs. Wills then demonstrates how King employed this idea in his civil rights work. The belief that we are all made in God s image was crucial, Wills shows, to King s understanding of human nature and equality. While King shared with many of his black church forebears the view that humanity s creation by God was a powerful argument for the equality...



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