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Silk on MLK & Prophecy

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Over at RNS, Mark Silk has one of the smartest posts written about the 50th anniversary of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech. The money quote:

As Ecclesiastes teaches, there is a time for everything, and we may finally have reached a time for the prophetic voice to quiet down. If the young papacy of Francis has shown anything, it is that this does not mean that religion has to abandon a public role. It does mean that what we now may need from religious leaders is teaching by humble example as well as by word, gentle persuasion and understanding of human weakness, and a dialing back of millennialist dreams.

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