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Essay : Write an essay analyzing the extensive use of metaphors in King's speech . Comment on their effectiveness, bearing in mind the audience for whom the speech was intended.

This essay makes use of a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that was given on August 28, 1963, in front of more than 200,000 black and white marchers at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to discuss the demands for civil rights made by black people. When he talked to people who were on the outside, he used a lot of metaphors that were called a "metaphorical goldmine." When he talked to people who were on the inside, he used a lot of metaphors that were called a "metaphorical goldmine."

However, King emphasizes that, despite the abolition of slavery a century ago, many Black Americans remain impoverished and are not truly free.

Firstly, with the thought of banking, King likens the gathering in Washington to *cashing a check*—in other words, claiming money that is due. King asserts that America in the 1960s "defaulted" on this *promissory note*; in other words, it refused to pay up. King calls it a 'obligation'

But America as a nation is like someone who has written someone else a check that has bounced, and the money owed remains to be paid. However, this is not due to a lack of funds because America, as a land of opportunity, has sufficient "funds" to ensure that everyone is prosperous enough.

Secondly, Dr. King states, "I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, **a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis**

of freedom and justice." Here, "desert state" and "oasis of freedom and justice" act as metaphors to create an understanding of the then-current struggles Black Americans were suffering. Calling Mississippi a "desert state" implies that it is barren, lacking resources, and difficult to survive in, as it is a state filled with injustice and oppression for the Americans. An oasis in a desert is a place of refuge, where one can find resources like water, food, and shelter from the hot sun. Dr. King made a statement that he hoped even a state so full of oppression for the Black man will be able to move forward and legally require freedom and justice to Black Americans. Just as the traveler in a desert seeks an oasis, the oppressed seek freedom and justice

King urges America to rise out of the "*valley of segregation and onto the sunlit path of racial justice.*" He uses the word "**brotherhood**" to refer to all Americans, since all men and women are God's children. Furthermore, he emphasizes how critical the situation is on multiple occasions. This is a necessary fresh start for America. King tells his listeners to fight for justice in a dignified and disciplined way instead of giving in to anger and hate. discipline.

Physical violence and militancy are to be avoided. King recognizes that many white Americans who are also poor and marginalized feel a kinship with the Civil Rights movement, so all Americans should join together in the cause. Racist prejudice in hotels and restaurants, as well as police brutality against black Americans, must be eliminated. State laws that make it difficult for Black Americans to vote must be changed.

Martin Luther King then comes to the most famous part of his speech, in which he uses the phrase "I have a dream" to begin successive sentences. King outlines the form that his dream, or ambition, or wish for a better America takes. He claims that his dream is "deeply rooted" in the American Dream, which is the notion that anyone, from any background, can achieve prosperity

and success in the United States. King once again reminds his listeners of the opening words of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Thirdly, "Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children." • Once the government delivers their promises in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence for the people to be granted the rights to citizenship , liberty and the pursuit of happiness, they would be walking into a better future

In conclusion, these metaphors are still effective and in use today because they drive home the need for peace, justice, and equality. King's speech is a rhetorically clever and emotionally powerful call to use non-violent protest to oppose racial injustice, segregation, and

discrimination, but also to ensure that all Americans are lifted out of poverty and degradation.

But most of all, King emphasises the *collective* endeavour that is necessary to bring about the world he wants his children to live in: the togetherness, the linking of hands, which is essential to make the dream a reality