

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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As common item in the news that we hear, read or watch at the communal, regional, national, and more so global level at present, is lack of peace. There are always cases of murder, violence, conflict, unrest, graft and corruption, progressive taxation by rebels, slander by word and deed, outright lies, kidnapping, ambushes but rarely, if at all is something written about peace. Some may think this ironic, considering the advancement that have been made various field of endeavor more so in the promotion of international peace and well-being. If we particularize our experiences, what do you see? Violations of freedom. We violate our freedom and that of other. What does human right means? In what way peace will attain of every individual? Hence the world be so chaotic, violence is flourishing. Pride is at its height. Violence produces more wickedness. Is this not vivid and accurate picture of day and age?

The world economy has reeling like a battered boxer trying to stay on his feet. People are suffering from hunger, danger, sickness. Crimes of more heinous kind are on the rise. As a Filipino citizen, what are the contributions that we gave peace? And why are all these happening, when in fact all of us, aspired for peace and liberty. Let us think, there did initiate this kind of problem. And how do we outset to elucidate and who are the one to decipher in order to attain peace and liberty?

Human Rights define of many authors; it is supreme, inherent, and inalienable rights to life, dignity and self-development. Man has free will. It is man's natural legacy. It's free will you use when you act, when you say yes or no to the demands of your world. It is identical with your selfhood and you have it simply by being a person, but it is only the first step in the process we call freedom. But freedom is not the right to do what you ought to do. Rights is more than its corollary responsibility, the fact that you are responsible does not automatically make you do responsible action. It means, it can actually justify many actions as truly responsible to the objectives demands of situation. Respond is the answer to commit oneself on course of action but it is lies on the phenomenon of decision. You really are the way you act, the way you choose to act. But of course freedom always involves risk. Has never ending task: the call to put the other and GOD in front of self.

Living in the group as socialized human beings requires some conformity to like values and norms; our national drives must be restrained, we must observe the manners of our group. We must respect the rights of others and assume our rightful duties as members of our society. Since other act the same way we assume our socially controlled living as naturals and normal. To put it simply social constraints Jef&r us from doing what we want as we please. Doesn't we are not free? No one in society is ever that free. In other words our freedom is limited. Our freedom is limited by the freedom of our neighbors. It is limited by our customs, traditions and law.

We must be orderly if we are to live together. The world would be in trouble if we could do just as we please and have all the freedom we wanted. As early philosopher said "a man's trouble start when he is free to do as he please," we should understand of ourselves by how we stand in relation to one another. Personal troubles increase when people decide they can live

outside there would of social control. Many a run- away soon finds that such freedom means coping with hunger, disease and violence.

Laws are enacted to protect our society and to preserve our system of morality. It is the task of the government to legislate these laws and to implement them. Government has to encroached upon human freedom that it is easy to draws the conclusion, that there is and irreconcilable conflict between government activity and individual liberty.

Actually the freedoms we enjoy are enhanced by the fundamental law of the land. Liberty is less specific immunity from restriction and is presupposed to exist unless curtailed by law. Here in the Philippines we have essential civil liberties that we suppose will suffice: Right to Freedom, Right to Equality, Right Freedom of Abode and Movement, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Consciences, Citizenship and Suffrage, and Right to Criminal Justice and many more. Most social control must be achieved by making people self-control.

There are some people in the society who refuse to act in accordance with those customs which the society consider fitting and proper. There are always some who do not obey the laws. A glance at a newspaper on many given a day will almost furnish like Ampatuan Massacre, Hostage drama many to mention in that current issues. Are they right given justice, right to expressed themselves freely? Wherein fact they are already commit a crime.

Hence we are living in democratic society every individual has right to free flow of information and ideas and guaranties justice to every person accused of wrong doing is indispensable in democratic society. Based on proceeding question written above, why are these happening? Because we have gift of free will. Since individual have free will they deserves to be punish if they commit a crime. Free will means freedom to choose to do right or wrong. But every individual consciences proceed from the subjectively of free will. We act according to dictates of our consciences. If we negate the presence of free will in men we have to picture men as a puppet at the mercy of forces which they cannot control. It is doubt whether men would want to be called puppet.

A true peace is in a person who are not hiding themselves in the eye of GOD, yourself, and the surround you. You must act of who you are but with a good decision, which are harmful of individual feeling, or may create violence. Act accordance with your conscience to avoid violence. To attain peace let us change of who we are, through guiding words of GOD.