

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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What do we mean when they say the word "peace"? Is peace and human rights the same?

Peace as define in the dictionary as freedom from war or when the time when war or conflicts end. The word peace is and always associated to the word war; "Why is it?" you may ask, because basically people don't really know what peace is, they don't know it by heart what it really means. I for one still can't understand why associate peace with the word war because I was taught that the two words goes together. I was wrong for peace does not only apply in war but in our daily lives as well. For example people keeping secrets and experiencing difficult problems are not in peace simply because they are not at ease with themselves. When we talk about peace you may ask where does Human Rights fits in to all of this?

Human rights in the constitution states about what our rights are as a human being in this world and in this country, every nation in this world have made a law about the rights of every individual living in their great nation just like how our government made a law about our rights as a Filipino. The purpose of this law is for us citizen to know that no one can under estimate us as a person, they made it to let us know that no one will be able to harm us especially those people in power and are member of the government. In this way there will be no conflicts and misunderstandings to one another in this way all people leaving in a nation can live in peace.

Human rights and peace are most likely associated with one another, they go hand in hand with each other because one cannot achieve peace without understanding and respect therefore one must knowledgeable about his/her rights as a human being. We are given these rights for a reason and we should know all about it, there is no excuse in not knowing them because not knowing and being ignorant to these rights is just like you personally hand someone a gun and give them license to threaten you or worse kill you. Ignorance now days are not pitted but considered as a crime. Knowing things can help us get through in life harmoniously, we therefore know that as a citizen in any country we can live peacefully. We know what our rights are; we know what we should do and what we should do. The laws about human rights were made for us to know that no one can look down on us and for us not to look down to other people as well; in this way there would be peace to one another. As the saying goes "respect is not given or impose but it is earned" therefore if we want others to respect us we should as well show them we respect them and respect to their beliefs and practices in life.

Respecting other people is made possible because our generations have been taught about human rights, what are its causes and why it is made, because of that peace in a place not that hard to be achieved. It's not what I can say for the Middle East and the US. I am at shocked at the US knowing as they are very much liberated and open minded and yet they think that people in the Middle East are all terrorist. I never was a war believer and personally I think the reason of this war was all because of a misunderstanding in communication in both parties, I cannot blame the US for thinking that all Arab Muslim people are terrorist because frankly they are trying to live up to what the people think of them instead of proving them wrong. The world had been in a war far too long that the children of the new generation find it unnecessary, why fight? Why

waste precious lives? What is there that they want to prove? All people have the right to do as what they please as long as it is legal and does not harm other people. I am quite sure that even terrorist knows about the bill of human rights but they choose to disregard it because people in uniform sometimes also don't mind them as long as they can avenge their friends who died fighting for their country. Disregarding of human rights are not only practice by people in the other country but also in ours, Policemen abusing their authorities and torturing other criminals or initiating violence to their co worker because of superiority is illegal despite them saying it is for brotherhood and camaraderie. No one has the right to make someone feel pain despite of what the reasons maybe, it is stated in the Human Rights that no one has the right to inflict pain to other people especially the law enforcement people should not be allowed to torture criminals, that is the job of the Judiciary people to give a certain punishment to criminals, the policemen are there to catch bad people doing bad things and it is the job of the judiciary to enforce the said punishment for violating the law, this is how it should be.

Even criminals have rights too, only when we die do our rights as a human being vanish only then but until then everyone is entitled to practice their rights to have peace in one another. Living in the world where law enforcement officers are abusive and very corrupt I don't blame other people to take matters in their own hands all though I think it should not be done that way but who could blame them? We are surrounded with people who disregard other people's rights and who can manipulate the law no one is to be trusted anymore. The government has certainly lost its credibility when it comes to being fair, now days all you need to get a not guilty verdict is to pay the judiciary and you are easily off the hooks policemen have certainly became a laughing matter after the torture incident had been leak to the media and what is more pathetic about it is they still lie about it when it was very clear that he was the one doing the torture. Talk about having a thick face, in the world that we are all living in and say human rights and peace are like two cars going in different directions when will they again travel in the same road together? That I don't know and I personally don't see it happening any time soon, I know I sound such a pessimist but can you really blame me? Can you really blame people like me who have lost all hopes of ever seeing a place wherein people respect each other's believes and rights, a place where peace is not impossible to reach?