

## **PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHT**

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We cannot close our eyes to the rampant spread of criminality everywhere and human rights are much used and abuse nowadays. Daily newspaper headlines scream horrible atrocities committed in the name of crimes. Media sources, likewise, bring us shocking news of unparalleled brutalities in our society. This alarming number of social venalities devastated the Philippine's culture of peace and preservation of human rights. Its tentacles have spread with alarming rapidity and have embraced the whole citizenry.

Recent years have seen an extra ordinary number of extra-judicial killings of political leaders and human rights defenders. This situation starkly exposed a nationwide malaise. In fact, it was on August 23, 2010 that one of the dismissed Philippine national police officer took over a tour bus in Manila. It is popularly known as "the Manila hostage crisis". Disgruntled hostage taker ceased the life of many Hong Kong nationalist. This bad hostage drama greatly affects the global peace wherein Hong Kong people are brutally killed and now they are seeking for justice. What a sudden slap of the integrity of the Philippine, but of course it does not describe the beauty of land of the morning Philippines. Furthermore, Maguindanao massacre was also one of the greatest devilments in abusing human rights of 57 people that was brutally killed while they were on their way to file a certificate of candidacy. Maguindanao massacre is indeed the single deadliest event for journalist in history. How unjustifiable and unreasonable is it that, that innocent people was brutally and harshly killed. Furthermore, there is also increase in rape cases, a scandalous and heinous act against the right of a woman. Recent news revealed that many are forced to engage in sexual intercourse and if you refuse then a ferocious killing will likely be your end. How this kind of social evil entered our society, wherein many easily ruin human dignity and integrity. To date the Peace Process in Southern Philippines remains very "hot" and controversial. In fact, it divides not only the people in government but also the peoples of Mindanao. There is a great divide between the Christian and Muslim domination. Who prevails? It is a big question between the two parties with regards to their power, dignity and own principle. This problem of peace perhaps because of diversity of religion, belief, power and land. Nevertheless, criminality prejudices and unsecured place is present. Truly, killing and other form of violation of human rights is one of the pressing problems facing the country today in promoting peace and preservation of human right, where people are now known to have died in a vicious mass political killing. Extra judicial killings have become so rampant that a lot of people have fallen blasé to the whole issue. Today will be the best time to resist this massive violation of people right to life and a peaceful living, which now takes place with government intervention that demands priority attention. This figure and current situation in our society are entirely unacceptable and requires urgent intrusion by the government if these social evils are to stop.

Delving to the contribution of the government for building a culture of peace and preservation of human rights is a questionable and uncertain partaking. Indeed, Government officials are the unseen enemy of the society. What I mean is that, there is no doubt, graft and corruption enjoys its popularity nowadays\_ the menace that has been plaguing our society. In addition, people are too weak then; graft and corruption will be always bad, dishonest, and

immoral. Their power are being abuse, wherein graft and corruption becomes the profession of these elite person to further entrench themselves in power and to further press the people to powerless. Talking about the battle of this unseen enemy, a war along the line of old wars that have dragged as to this day with the same foe, past previous administration had primarily promise to eradicate such evil, however such effort not only fails but the malady becomes more rampant and harder to stop. The only change is from bad to worse.

Peaceful society or relationship operates harmoniously, without violent conflict and human rights are upheld and human dignity is respected is what we seek. Absence of hostility and aggression, where tranquility and serenity is everywhere manifested, signify peace. In international relations, peacetime is the absence of any war or conflict. The study of peace also involves the causes for its absence or loss. These potential causes include: insecurity, social injustice, economic inequality, political and religious radicalism, and acute racism and nationalism. Peaceful place recognizes the integrity of human rights. Furthermore, the foundation of building peace is the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. Sophisticated understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of global peace, because confusion of your freedom will likely end for a discrepancy and insurrection. Peace is not merely the absence of war and hatred but also the presence of cooperation, compassion and worldwide justice. War does only vitiate a peaceful Community but this would be the greatest foe in upholding human rights and dignity wherein hostility in the society is characterized by fighting and bloodshed. This warfare is often caused by real/perceived injustice, hatred, poverty, and the desire for power. Then, what is perhaps the best way to prevent war? And thus we can protect and preserve our human rights. Conflict prevention and Conflict resolution/renovation requires that we get rid of the nature of the hostilities and attempt to build harmony and equality between the various parties. Recuperative justice implies that the perceived injustices must be resolved through negotiation, intervention, community conferencing, community meditation, collaborative, or as a last resort, military action. Trauma recovery renewal can help prevent war torn areas from falling back into further fighting. Youth development strategies can help our future adults from repeating the mistakes we have made that have lead us to war. Youth of today must be keen vigilant and observant enough to foster awareness and social responsiveness. Philosophy suggests that nations that have found peace should help less peaceful nations by sharing knowledge, food and other resources. Our conscience teaches us that we should treat others the way we want to be treated, with dignity and respect so as we can continually exercised our freedom and rights without any deterioration, intolerance, corrosion, prejudices and enmity.

The diverse faces of Filipino perhaps, one of the greatest barriers in building a culture of peace and upholding the human rights. Different personalities, attitudes, outlooks in life principles, beliefs, and religions are the primary reason why we have difficulties in achieving peace and perpetuation of our human rights. The question is how? How this venalities and social conflict be resolved? How peace and order and human rights are exercised and enjoyed?

Building a culture of peace is a dynamic, complex and multidimensional process. It includes touching every heart and soul of the people to enlighten and lead them towards global tranquility and upholding human dignity. It consists of overcoming prejudices and all forms of hostility within every human person in all nations and in the global neighborhood. Building

peace includes respecting human rights, thus denunciation of all forms of callousness and leading the society away from atrocity and cruelty towards developing a growing respect, love and harmony. Genuine culture of peace is founded on exercising fundamental freedom and thus value human rights and dignity of the human person. Peace always goes with human right. We could not achieve peace without upholding human right. Then peace creates an atmosphere of freedom and universal respect, where human rights are upheld and protected within the context of equality because human's liberty and right is not absolute, meaning for what you please it will not happen for instant. In here, it needs an administration of the government so that human right will not be abuses, and violence, disputes and riots will be avoided. It needs full support of the government in giving highest priority to the enactment of measure that protect and enhance the right of all people, to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities. This dirty government must be urgently polish, enabling them to be held responsible to their duties and protecting human rights, settles disputes and in general advances the whole welfare of entire Filipino citizenry.

But, where peace must start? How can we achieve Peace on Earth? First and utmost, we must find it within ourselves. As the prominent quotation says, "If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world". We should develop a state of being mentally and spiritually at peace, with enough knowledge and understanding to keep oneself strong in the face of discord or stress, so that we can evade stepping on the rights of others. By sharing our inner peace with others, peace will spread. Peace of mind, serenity, and calmness are descriptions of a disposition free from the effects of stress and any form of delinquency. In some cultures, inner peace is considered a state of consciousness or enlightenment that may be cultivated by various forms of experiences that will ensure an awareness of exercising fundamental freedom. We need to educate and discipline our self, means developing and enhance our awareness in promoting social justice base on equality of rights and pursue sustainable development, respect the veracity of growing peace and human dignity, and protect human rights. The peace process should be a predominantly preventative measure to any anomalies, criminality, prejudices and act that vitiate human rights. The "operative word", I believe, is the word "process". This is the key to the understanding of the much diversity in our several attempts to draw the "road map" to lasting peace in our country, and the world, in general. The whole search for peace, including peace agreements (from ceasefire to the final agreements), must always be seen as a continuing dynamic PROCESS. We must preserve and defend this "continuum" from the negotiation to signing of the agreement and to the actual implementation of the agreement. In fact, the most difficult phase in the peace process is not in the search for peace formula but in the actual implementation of the negotiated and agreed formula that includes among other the reconstruction not only of the region but the lives of individuals and communities. Peace should likely start as a grassroots movement, thereby creating a "trickle-up" process. Not only can we teach others about peace but we can put pressure on governments and political candidates that continue to advocate war as the main solution to civil and international conflict and abuses of the rights of its people. Along the way, some form of world "Planning and Lawmaking" committee probably needs to be established that includes all nations. One nation's problems are problems for all of us. We must learn to see ourselves as one small planet and not be so concerned with our nationality, race or religion. When it comes right down to it we are all human. Think what we

could accomplish if we all worked together to create a true world economy. We could end starvation, reduce poverty, create jobs and work towards common goals such as worldwide justice, peace education, preservation of human rights, and pollution control and planet management.

A change in perception leads to a change in attitude, which leads to a change in behavior, which leads to a change in the world. Peace preserves human rights...

*- The greatest thing in life is internal peace, external peace and global peace!*

*Peace is the key ingredient to Happiness.*

*Peace within means peace without.*

*Learn Peace - Teach Peace!*

*Be the change you wish to see in the world.*

*Peace starts from within!*