

## **PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

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Human right is as old as the human society and as complex as the human character. Great Budha says, “Hurts not other in ways that yourself would find hurtful” and Confucianism admonishes, “if there is one principle which caught to be created upon though out one life surely, it is that of loving kindness do not do others in you what you would not have them done into, he desire for his brother that which he desire myself”. Surely, it means the same as the Golden Rule. Therefore, in attaining peace, human rights must be respected and the Golden Rule must be obeyed.

Denial of human rights is denial of personal and social privileges. Inequality may be considered as social disease if the poor is denied but the privileges are granted to the wealthy, or if an outspoken commoner speaks out his opinion against high ranking officials or royals is convicted at once. Our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal experienced human rights violation in the early days. He was executed for his writings and views on the abuse of Spaniards authorities.

Let’s hope that there will be no more present-day Jose Rizal or we shall pronounce that peace and human rights is just a myth.