

Take Peace as a Way of Life; Respect Human Rights

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We are living in a world that is beautiful for some, miserable for the many. Some gets the best of both worlds, some gets nothing at all. Why should there be inequality? How can we possibly attain peace if there is supremacy and hatred rotting from deep within us?

Social strata are so evident around. Most often, the rich ones are given priority, protection and special treatment. They are lucky to have the taste of a good and easy life. Rich murderers don't get convicted. Poor people are neglected, exploited and abused. Innocent poor has to pay for a crime he never committed. Elite circle enjoys fame; minority people are discriminated and criticized. Elite people are educated, minority are considered illiterate. This is the sad truth about the inequality of those who has got money and who's got nothing.

It is so unfair for those who belong to the lower class or to minor tribes to be deprived of their rights. Rich or poor, elite or minor, every human being is entitled of his rights to life and liberty, freedom of expression and even before the law. Also, they equally share the same basic needs-food, shelter, clothes and a peaceful society to live in. We are all equal in God's sight. Only God has given us this divine life that we enjoy living now and He alone, therefore, is the only righteous One to take it from us. We all have our uniqueness and imperfections. We should not criticize each other.

Discrimination leads to misunderstanding, conflict and generates anger and vengeance. If we let anger reign in our hearts, then we are making ourselves a potential source of violence.

We have to bear in mind that violence is not the key to attain peace. Peace is about overcoming prejudices and intolerance. Peace is about seeking for common understanding and solidarity. Peace demands respect for human rights. Respect for others develops camaraderie, which leads to unity. Let us build a culture of peace and live happily every day.