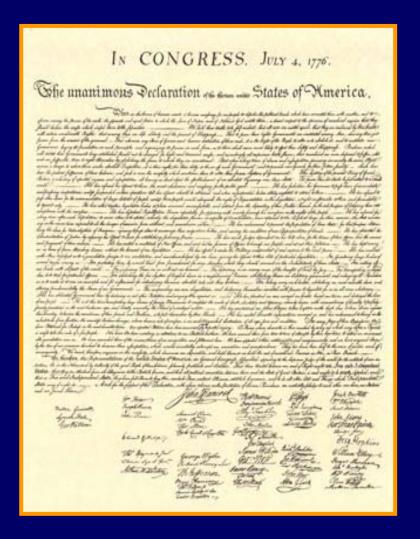


# Universal Ethical Principles as Foundations of Human Rights

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# US Declaration of Independence: "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights"



Declarations of rights in both the United States and France, which are bases of modern political thought, begin with a reference to God as the source of rights:

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

(DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - July 4, 1776)

# French Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen: "under the auspices of the Supreme Being"



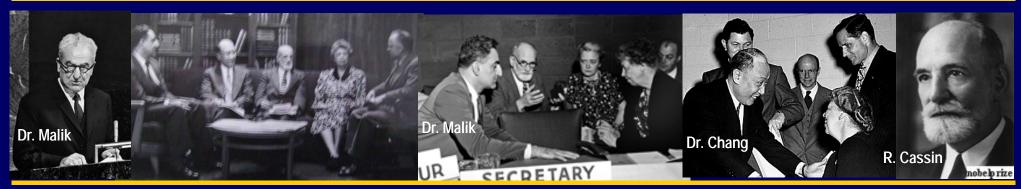
"... the National Assembly recognizes and declares, in the presence and under the auspices of the Supreme Being, the following rights of man and of the citizen" recognizing them as "natural, inalienable and sacred."

(Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, Paris, August 26, 1789)

If the <u>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</u> is a synthesis of previous thinking about <u>human rights</u>, why is there no mention of God?

# Early Draft of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "endowed by their nature with reason and conscience"

The draft of the first article, stating that "human beings are endowed by their nature with reason and conscience," was debated between September 21 and December 8, 1948.



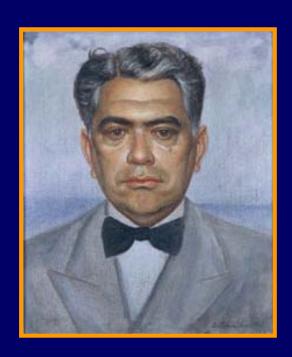


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The delegation from Brazil suggested that the <u>first</u> article of the <u>Declaration</u> read as follows:

"Created in the image and likeness of God, they are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

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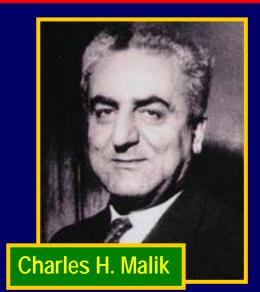
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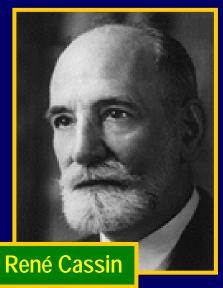
"With the goal of defending the rights proclaimed by the declaration, it is important that they not be expressed in terms that are too general. In the Preamble, there should be a reference to God as the absolute origin of human rights, as of all rights.

This would recognize the importance of the great spiritual currents for maintaining and developing international cooperation....

The work of the Commission would be much more profoundly tied to the will and hopes of the masses of people if, instead of being only a dry expression of agnostic philosophy, it would also reflect the religious faith of the greater part of humanity."

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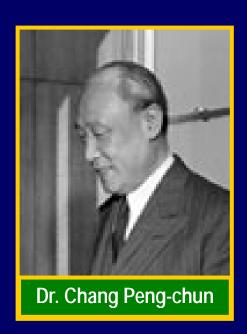


Charles H. Malik of Lebanon wanted an explicit reference to God in the first article, to establish that people are endowed with "some inalienable rights given by their Creator."

René Cassin of France, among others, did not agree, because this could have reduced the universality of the document. Priority was placed on gaining universal support for a proclamation of human rights in a complex world divided by traditions, religions, and ideologies with different view of life.

(René Cassin asked that the Declaration be defined as "universal" instead of "international.")

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Dr. Peng-Chun Chang of China wanted to accommodate the Confucian perspective, which acknowledges "heaven" but does not have a concept of God. Han had "God" and "by nature" eliminated from the text of Article 1, which in its final form reads:

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.
They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act
towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

### Consider adding reference to God in the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Eleanor Roosevelt holding up the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Spanish.

More than 60 years later, it is time to consider adding a references to God and absolute values without danger of losing universal acceptance.

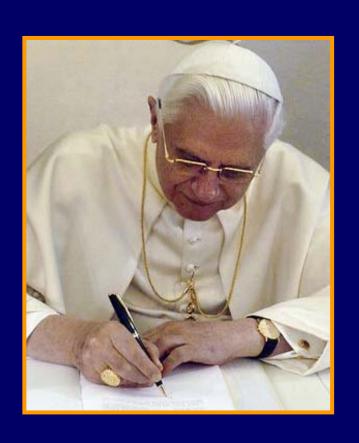
One way of protecting the necessary "universality" (respecting all positions) is to use the elegant text of the Preamble to the Constitution of Poland, which recognizes "those who believe that God is the origin of justice, beauty and goodness, [the bases of human rights] and many other values, and those who may not believe in God but still appreciate these values."

#### Human Rights: Granted by Law and Endowed by Nature

Adherents of natural law hold that human rights do not reside in legal documents but are inherent in our very nature as human beings, a nature that is superior to and precedes all legal decrees. Religious traditions hold that such natural rights are God-given characteristics.

Adherents of positivism hold that the only rights are those accorded by legal documents. "Rights are not something pre-existing by nature which we may discovered, such as chromosomes or continents. Rights are something that we create through our conventions. Thus, the question is not what rights do creatures have but rather what rights do we want to have?" - Jesús Mosterín. "Creating Rights." El País, 29-8-1999

#### **Human Rights: Granted by Law and Endowed by Nature**

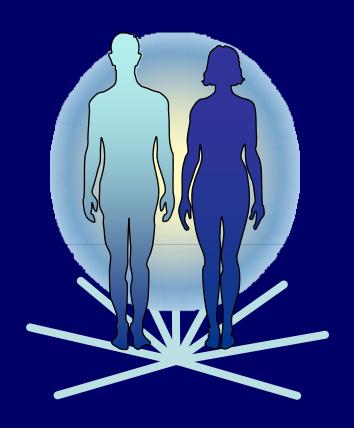


"Only if they are grounded in the objective requirements of the nature bestowed on man by the Creator, can the rights attributed to him be affirmed without fear of contradiction....

Consequently it is important for international agencies not to lose sight of the natural foundation of human rights. This would enable them to avoid the risk, unfortunately everpresent, of sliding towards a merely positivistic interpretation of those rights."

Benedict XVI. Message on the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2007

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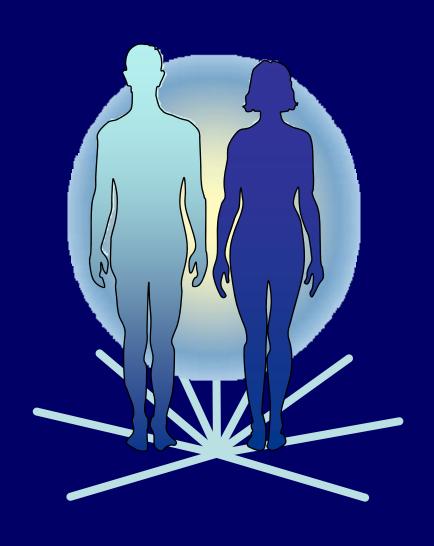


The protection of love and life, freedom of conscience and responsibility as well as property and many other inalienable rights do not exist merely because some people have discovered or recognized them or because laws have been decreed about them.

On the contrary, love, life, freedom of conscience, and responsibility as well as property in fact existed before hand. This gave people the need to make laws for their protection.

The existence of <u>a written constitution</u> which expresses the sovereign will of the people and their families in terms of principles of justice and natural law is the most effective protection against the abuse of power, destruction of liberty, and human weaknesses of those who govern us.

#### Human Rights Are Conferred by God

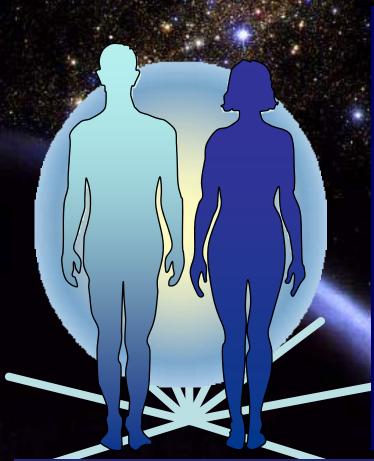


Each and every human being, without distinction of gender, race, ethnicity, class or social condition possesses the same special dignity, by nature or because it was conferred by God, which distinguishes them from the rest of the creatures, and they bear the same sacred, cosmic, unique, and eternal value which is innate and intrinsic to their human condition, and therefore they all merit the same exquisite consideration and greatest respect.

(Dr. Miguel Angel Cano – Ethics and Peace)

#### **OUR ORIGINAL VALUE**

Each person is an unknowable, irreplaceable and unique reality, with an <u>unrenounceable</u> <u>dignity</u>; That's why people are not means to an end, but an end in themselves. Each person originally has a divine, eternal, unique and cosmic value:



- 1. Divine Value We have the intrinsic and inalienable dignity of been sons and daughters of God.
- 2. Eternal Value We are eternal beings that will live forever in the spiritual world with God.
- 3. Unique Value There was, is and never will be someone equal to each one of us. We are unique, unrepeatable and irreplaceable.
- 4. Cosmic Value. We are the visible manifestation of an invisible creator, God's image and likeness. We are a microcosm of the macrocosm.

Therefore, each person is the recipient of these transcendent values which constitutes the foundation for our dignity and all Universal Human Rights.

#### Each Person Has Sacred Value

Judaism: "Then the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Genesis 2.7

**Christianity:** "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" *I Corinthians 3:16* 

Islam: "He shaped him, and breathed His spirit in him." Qur'an 32.8-9

**Sikhism:** "All from one clay are made; in all one Light shines. One breath pervades all." *Adi Granth, Gauri, M.5 p. 188* 

Hinduism: "That which is the finest essence—this whole world has that as its soul. That is Reality. That is the Self. That art thou." Changogya Upanishad 6.8.7

Confucianism: "Fire blazing from the earth. The superior man reflects in his person the glory of [Heaven's] virtue." I Ching 35: Progress

#### Each Person Has Cosmic Value

Judaism: "All that the Holy One created in the world He created in man."

Talmud. Abot de Rabbi Nathan 31

Christianity: "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" Matthew 16:26

Islam: "We shall show them Our signs in the horizons and in themselves, till it is clear to them that it is the truth." Qur'an. 41.53

*Hinduism:* "Man is the product of the attributes of Heaven and Earth, by the interaction of the dual forces of nature, the union of the animal and intelligent souls, and the finest subtle matter o the five elements." *Aitareya Upanishad 1.1* 

Buddhism: "The Essence of Mind is great because it embraces all things, since all things are within our nature." Sutra of Hui Neng 2

#### **Each Person Has Eternal Value**

**Judaism:** "The dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it." *Ecclesiastes 12:7* 

Christianity: "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1

Islam: "You prefer this life, although the life to come is better and more enduring." *Qur'an 87.16* 

Sikhism: "Man wails over the loss of what he calls his: know, the Self is not perishable." Adi Granth, Gauri, M.5 p. 188

Hinduism: "Now my breath and spirit goes to the Immortal, and this body ends in ashes." Isha Upanishad 27

Confucianism: "All living living must die, and dying, return to the ground.... But the spirit issues forth, and is displayed on high in a condition of glorious brightness." Book of Ritual 21.2.1

Native American Religions: "Mourners who wail for their dead hear spirit voices reply, and thus they know that their lost ones are always near." Yakima tradition

## "The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the state."

Paragraph 3, Article 16 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights - 1948

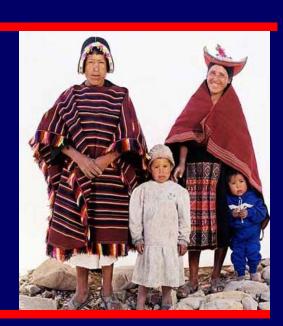
As the school of love and seedbed of peace, the family is indispensable to the functioning of any society. Religious teachings encourage love in our homes, which is the basis for peaceful and thriving societies, nations, and the world.



The family is sovereign. The original and eternal love designed and blessed by God between husband and wife is a sacred and absolute birthright. The family holds fundamental and intrinsic rights, which originate from a sovereign inner authority (which are not determined by the State, neither by any other authority or institution), in fact, the sovereign family is preceding any State or institution and constitutes the foundation for all authority. This sovereign authority is the only capable to originate the first of all social institutions: The family founded on marriage as primordial society and common patrimony of humanity.







The family is sovereign. Constitutions and laws should recognize that each person and family cannot delegate or assign any power to their government or other authorities except that which they have lawful right to exercise themselves.

Any immoral conduct or social and economic illegal activity which is forbidden to a person cannot be allowed to a group, government or state.



#### CARACTERISTICS of conjugal love:



#### Being an expression of God's love.

- **Total** (From the whole person to whole person embrace the totality of the person spirit and body)
- Faithful ("I will be your man or your woman in exclusivity and forever")
- **Exclusive** (only for the spouse)
- Sexual (different from other forms of love, paternal, filial, fraternal, it is unique, designed and destined to unite "two in one flesh")
- 6. Close and Intimate (being sexual and exclusive it becomes close and intimate)
- 7. Fecund (open to paternity and maternity, the transmission of life and LINEAGE)
  - **Committed** (generates inescapable rights and duties)

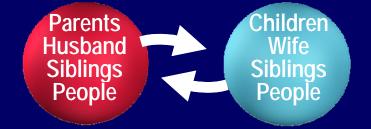
#### The Family as the School of Love and Seedbed of Peace

4 ethical imperatives:

filial piety fraternity

fidelity in marriage loyalty

These promote good interactions



#### **FILIAL PIETY**

Judaism & Christianity: "Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20.12 Islam: "The Lord has decreed ... that you be kind to your parents." Qur'an 17.23 Hinduism: "Let your mother be to you like unto a god! Let your father be to you like unto a god!" Taittiriyaka Upanishad 1:11.2

**Buddhism:** "Those who wish to be born in [the Pure Land] of Buddha ... should act filially towards their parents and support them." *Meditation on Buddha Amitayus 27* 

Confucianism: "Surely proper behavior towards parents and elder brothers is the trunk of Goodness." Analects 1.2

African Traditional Religions: "If your parents take care of you up to the time you cut your teeth, you take care of them when they lose theirs." Akan Proverb (Ghana)

#### FIDELITY IN MARRIAGE

**Judaism:** "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." *Genesis 2:24* 

Christianity: "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9

/s/am: "He has planted affection and mercy between you." Qur'an 30.21

Hinduism: "Enshrine me in your heart and let one spirit dwell within us." Atharva Veda 7:36

Confucianism: "I will love you, and will never be weary of you." Book of Songs, Ode 218

#### **FRATERNITY**

Judaism: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." Psalm 133:1

Christianity: "Every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment." Matthew 5:22

Islam: "Set things right between your two brothers, and fear God; haply so you will find mercy." Qur'an 49:10

Confucianism: "When brothers live in concord and at peace, the strain of harmony shall never cease." Doctrine of the Mean 15.3

Hinduism: "One is my brother and the other is not – is the thinking of a small men or a narrow-minded person. For those who are broad-minded or wise people the entire world is a one big family." Maha Upanishad 6:72

#### LOYALTY

Hinduism: "Sit in the assembly of the honest; join with those that are good and virtuous; nay, seek out a noble enemy where enmity cannot be helped and have nothing to do with the wicked and the unrighteous. Even in bondage you should live with the virtuous, the erudite, and the truthful, but not for a kingdom should you stay with the wicked and the malicious." Garuda Purana 112

**Islam:** And the believers, men and women, are protecting friends one of another; they enjoin the right and forbid the wrong, and they establish worship and pay the poor-due, and they obey God and His messenger." *Qur'an 9.71* 

**Buddhism:** "As the man one makes his friend, as the one he follows, such does he himself become." *Itivuttaka 68* 

**Confucianism:** "When two people are at one in their inmost hearts, they shatter even the strength of iron or of bronze. When two people understand each other in their inmost hearts, their words are sweet and strong, like the fragrance of orchids." *I Ching, Great Commentary* 1.8.6

**Christianity**: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

#### Unconditional Giving as an Extension of the Parental Heart

#### Priority of giving over receiving

Christianity: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

*Hinduism:* "Giving simply because it is right to give, without thought of return, at a proper time, in proper circumstances, and to a worthy person is enlightened giving." *Bhagavad Gita* 17:20

**Buddhism:** "Enlightened beings are magnanimous givers, bestowing whatever they have with equanimity, without regret, without hoping for reward, without seeking honor." Garland Sutra 21

#### The supreme value of unconditional love

Confucianism: "One who extends his bounty can bring peace to the Four Seas." Mencius !.A.7 Hinduism: "Compassion is the root of all religious faiths." Basavanna, Vacana 247

**Buddhism:** "I should be like the sun, shining universally on all without seeking thanks or reward." Garland Sutra 23

Judaism: "Aid an enemy before you aid a friend, to subdue hatred." Tosefta, Baba Metzia 2:26

Christianity: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44

*Islam:* "Repel the evil deed with one which is better, and lo!, he between whom and you there was enmity shall become as though he were a bosom friend." *Qur'an 41.34* 

#### Religion Gives Both Vertical and Horizontal Orientations

Spiritual and religions traditions have a vertical role, which calls us to a relationship with the Creator, and a horizontal dimension, which calls us to accept, respect, and love others.



Judaism: "You shall love the Lord your God will all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:5

Christianity: "Our Father, who art in heaven." Matthew 6:9

Islam: "In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful." Qur'an 1:1

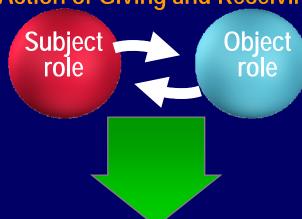
Confucianism: "The superior man, taking his stance as righteousness requires, adheres firmly to Heaven's decrees." I Ching 50: Sacrificial vessel

Hinduism: "From the unreal lead me to the Real! From darkness lead me to the light!" Brihaaranyaka Upanishad 1.3.28

#### Universal Principle of Reciprocal Relations

Principle of Interaction

**Action of Giving and Receiving** 



Existence Action Reproduction

Human beings—just as all creatures and all things—are not made to exist or live alone, isolated or completely independent. Instead, they are configured by nature or by God to maintain multiple physiological interactions within themselves and with their environment. Therefore, we establish—in voluntary, responsible and creative forms—a series of fluid, harmonious, and stable relationships in which we reciprocally exchange love, affection, care, ideas, knowledge, goods, and services with other human beings and other creatures. This is vital for the preservation of our existence, multiplication, the development of our character, the cultivation of our talents, and our ability to experience the highest degree of joy and shared happiness. (Dr. Miguel Angel Cano – Ethics and Peace)

#### Natural Law of Karma - Cosmic Justice

Judaism: "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 17:10

Christianity: "Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." Galatians 6:7

Islam: "Whatever affliction may visit you is for what your own hands have earned." Qur'an 42:30

Hinduism: "Unrighteousness, practiced n this world, does not at once produce its fruit; but, like a cow, advancing slowly, it cuts off the roots of him who committed it." Laws of Manu 4:172

**Buddhism:** "An ignorant man committing evil deeds does not realize the consequences. The imprudent man is consume by his own deeds, like one burnt by a fire." *Dhammapada 136* 

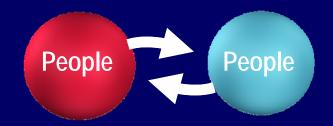
Taoism: "In heaven and earth there are spirits that take account of men's transgressions, and, according to the lightness or gravity of their offenses, take away from the term of their life." Treatise on Response and Retribution 1-2

African Traditional Religions: "Ashes fly back in the face of him who throws them." Yoruba proverb (Nigeria)

#### Moral Law Expressed in Religious Codes

#### 4 general prohibitions:

- Don't rob.
- Don't lie.
- · Don't kill.
- Don't have illicit sexual relations.



#### These prevent bad interactions

Judaism and Christianity: 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

Islam: Sacred duties (Qur'an 6:151-53)

Hinduism: Universally applicable dharma (Laws of Manu)

Buddhism: Five Precepts (Nagarjuna, Precious Garland 809)

#### Justice and Reciprocity in Both Natural Law and Moral Law

#### **Justice**

Judaism: "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." Micah 6:8

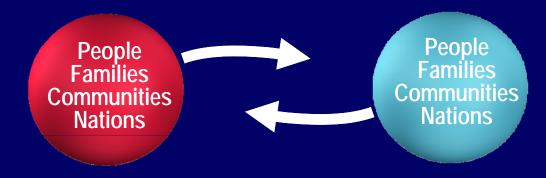
Islam: "Stand out firmly for justice." Qur'an 4:135

**Confucianism:** "Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness." *Analects* 14:36

#### Reciprocity

Hinduism: "According as one conducts himself, so does he become." (Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 4.4.5

**Buddhism:** "According to what deeds are done, do their resulting consequences come to be." Garland Sutra 10



#### **Expressed in the Golden Rule**

#### Golden Rule - Treat others as you wish them to treat you.

Christianity: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12)

Islam: "No one is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." (Sunnah)

African Traditional Religions: "What you give - or do - to others, they will give - or do - to you." (Rwandan proverb)

Silver Rule - Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you.

*Hinduism:* "This is the sum of duty: Do *naught* unto others which would cause you pain if done to you." (*Mahabharata 5:15, 17*).

Buddhism: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." (Udana-varga 5:18)

Confucianism: "Surely it is the maxim of loving kindness: Do not unto others what you would not have them do to you." (Analects 15:23)

Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary." (Talmud, Shabbat 31a)

God is the source of love, life and peace... Those who promote conflict, hatred, violence and terrorism have to be informed that to the extent to which they do that, to that extent they are not good members of any religion. (*Cardinal Francis Arinze - Assisi - January 24, 2002*)

#### Benefits of Living by the Moral Law



**Judaism:** "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." **Psalm 19:7** 

Christianity: "He who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being o hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing." James 1:25

**Islam:** "Let there arise out of you a group of people, inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong." *Our'an 3:104* 

Hinduism: "Those who live in accordance with the divine laws without complaining, firmly established in faith, are released from karma." Bhagavad Gita 3.31

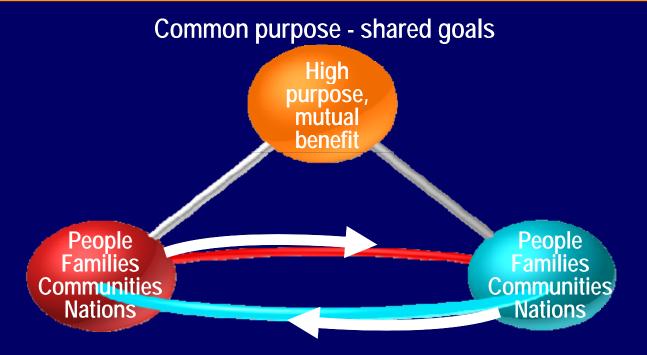
**Buddhism:** "He who loves Dhamma progresses, he who hates it declines." (Sutta Nipata 92)

**Confucianism:** "The moral man's life is an exemplification of the universal order, because he is a moral person who unceasingly cultivates his true self or moral being." *Doctrine of the Mean 2* 

*Taoism:* "What the Tao plants cannot be plucked, what Tao clasps cannot slip." *Tao Te Ching 54* 

# Principle of Development Through Cooperation Centered on a Common Purpose

The progress or development of humanity—whether economic, scientific, technical, artistic, or social—produces principally, by means of communication, understanding, dialogue, or consensus, a harmonious cooperation and mutual interdependence among individuals, families, communities, nations and civilizations, centered on common purposes and shared goals, and not by means of fighting, conflict, or mutual destruction.



Progress is based on ethical interaction.

#### COOPERATION

**Judaism:** "All God's creatures borrow from the other, yet make peace with one another without lawsuits." *Midrash, Exodus Rabbah 31.154* 

Christianity: "We are members one of another." Ephesians 4.255

Islam: "Abu Musa narrated that the Prophet said, 'A believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other." Hadith of Bukhari 8:55

Buddhism: "It is not difficult to see that my body is also that of others in the same way as the hands and so forth are regarded as limbs of the body," Shantideva, Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life 8.112-167.

*Taoism:* "Everything has its 'that'; everything has its 'this'. From the point of view of 'that' you cannot see it, but through understanding you can know it. So I say, 'that' comes out of 'this' and 'this' depends on 'that'--which is to say that 'this' and 'that' give birth to each other. A state in which 'this' and 'that' no longer find their opposites is called the Hinge of the Way. When the hinge is fitted into the socket, it can respond endlessly." *Chuang Tzu 2* 

#### **Serving the Common Good**



"...he who wishes to be great among let him be a servant... the Son of man came not to be served but to serve..." (Matthew 20: 26-28)

#### **SERVING THE COMMON GOOD**

Islam: "There is not one of us but has his appointed position, and we are verily ranged in ranks [for service]." Qur'an 37:164-65

Hinduism: "Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world; by devotion to selfless work one attains the supreme goal in life." Bhagavad Gita 3:23

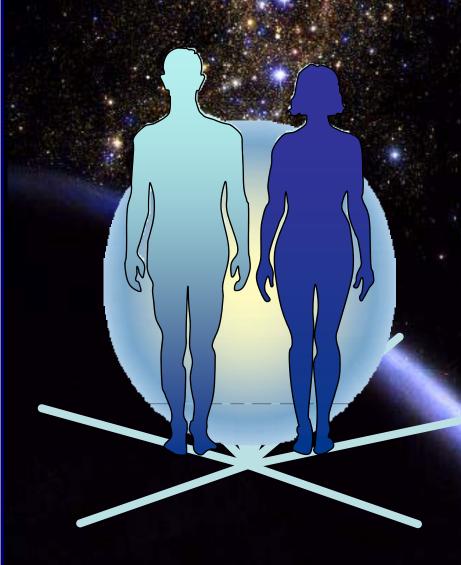
Confucianism: When the Great Tao prevailed, the world was a commonwealth; men of talent and virtue were selected, mutual confidence was emphasized, and brotherhood was cultivated. Therefore, men did not regard as parents only their own parents, nor did they treat as sons only their own sons. Old people were able to enjoy their old age; young men were able to employ their talents....They hated not to use their energies, and they used their energies not for their own benefit." Book of Ritual 7:1.2

Judaism: "I am God's creature and my peasant neighbor is God's creature. My work is in the town and his work is in the country. I rise early for my work and he rises early for his work." Talmud. Berakot 17a

Christianity: "Let no one seek his own good but the good of his neighbor." 1 Corinthians 10:24

African Traditional Religions: "Guardianship is not to give an order but to give one's self." Nyika Proverb (Kenya and Tanzania)

### Integrative Perspective of Human Rights



Both decreed by law and endowed by our creator

Both guided by natural law and moral law

Rooted in both brotherly goodwill and parental heart

# Principles for Securing Peace and Human Rights

- 1. Promote the common good by living for the sake of others
- 2. Uphold the family as the school of love and peace, protecting family values.
- 3. Promote understanding, respect, and cooperation among people of different religions, cultures, and nations.
- 4. Promote spiritual, moral, and unifying leadership based on universal values.



# Principles for Life and Governance



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Our Creator is invisible and intangible, but as the Loving Cosmic Parent emerges and guides us throughout our CONSCIENCE.

Our inner peace requires an honest, transparent and good life in the presence of God and our forefathers in the Spiritual World which observe our conduct.

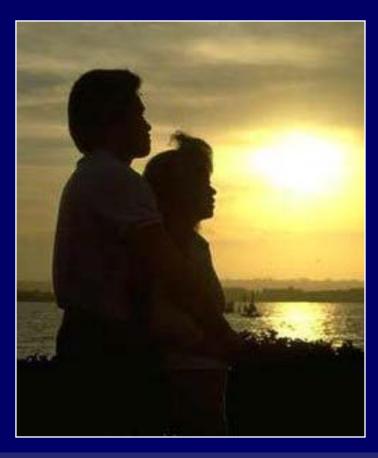
Conscience is our guide to truth and transcendent values, point of reference and highest authority which preside over our lives.

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Lead a transparent life with your every action being as clear as a crystal

## RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

As persons and families, we have inalienable, includible and unrenounceable rights and obligations endowed by God to:



- 1. Govern the world by our conscience, reason and *natural law* manifesting a <u>transparent life</u>.
- 2. Create true families based on absolute sexual ethics and intercultural marriages.
- 3. Love and preserve the natural and spiritual environment.

The divine right to govern is invested in the sovereign authority of each person and family.

#### Each person's equality with others only takes place in three aspects:



- 1. We are equal in dignity and value in front of the eyes of God,
- 2. Before the law,
- 3. And in the protection of our rights.

The proper role of any government is to protect and guaranty EQUAL RIGHTS, not provide equal things.

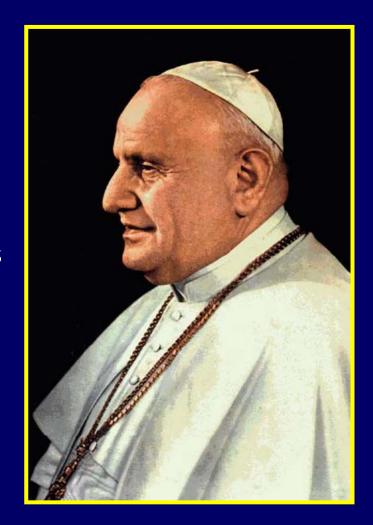
Once property rights are secure, it will be possible to protect life and freedom.

## Property rights are part of the natural order

109. There is no reason for such a doubt to persist. The right of private ownership of goods, including productive goods, has permanent validity. It is part of the natural order, which teaches that the individual is prior to society and society must be ordered to the good of the individual.

Moreover, it would be quite useless to insist on free and personal initiative in the economic field, while at the same time withdrawing man's right to dispose freely of the means indispensable to the achievement of such initiative.

Further, history and experience testify that in those political regimes which do not recognize the rights of private ownership of goods, productive included, the exercise of freedom in almost every other direction is suppressed or stifled. This suggests, surely, that the exercise of freedom finds its guarantee and incentive in the right of ownership.



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The highest human level of prosperity occurs when there is a free market economy and it is favored a policy of a minimum of government regulations.

Governments are elect to serve the public interest and the power or delegated authority entrusted to them should be limited and defined with clarity, because the true sovereignty belongs to each person and their families. Every government should be transparent and has the obligation to be accountable to the people they served.

# The philosophy of governance for peace is rooted in three core, moral principles:



- 1. A true leader or true parent must maintain strict standards of purity and fidelity. That is, the love, life and lineage made sacred through marriage should never be violated. The proper governance of ones sexual organ, which is the key to maintaining the integrity of the family, is the foundation of good governance.
- 2. A true leader and true teacher must care for all persons within his or her realm of governance as a loving parent would care for his or her children. That is, the full value, integrity, and aspirations of all human beings must be respected. The rights of any person should never be violated. The heart of others should never be hurt by careless actions.
- 3. A true leader or a true owner never misuses public money or material things, but always serves the well being of the whole.



# Three basic principles for morality and governance:

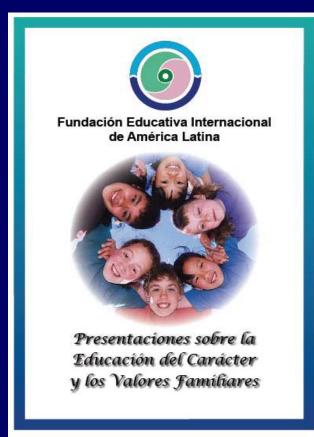
Absolute honesty, Absolute sexual purity, Absolute service.

#### **Three Immutable Laws:**

Holding purity and absolute sexual fidelity Do not wound the heart of others Do not misuse public money or property

If you violate these laws or principles you will always pay for it. Justice is blind and nobody is above the universal law.





#### **PURITY and FIDELITY = GOOD FAMILIES**



Sexual purity, purity of lineage and purity of love will be the educational philosophy of the human race

# Preserve and love the natural world

# Sustainable development



#### CONSCIENCE

Father, Teacher and True Sovereign



Compass to guide us through life

God created us as His children and to be the lords of creation. To this end, He gave each of us the highest and greatest gift-a conscience. This special gift of a conscience is given to us as a compass to guide us through life in this earthly world. We can say that our lifespan may be one hundred years. ...

The most elevated function of the conscience is its role as our true parent, true teacher and true owner. In other words, our conscience acts as a true parent, true teacher and true owner on behalf of God, guiding our lives and educating us from the time we are born.

Our conscience functions as a guide, keeping watch over our every action at every moment. It is aware of our every word, thought and deed even before our parents, our teachers or God are. God infused into the conscience the fundamental function of guiding and supervising our lives.

(The Three Great Subject Partners Principle from the Viewpoint of God's Providence- Peace Message No. 15 - July 4, 2007)

#### THE LAW EMBEDDED IN OUR HEART and CONSCIENCE

... a world governed by our conscience and natural reason (SMM)

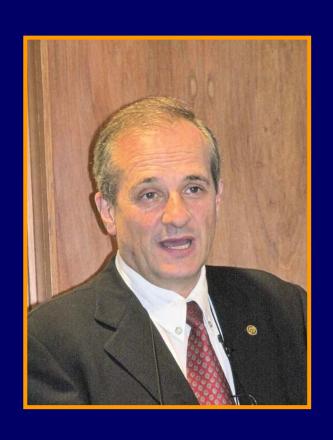


"...<u>I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;</u> I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

"I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:33-34 - Hebrews 8: 10-12)

"The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. The law of their God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip." (Psalm 37:30-31)

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