

LET'S DANCE HUMAN RIGHTS

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I 'write'
I have the 'right'
Is it 'right'?

Every human being writes her/ his own words about appreciating basic rights. It should be allowed, right?

To 'write' represents the equality to get educated, which is the basic right of every child ... once a child is educated, it has the confidence to live in this world and understands the meaning of 'living and let living'... which directly help towards achieving Universal Peace and finally free oneself to break the chain of slavery in any kind – thereby move towards the goal of Liberty, Fraternity and Equality.

On this Special and Honoured “International Dance Day”, I am very much privileged to write about Human Rights. I am grateful to be a Dancer/ Writer & member of CID.

At the outset, I wish to begin with few words on video uploaded by CID, Avignon for International Dance Day 2021. The video “All Human Beings” is narrated by Sheila Atim with artists Max Richter, Sheila Atim, Mari Samuelsen.

I have written this article by understanding the importance of human rights in general. Children and youth are the future and hope of every nation. Twenty first century has witnessed many wars, disasters, pandemic. The Universal Peace is disturbed and there is a raise in pain/ suffering and basic human rights are at threat.

The video opens with a woman moving slowly towards red coloured curtain and in the background the “proclamation of human rights” is read. Though the curtain is red in colour which represents the confusion, pain and suffering of mankind ... but when the curtain is drew open, it reveals ‘HOPE’, in the form of an infant, a bright light at the corner of the cloud, the assurance of two arms holding a child with pacifier in its mouth, the safety and stability a swing sport brings in children who play on its planks and finally the significance of northern lights or the aurora which represent life's circle and blessings from spirits of the departed friends and relatives trying to communicate with those they had left behind on earth.

“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” These inspiring words are a guiding principle for the whole declaration but, looking around at the world we have made in the decades since they were written, we have forgotten them. This has happened not only in one country or continent. But in each and every culture and society throughout the globe, there is a continuous struggle and constitutional upgrading

memorandums passed in favour of uplifting basic human rights which is happening from decades and centuries.

Whoever agree with Mary Robinson saying “Human rights are inscribed in the hearts of people; they were there long before lawmakers drafted their first proclamation” - will have a clear and straight forward opinion about Human Rights and its preservation.

As mother Teresa rightly said “Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign. ... You must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth.”

But still by having so many philosophers, spiritual people why humanity is dying? Why is every part of mother earth suffering from not having true basic rights for its citizens? Gender inequality, racial inequality, financial indifference, job opportunity indifference? Unemployment problems, child abuse-child labour, slavery due to any reason... why these imbalances are still existing?

At this point let us all remember Eleanor Roosevelt who says— “Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world ... Such are the places where every man, woman and child seek equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere.”

If we accept that Universal Human Rights begin at home, then we must accept that -- “Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.” – as per 14th Dalai Lama.

In conclusion, on this International Dance Day, Let's Dance Human Rights by walking path – as Martin Luther King Jr said - by committing oneself to the noble struggle for human rights. We will make a greater person of ourselves, a greater nation of our country and a finer world to live in.

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