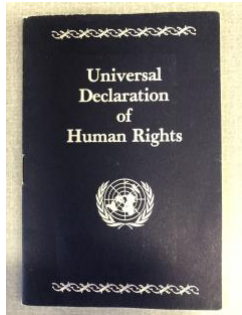




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Remembering True Human Rights on the 76th Anniversary of the UDHR

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Today is the 76th anniversary of the 1948 **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. Let us remember a time when true human rights – inalienable rights given by GOD – were protected by the vast majority of nations, even some nations or governments who did not know the Living GOD. These rights were recognized primarily because of the influence of the Judeo-Christian faith, and tenacity and diplomacy of Christian ambassadors and leaders with strong convictions, who represented their nations in forming the Declaration. The Preamble to the UDHR began:

*“Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,
“Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind”*

Inalienable rights affirmed in the UDHR include:

“Article 1: 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.

“Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

“Article 4: “No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

“Article 7: All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.

“Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

“Article 12: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

“Article 16: (1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. (2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. (3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

“Article 18: Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

“Article 19: Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

“Article 20: (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.”

PRAY that a true understanding of human rights as being from GOD, and which rights are from Him and which so-called “rights” are not, will be restored in our nation and every nation. Pray that GOD will raise up men and women of courage among us who will stand and defend these God-given rights to preserve or restore them for our generation and generations to come.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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