

# „Human Rights Day“

## of the United Nations (UN)

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# Since when have human rights formulated?

The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948:

*“Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, ...*

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly,

Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, ...

From the preamble of  
„Universal Declaration of Human Rights“ [>>>](#)

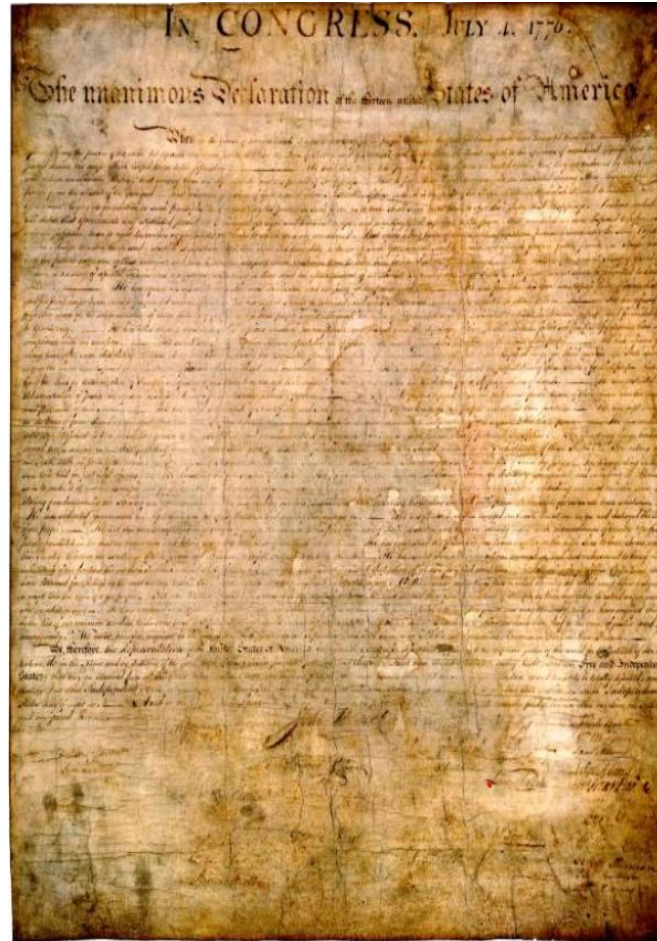
# The most important precursors of the UN Declaration of Human Rights

- Declaration of Independence of the United States (July 1776): [>>>](#)
- The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen of the French Revolution:  
*Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen* [>>>](#)

# Declaration of Independence of the United States (July 1776)

## The beginning of the preamble:

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



Detailed in Wikipedia: [>>>](#)

# The French Revolution (1889-1899): Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen



# “Believe” in values!

Since “values” cannot be proven but require a mental and spiritual agreement, “statements of values” are actually ‘statements of faith’.

A separate state body, in the USA the U.S. Supreme Court, which is independent of other political bodies and committed solely to the fundamental rights of the constitution, has the task of reviewing parliamentary majority decisions to determine whether they are in line with these fundamental values. Otherwise, majority decisions are declared invalid.

# Not just “believing” in values but “experience” them!

Example: Astronauts on the ISS

## 1. An astronaut from Brazil:

"Up here we are a community in which the differences of cultures and nations no longer play a role. We are the small model of a peaceful, human world, a model for a peaceful future for humanity.

**Everyone is equally respected and belongs to it."**

## 2. An astronaut from the USA

"Even though I am a technician, I have to say that when I leave the station in my space suit, I always have the feeling **that I am one with the universe**".

## 3. An astronaut from Germany (Ulf Merbold):

From above you see no borders and differences between peoples and nations;  
**you see the earth as one. It is our common home.**

And you see from above the pollution of the seas, where the great rivers flow into the sea and where cities with millions of inhabitants lie on the coasts. You feel a new responsibility for the preservation of this wonderful nature down there on our planet earth.

"The unity of mankind"

"One with the universe"

"The earth as a unity"



# The “faith” of the German people

## Article 1

- (1) Human dignity shall be inviolable. To respect and protect it shall be the duty of all state authority.
- (2) The German people therefore acknowledge inviolable and inalienable human rights as the basis of every community, of peace and of justice in the world.

From the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany of 1949 [>>>](#)



# A genuine democracy is not a “dictatorship of majorities”

*A democracy based on respect for and protection of the dignity of every  
human being,*

*is a community of values and not a "dictatorship of majorities".*

*Since values cannot be proved but develop their validity and effect  
through the "confession" of these values, such a democracy represents  
a kind of "confessional community" in the sense of a "**faith community**".*

*The contents of this "**community of faith**" are protected in the USA by  
the **U.S. Supreme Court**.*

For more details: [>>>](#)

# The “Faith” of the Peoples of the European Union (EU)

“Conscious of its spiritual and moral heritage, the Union is founded on the indivisible, universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity; it is based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law.”

„From the  
**CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
of 7 December 2000

To the full charter [>>>](#)

# The term "dignity" for children explains:

Since children do not always understand the word "dignity", here is an attempt at a child-friendly formulation:

***I believe  
that I and every person on this earth  
is important, valuable and lovable  
and that we humans have a responsibility  
to treat the earth in such a way  
that nature remains healthy.***

*Unfortunately, the official creeds of the church contain nothing of the words and deeds of Jesus - and therefore nothing of the values he lived and proclaimed.*

# Prayer of Faith

1. God, we believe that you created us humans in your image. You have provided us with divine dignity and assigned us to care for each other. So we pray:  
All: God, strengthen our faith!
2. We believe that your love respects our freedom and you give us the freedom to make mistakes as well. You help us to learn from our mistakes.  
All: God, strengthen our faith!
3. We believe that you love this world, from which you also gave birth to us. We can use it and enjoy it. You have appointed us for this world as responsible stewards.  
All: God, strengthen our faith!
4. We believe that you reveal yourself in the loving encounter of man and woman and are alive in our care for the children and for the disadvantaged of the earth.  
All: God, strengthen our faith!
5. We believe that your face became visible among us in Jesus Christ, who showed what dignity is given to us and what love we are capable of.  
All: God, strengthen our faith!
6. We believe that your spirit is alive among us when we meet each other openly and honestly, when we overcome judgmental and pejorative thinking and break down all forms of domination among each other.  
All: God, strengthen our faith

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