

For the Love of God

# HUMAN RIGHTS – THE GENESIS

Behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

# COMPARE & CONTRAST

Egyptian concept: “image of God”	Jewish concept: “image of God”

# Christianity & Human Rights



On 3 May 2011, an international online design competition to create a universal logo for human rights was launched. From the more than 15,300 suggestions from over 190 countries, the winning logo was selected. It was designed by Predrag Stakić from Serbia.

What do you think it is trying to represent and why do you think it won the competition?

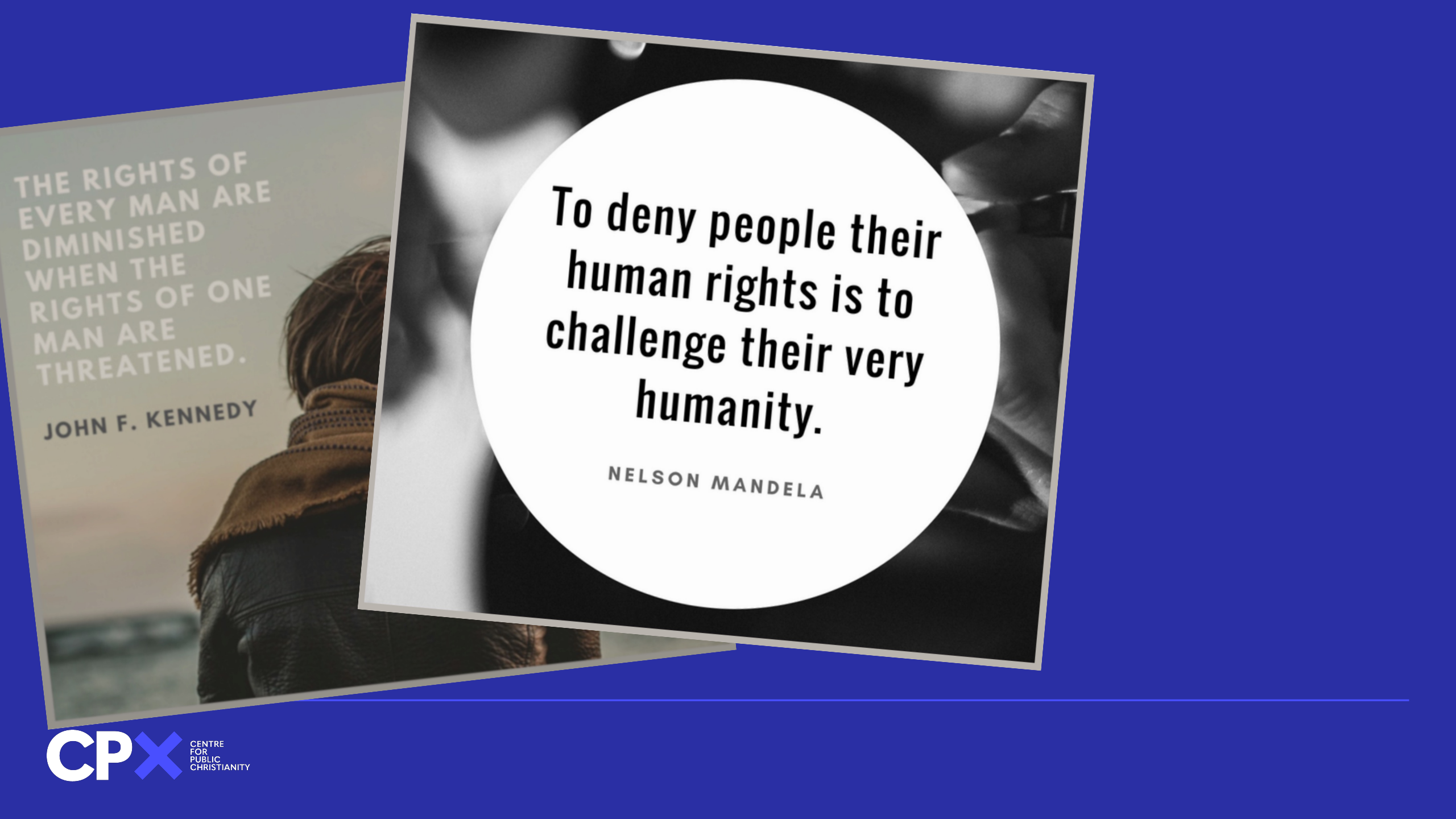


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"Our hopes for a more just, safe, and  
peaceful world can only be achieved  
when there is universal respect for the  
inherent dignity and equal rights of all  
members of the human family."

**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**







# The UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.
- Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
- No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

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The right of the poor to the necessities of life	Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.
The right of self-preservation	Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.
Rights to property	Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
The right of self-defence	Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
The right to a fair trial	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.

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I don't doubt that Jesus Christ in particular brought about a revolution in thinking of people as equal in the sight of God...

Later, this idea of moral equality became an ideal of political equality, and there's no doubt that that's caused the world to change drastically.





<sup>8</sup> Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.

<sup>9</sup> Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless,  
and see that they get justice.





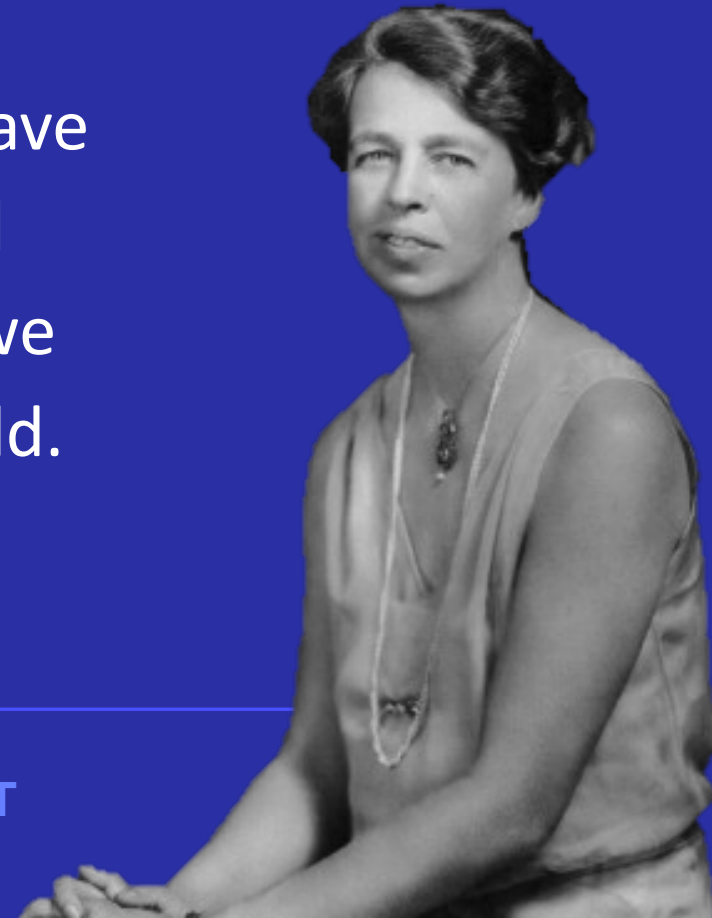
<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

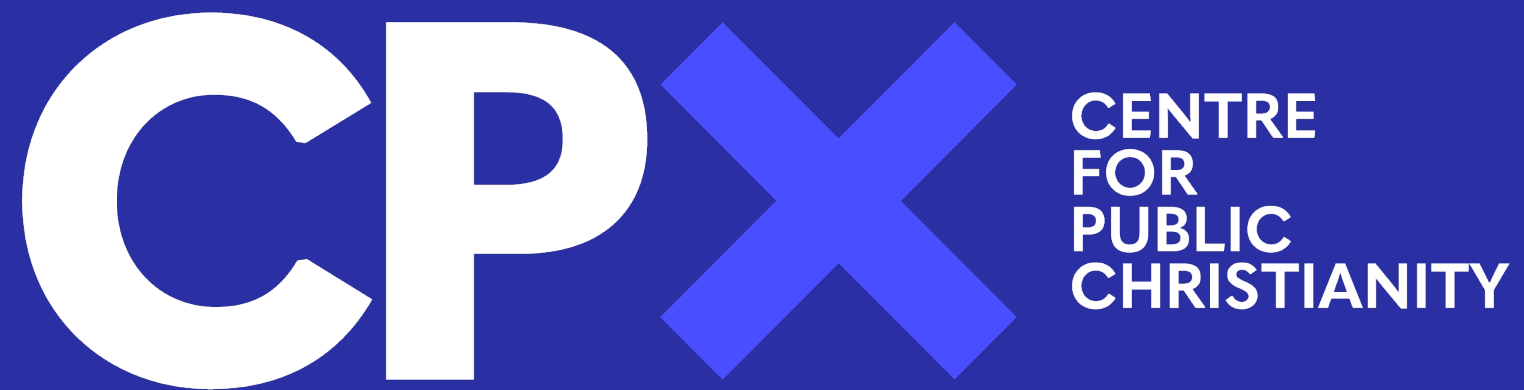


Where, after all, do universal human rights begin?

In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world...

Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.





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