



Human rights

W: Today I'd like to talk about a subject that everybody knows, without most of the time understanding its stakes. I mean Human Rights. Sarah, what could you tell us about this topic?

Sarah: well, I know that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on December 10th, 1948.

W: Very good. And what does it say?

Sarah: it stipulates, among other things that, I quote: "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights", this is article 1, if my memory is good.

W: Very good Sarah, please carry on.

Sarah: also that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person", and "no one shall be held in slavery or servitude". That's all that I can remember.

W: That's already remarkable, thanks Sarah. I will then add to your quotations the following ones: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment", then "all are equal before the law and entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law". Another one is "everyone has the right to freedom of movement". Have you found another article Sarah?

Sarah: Yes I did. I found "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion", and "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression".

W: Very good. I wanted to treat that subject today because the rights of thousands of men, women and children are disregarded or grossly abused in every corner of the globe. Amnesty International activists are united by a determination to work for a world where every human being enjoys the same rights. Do you think it's possible?

Sarah: Well I do think that the actions are justified, but living in a world where human rights are not violated is just wishful thinking.

W: Thanks for sharing your opinion Sarah. Anyone else?



GLOSSARY:

Human rights	To violate
To talk	To share
To understand	A subject
To mean	The stakes
To be adopted	A topic
To stipulate	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
To quote	Human beings
To be born	Dignity
To be equal	My memory
To carry on	Life
Shall	Liberty
To be held: être tenu	Security of person
To remember	Slavery
To add	Servitude
To be subjected	A quotation
To be entitled	Torture
To find/found/found	Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment
To treat	Punishment
To disregard	The law
To abuse	Discrimination
To be united	Protection of the law
To enjoy	Freedom of movement
To be justified	

Freedom of thoughts	Determination
Conscience	The actions
Religion	Wishful thinking
Opinion	Among other things
Expression	Free
Thousands of men	Remarkable
Every corner of the globe	Grossly
Activists	



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