

## **PLANETARY BILL OF RIGHTS    13    Proposed Articles**

### **Article 1 — Equality and Human Dignity**

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Every human life is of immeasurable and equal value. No distinction of nationality, citizenship, race, color, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, religion, belief or lack of belief, disability, neurodiversity, political opinion, social origin, economic status, or any other status shall diminish these rights.

### **Article 2 — Right to Life and Nonviolence**

Every human being has an inherent right to life. No government, institution, organization, or individual has the authority to arbitrarily take human life. War, genocide, ethnic cleansing, mass killing, and capital punishment are violations of this right. Planetary and national institutions shall act to prevent violence, eliminate war, and protect all people from harm.

### **Article 3 — Freedom of Thought, Belief, and Conscience**

Every person has the absolute right to freedom of thought, conscience, belief, religion, spirituality, philosophy, or non-belief. This includes the right to change beliefs, to practice or not practice any belief, and to express beliefs peacefully without coercion or interference.

### **Article 4 — Freedom of Expression and Information**

Every person has the right to freedom of speech, expression, inquiry, communication, and access to information. No censorship shall be imposed by any government or planetary authority. All human knowledge should be freely accessible to every member of our species, subject only to narrowly defined limits necessary to protect life and safety.

### **Article 5 — Democratic Participation and Consent of the Governed**

All political authority derives from the freely given consent of the people. Every adult resident of a political community has the right to vote in free and fair elections and the right to run for public office without discrimination or arbitrary restrictions.

### **Article 6 — Freedom from Slavery, Exploitation, and Coercion**

Slavery, forced labor, human trafficking, and all forms of coercive exploitation are prohibited. Every person has the right to bodily autonomy and freedom from involuntary servitude.

### **Article 7 — Right to Due Process and Equal Justice**

Every person has the right to equal protection of the law, fair and public hearings, due process, and independent courts. No one shall be arbitrarily detained, punished, or deprived of liberty.

#### **Article 8 — Right to Education**

Every human being has the right to free, high-quality education that promotes critical thinking, scientific literacy, human rights, and respect for diversity. Parents and guardians have the right to educate their children in their culture and values, provided the fundamental rights of the child are respected.

#### **Article 9 — Right to Health and Survival**

Every person has the right to access food, clean water, sanitation, shelter, and healthcare. No human being should die from hunger, preventable disease, or curable illness. Planetary and national institutions have a duty to eliminate preventable causes of human suffering and death.

#### **Article 10 — Freedom of Movement and Association**

Every person has the right to move freely, to emigrate or immigrate, to associate peacefully with others, and to form organizations, movements, unions, and political parties without repression.

#### **Article 11 — Environmental Rights and Responsibilities**

Every human being has the right to live in a healthy and sustainable environment. The Earth's ecosystems, climate, and natural resources shall be protected for present and future generations. Governments have a duty to prevent pollution, ecological destruction, and irreversible environmental harm.

#### **Article 12 — Minority and Vulnerable Group Protections**

The rights of minorities, indigenous peoples, women, LGBTQIA+ persons, children, refugees, and other vulnerable groups shall be explicitly protected. No majority may lawfully deny the fundamental rights of a minority.

#### **Article 13 — Responsibility of Governments**

Governments at all levels exist to protect human rights and promote the common good. Any government that systematically violates these rights forfeits its legitimacy and may be peacefully reformed or replaced by the will of the people.

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