

There are certain principles that we believe that most of the people on our planet share and broadly agree upon:

- We believe life is better than death.
- We believe truth is better than falsehood.
- We believe peace is better than war.
- We believe love is better than hatred.
- We believe freedom is better than slavery.
- We believe justice is better than injustice.
- We believe fairness is better than unfairness.

We believe that most people on planet Earth want the same basic things for their families, friends, and loved ones. We want to live our lives freely, with enough food, shelter, clean water, and clean air. We want to be safe from violence and coercion. We seek the freedom to speak our native languages, follow our beliefs or none, and live well without coercion from any authority.

Much in the world today is wrong, and it is the responsibility of those alive now to correct it. Wars that are currently raging—whether in Gaza, Ukraine, parts of Africa, or elsewhere—should be ended, and the disputes that cause them should be resolved peacefully, according to widely accepted principles of justice and fairness.

In many places, people are not safe because there is no effective or legitimate government, as in Haiti or parts of Somalia. Roughly half of the world's population cannot speak freely or express honest opinions without fear of punishment. Most countries practice some form of censorship, preventing people from reading what others have written, said, or shared.

We believe in seeking the greatest good for the greatest number of people. We also recognize that many of the problems we face are planetary in scale and require planetary political solutions.

We face existential threats that no nation can solve alone, including human-caused climate change, the risk of nuclear annihilation, global pandemics, rising sea levels, widespread pollution of air, water, and soil, and the accelerating loss of biodiversity.

We must come together in a peaceful and nonviolent planetary movement to achieve more Peace, Freedom, Justice, and Fairness than exist today—for ourselves and for all humanity.

We are members of a single human family. Every person alive today is genetically related to every other human being who has ever lived. We are more than 99.9 percent the same, and the differences among us are small compared to what we share in common.

We believe our species is intelligent enough to end war, genocide, hunger, famine, and deaths from curable illnesses and preventable diseases. We should be wise enough to place our common welfare above the pursuit of extreme and unnecessary wealth.

If we observed a group of chimpanzees in which one hoarded vast amounts of food while others starved, we would consider that behavior abnormal. Yet we often accept similar behavior among ourselves without question.

We have accepted the idea of national sovereignty in ways that allow states to take human lives—through war, execution, or repression. Yet many countries have abolished capital punishment, recognizing that the state should not take a human life under any circumstances, regardless of the crime.

Today, roughly one quarter of the world's countries still allow capital punishment, and only a small number limit it to extreme crimes such as mass murder or war crimes.

We believe it is wrong to intentionally take a human life. If no individual has that right, then no organization of individuals—including a sovereign nation—should possess it either, except in immediate self-defense.

Most people regard human life as sacred and beyond monetary value, at least when it comes to their own families and communities. It is not unreasonable to extend that same belief to all humanity and to affirm that every human life is equal, invaluable, and deserving of protection.

There should be no wars of aggression. No country should be permitted to wage war against another country or group of people for any reason, anywhere on Earth.

Achieving this requires rethinking sovereignty through a planetary system of governance. It would require a **Planetary Constitution** that outlaws war, genocide, and all preventable causes of human death and establishes effective, just mechanisms to resolve the political conflicts that have historically led to violence, famine, and mass suffering.