

UDHR Ontological Evaluation

UDHR Article	Right Claimed	Implied Duty / Notes	Ontological Verdict
Art 1	Human beings free & equal in dignity and rights	Affirm equal Imago Dei but no grounding	⚠ Partial – equality asserted, not grounded
Art 2	Non-discrimination by race, sex, etc.	Refrain from partiality	⚠ Partial – good outcome, no axiological root
Art 3	Right to life, liberty, security	Others must not kill, enslave, assault	✓ Aligned – mirrors biblical prohibitions
Art 4	Freedom from slavery/servitude	Do not enslave	✓ Aligned – matches law against man-stealing
Art 5	Freedom from torture, degrading treatment	Do not inflict cruelty	✓ Aligned – protects bodily stewardship
Art 6	Recognition as person before the law	States must acknowledge legal personality	⚠ Partial – presumes legalism, lacks ontic basis
Art 7	Equality before the law	States must apply law without bias	⚠ Partial – good rule, but no moral warrant
Art 8	Effective remedy before tribunals	States must provide redress	⚠ Partial – procedural good, ontic void
Art 9	No arbitrary arrest, exile	State must justify detention	⚠ Partial – restraint good, grounding absent
Art 10	Fair & public hearing	Independent judiciary obligation	⚠ Partial – justice ideal, no moral root
Art 11	Presumption of innocence	Burden of proof on accuser	⚠ Partial – aligns with biblical witness rules
Art 12	Privacy & reputation protected	No arbitrary interference	⚠ Partial – good, but value undefined
Art 13	Freedom of movement & residence	States must allow travel/exit	⚠ Partial – liberty claim lacks duty link
Art 14	Right to seek asylum	Other states must grant refuge	⚠ Partial – compassionate but unenforceable
Art 15	Right to nationality	No arbitrary deprivation	⚠ Partial – nationality is human construct
Art 16	Marry & form family by consent	State must allow marriages	⚠ Partial – omits covenantal definition
Art 17	Right to own property	No arbitrary deprivation	⚠ Partial – recognizes ownership, but ignores stewardship
Art 18	Freedom of thought, conscience, religion	No coercion of belief	✓ Aligned – supports liberty of conscience
Art 19	Freedom of opinion & expression	No suppression of speech	✓ Aligned – matches biblical free proclamation
Art 20	Freedom of peaceful assembly & association	No forced association	✓ Aligned – negative right coherent
Art 21	Participate in government (vote)	States ensure representation	⚠ Partial – procedure over value
Art 22	Right to social security & dignity	State must provide welfare	✗ Untethered – positive entitlement without warrant
Art 23	Right to work, fair wage, union	Employer/state must provide	✗ Untethered – imposes duty on third parties
Art 24	Right to rest & leisure	Employers/state supply limits	✗ Untethered – prescriptive entitlement
Art 25	Right to adequate living standard, health care	Society must supply goods/services	✗ Untethered – redefines theft as policy
Art 26	Right to education (personality development)	State must provide schooling	⚠ Partial – risks worldview coercion
Art 27	Right to cultural participation & IP protection	State must facilitate & protect	⚠ Partial – largely procedural
Art 28	Right to social & international order for rights	States must create enabling order	⚠ Partial – circular claim
Art 29	Duties to community; law may limit rights	Community > individual	⚠ Partial – admits limits but no hierarchy
Art 30	No destruction of UDHR rights	States/people must not subvert list	⚠ Partial – self-protective clause