

## LESSON FIFTEEN: A DEIST-FRIENDLY MORAL SYSTEM (PART SIX)

### A Universal List of Human Rights

A right is something someone has because it will probably make him or her as good and happy as possible. All humans have the following rights. These rights should only be denied for a very good reason.

1. The right to have the means to live and be healthy.
2. The right to keep one's life, freedom, property, and job unless these things are taken away for a just and legal reason.
3. The right to do whatever one wants if one does not obviously hurt another creature.
4. The right to think, feel, and believe whatever one wants.
5. The right to kill whoever is enslaving one, if that is the only way one can be free.
6. The right to use non-abortive birth-control.<sup>1</sup>
7. The right to assemble with others peacefully.
8. The right to privacy in one's home and correspondence, unless the government of the nation one lives in has much reason to suspect that one is doing something illegal.
9. The right to leave one's nation.
10. The right to raise one's children, unless one cannot or refuses to adequately provide for the physical and emotional needs of the children.
11. The right to work where one wants, if one can get the job.

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<sup>1</sup> Abortive birth-control is birth-control that destroys a fertilized ovum. Non-abortive birth-control is birth-control that does not destroy a fertilized ovum. The reason Right 6 states "non-abortive birth-control" is that abortion is very controversial. Almost everyone can agree that people should be allowed to use non-abortive birth-control, but many people strongly believe (rightly or wrongly) that abortive birth-control is evil and should be illegal. I have opinions on the matter, but I am trying to stay out of the pro-life/pro-choice debate here because promoting one side or the other here would be counterproductive.

12. The right to employ whom one wants, as long as one does not enslave, or discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, social status, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation.
13. The right to at least the following six exemptions from work without being fired or losing regular pay: 1) sixteen hours a day unless there is an emergency, 2) twelve hours a day if there is an emergency, 3) one complete day each week, 4) ten personal days each year for sickness and/or family emergencies, 5) two weeks each year for vacation, and 6) forty days after one's child is born.
14. The right to petition one's government without being threatened or punished.
15. The right to have the government that one wants, if the majority of adults living in one's nation also want it.
16. The right to be treated equally and respectfully by the law.
17. The right to be considered innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt.
18. The right to not be arrested without sufficient reason.
19. The right to know why one is being arrested and imprisoned.
20. The right to free and adequate legal counsel.
21. The right to have a just and speedy trial.
22. The right to not have to testify against oneself.
23. The right to leave the military permanently after one has served a total of five years. It does not matter if one is a draftee or volunteer.