

Human Rights and Christianity:
Metaphysical and Legal Deliberations
on Their Legitimacy and Universality

人權與基督教：關於形上學的和
法律的審議之合法性與普世性

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Abstract

Just because the term human rights seems to be ubiquitous in contemporary media and other public venues, it does not mean that they are truly ubiquitous in reality. These avenues continually mention human rights because they are continually under attack, be it through civil wars, political persecutions, or domestic and interpersonal violence.

Even though Christian theology and the churches became late advocates for human rights, the heritage of human rights can still be highlighted. Christianity's heritage promotes the recognition and observance of human rights and can be, from this vantage point, relevant for answering pressing contemporary questions concerning human rights in a global context.

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