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Discrimination and It's Forms in the Contemporary World

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A Man's skin has many colours, but human blood is always red

Discrimination is such a disease, which can never be nullified or brought to zero. Human beings themselves are naturally in elusion under the light of discrimination; it all starts when with one look in the mirror, for the very first time. As per the Oxford Dictionary definition, discrimination is said to be defined as '*the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex*'. Just like every other thing in this world, on an average, the term discrimination also happens to trace its origination from the 17th century, which also explains the fact, that the *act* of discriminating between people had started way before the 17th century.

Discrimination has become such an *issue*, all around the World that countries like the United States, Ontario, India, Africa and many other countries had to incorporate it as an issue in one or the other charters of their country, it may be as an Act of the state or their constitution or any other official document which addresses it. The question raised is that, why do we need all this? Why has all this actually become a serious issue? Why does the world require an International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which apparently is observed annually on 21st March?

Curbing discrimination was never an easy task, it all started from racial discrimination which grew to distinguishing humans ranging *from* their race, color, creed, marital status, religion, citizenship, place of origin, family background *to* the sexual orientation and economic related distinction, nowadays. Just like every other issue, this also has evolved overtime and no one will ever be able to erase or in fact completely eradicate all traces of such acts at any point in time but can only put efforts to reduce the possibility of such acts of discrimination, in the likely future. "***All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights***".

These were the few initial wordings of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* which established the basic premise of international human rights law, somewhat around 60 years ago and even today, the fight against discrimination remains a common struggle for an uncountable

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number of beings around the globe. International lawyers nowadays, need to deal with all new grounds of discrimination like LGBT rights, economic, religious, gender etc.

The theory of equality and non-discrimination are part of the foundations of the rule of law. Discriminatory incidents or practices always affect the victim or victims in a particularly negative way because they constitute more often than not a denial of their distinctive human characteristics and thus negate their intrinsic right to be different among human beings who all have equal value, independently of the colour of their skin or of their origin, gender, religion and so forth.

Concluding with the fact that discrimination is nothing but just the mere psychological state of one's mind, which can only be reduced gradually by human beings from the very beginning of one's life and ultimately everyone needs to learn the fact that, at the end of the game, the king and the pawn go back in the same box and leaves no room to distinguish among beings.
