

Towards the Renewal of a Universal Ideology

Quotes from Dr. Rifaat Al-Assad

- You ask about the great unknown, the invisible and the knowledge and truths that the mind is capable of grasping. You ask about what is dependant and what is supportive, in light of what is possible and what is hoped for. There is benefit in such enquiring, and if you have faith in the unified spiritual force in the universe and strive towards a collective spirit, then what you are actually inquiring about is the trinity of Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- Universalism is the beating heart of humanity. It is the beauty in mankind and paradise for those with faith and spiritual awareness. This is our Universalism which is safe and enduring in the embrace of the Creative Force.
- With Justice, Peace and Freedom one clear word of truth is sufficient; it refers to faith and universal justice which is not fanciful but rooted in freedom and peace which find their place in faith. This human striving for faith plays a role in building the foundations of civilisation, whose central pillars are the high virtues of love, beauty and eternity.
- We began in peace. Thus, we still have peace in our nature and it is towards peace that we are moving. Since Adam, there has been a central energy, the pinnacle of which is faith in God and in the spirit of Universalism.
- Freedom is authenticity; beauty is a treasure; faith is creativity. Universalism is belonging and, as for love, it is the very face of God and humanness.
- The creative energy within freedom weaves a tapestry of values which lead us to God and Universalism.
- That which is known is brought closer through an unknown which is, in itself, precious. Its background is love; the beating of the heart, the mind's awareness of its love and passion, and the journey of faith in which universal and collective time is the face of God and humanity.
- Journey towards our roots in Adam, that tree which was destined and was meant to be. It brought awareness so that humankind could become informed about freedom. This is where humanity finds itself today - a collection made up of individuals who are adopting advancement and development; building bridge after bridge which generations of those with faith will cross and for which God will stretch out his hand to help.
- You are hope and security and God has awakened in you a collective spirit as a stronghold of protection. Return, then, to the place from which you fled, go to the place you came from and keep your eyes looking ahead. Where there is scorn and an unyielding attitude, be a sanctuary, be the peak of free-will and intentionality. Do not let yourselves be divided and separated and God will repay you according to your actions and the extent to which you are drawing close to Him.
- The infinity and immortality of the collective identity is none other than the spiritual energies which move through our veins as we walk alongside the beauties of the universe. It is through these energies and beauties that we touch the eternity of existence and its transformations and the genius of faith in God, and the oneness of God, and jurisdiction in religion and its principles. This is the way by which Justice, Peace and Freedom will be revealed.

- The known has a paradoxical function, which produces what is necessary in order to cope with the possible unknown. It is merely a continuous cycle which makes time one of its objectives towards the end where all unknowns start to come together. In this way, the known becomes a subject, a debatable concept, a momentary feeling, in the measure of the energy of faith which links existence to what does not exist, to arrive at Universalism in Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- What you are is what you agreed to be. You are a people that was sent to the world. You are a people that carve out its existence from a place of collective unity and faith in Humanness as a way towards truth and the eternal.
- The interests of the enemy are both compatible and contradictory. Therefore if you see a window of light do not hesitate to go through it and into freedom and destroy the chains and restrictions of dictatorship. It is dictatorship that represents the sword of tyranny and the grip of the enemy.
- They will ask you, 'why now?' We will reply, 'we must know that it is natural to prepare oneself to face pain and hardship, however, they will not overpower the stronghold of the collective spirit in any time or space'.
- The interest of the enemy necessarily demands accepting defeat before it happens. For example, the war declared on the Arab people is intensive in moral and civilisational measure and is led by freedom which Arab people are in need of and that need to put into practice. Freedom will create a collective will for the Arab nation to stand strong and succeed.
- We must struggle towards faith and follow God's way. Where a people has been denied its rights and been torn apart it is the collective spirit that will save it from tyranny, death or slavery.
- The mass consensus, the lowest common denominator, does not produce pure truth. Therefore, using it as a base ignores the nature of truth which is rooted and grounded in freedom in which the vitality of freedom is formed.
- The best way for dictatorship to thrive is when the national, united identity has been diluted into an illusory one.
- To replace the practice of freedom with something else is a terrible thing and a great error.
- Without freedom there is no homeland and there can be no freedom under dictatorship.
- Existence, and that which was there at the beginning, preceded our knowledge; moreover, it was the true, honest and fair state of the world.
- It is not difficult to put a ceiling on freedom, however, it is difficult, even impossible, to measure this ceiling and determine its dimensions.
- Dictators are found in the museum of rulers in the form of statues that you could almost take for humans were it not for their complexion which betrays faithlessness and malevolence; they have citizens in the grip of their hands who have neither an identity, a state nor a homeland. Thus, the trinity of individualism, ignorance and occupation and the trinity of subjugation, injustice and usurpation can be sustained by irresponsible intellectuals.
- Freedom is simply that which we are able to feel, comprehend and grasp about what exists objectively, the consciousness of the will and the tussle of deliberation. Freedom is like a continuous choice to seek out the truth of peace; the unity that can be found in faith; and the justice that is the destiny of Universalism.

- There is an aspect of vitality in peace which is obstructed by wars; though war is not the opposite of peace. Peace is order; it blocks the way to chaos, faithlessness and the denial of Universal Humanness.
- That which is being stirred up around us and is shattering above our heads reveals that we are being sent out on a mission. It reminds us that life is for living and that stagnation brings with it trouble and destruction. This is simply the work of a perfidious and tyrannical enemy which aims to attack our collective existence and kill our eternal identity as united peoples.
- That which we touch, of which we can see the shadow, and imagine what is beyond it and wonder about what it looks like is none other than a collective entity which moves within a people. It does not ask about colour, race or different faces and shapes; it is distinguished by its propensity to beauty, faith in God and what God has revealed to us and the love of life and passion for creation. It is like thunder, storms, earthquakes or lightning; this is the dynamism with which we coexist, and this is the nature of truth which is our guide towards Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- It would not be just for us to be a country or state which professes faith without recognising the creation. It would not be just for us to be in a nationalist state which is not a homeland. It would not be just for us to be in a developed country or state that advanced at the expense of the people and nation. However, it is just for us to be a people and a nation which carries its own eternal message in faith and beauty to humanity where its role is to herald Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- Those who argue with you, contesting about Universalism, are talking about methods which displace the very laws of existence, the natural order and the events of history such as the successive phases of development and advancement, the objectivity of the universal destiny. This is a destiny carved out by the people and they will not digress from it due to their faith in the absolute connection between the conscious and the unconscious in the cycle of life and its evolution.
- By the gates of the dawn we entered, and we were a universal nation. We began as a group of people and then took on our specific traits. We descended from a mythological science and we evolved into a theoretical design; we proceed in a dynamic order and system - which does not include fictional and illusionary presentations - to an arena of dialectical challenges, seeking to discover the horizons of the unknown and what we can perceive of it through proven and certain science and knowledge. The energy driving this process is faith in that which is beyond and confidence in universalism through the pages of eternity and the voyage of Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- Those who do not have faith in Universalism and accuse it of error - and those who refuse to recognise the error and unworthiness of those that oppose and counter universalism –have closed off their imagination and distanced themselves from attentive observation and intense contemplation. They have ceased gazing at creation so as to experience cosmological and natural transformations without distinguishing what is natural from what is not. Perhaps some of these faithless people are not conscious of the genius of faith and the creativity of beauty, where each and every individual is found at the same distance from their destiny, which is the renaissance of freedom, togetherness and peace.
- The collective spirit – with its outworking in nationalisms – is like water. As the nation can drown in water, equally it cannot exist without it.
- Do not wake up the past, for it contains an inherited ignorance, which will reproduce itself, channelled through the community across a national heritage, the spark of which cannot be

put out if one has faith and confidence in the justness of our cause as a road towards renaissance in Justice, Peace and Freedom.

- The ideal values of Justice, Peace and Freedom are raised up and a national heritage grows and forms a fence around the nation, when it goes through transformations, to protect it against those who covet, assail and attack it armed with their cultures as a justification which ignores the eternal nature of collective and universal discourse and is indifferent to the global destiny. This destiny is not globalisation or even cosmological unification, but rather Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- When we see the pure colour of the blood like the radiant sphere of the sun, it will herald the birth of the dawn of freedom, and the victory of a nation. At that time its battles will be hidden and the banner of Arab unity will be raised up with strength, endurance and victory. Thus, this unity will be a microcosm of the universal renaissance towards which we ultimately strive.
- When we do not have legislation that encourages passivity and submission, we allow for the true consciousness itself to be a framework for vitality. This vitality assures a centre of strength in paradoxes such as righteousness and backsliding, the theory of jurisdiction and its practice, the eagerness for stability in change and the straight line where there is an approximate one. This takes place in the context of a value-based formula which is responsible for the emergence universalism to realise Justice, Peace and Freedom.
- We are not saying anything argumentative, but fair confrontation and free judgement is called for, in which the people involved will understand our collective heritage while being aware of the nature of the struggle and the elements of oppression which are hard for a people to grasp as they face such challenges without unity or freedom. For the one who has overcome and faced the enemies of the nation, the obstacles in striving towards unity and freedom are merely red lines. These enemies are unified and possess as much as we do in the way of extremism, ignorance and weapons of destruction which they use to destroy any sign of alertness or resistance. We will not, merely for the sake of consensus, accept a doubtful supposition that does not value the things we cherish. For it is these things that sustain us and in which our dreams of Justice, Peace and Freedom are embedded.
- Content yourselves with knowing that liberty is sincerity, beauty and faith in God and in Universal Humanness.
- In facing the cosmological struggle, the energy that is hidden in the ocean of humanity and its historical depths represents a power and strength of vital importance. This is a practical truth which journeys towards the realisation of freedom, unity and victory.
- We cannot treat any and every regional entity – which sees itself as a victim – as a country. A country is a nation, and the collective nation possesses its own visual distinction which contributes to forging its emancipatory structure and bringing its identity as a civilisation into being coupled together with its eternal collective spirit which is born out of peace, fairness, and democracy.
- We are a people which is expanding, and a tyrannical and fierce wolf is tearing it apart; it is being ruled with oppression and subjugation. Ignorance is spreading in these people and the maze of knowledge is vast. As we are only human, this is causing us to despair and be afraid of the unknown which then exemplifies the collective fate. This calls for an urgent response to prepare ourselves to enter into a battle for destiny in the dual dimensions of that which exists and that which does not, equipped with the capabilities of the people, in a dynamic freedom to realise this ultimate destiny which is absolute.

- The collective energy and spirit is now fading and disintegrating in terms of its practical outworking in the ultimate realm of goodness and prosperity. This all embodies an unlawful rule from among the people. This is the current governing power. This disconnected power not only threatens one country, but the entire world. This is because it proceeds rashly and haphazardly. This leads it to aggression behind which it hides while hurting those around it in the process.