

A banner featuring silhouettes of diverse people in various poses against a warm, golden background. The word "HUMANITY" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the banner.

HUMANITY

I AM BECAUSE WE ARE:
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The effective team



“The prime weapon of early man was his organization. To compete with lions and wolves he utilized the strength of the group

Yvess Coppén (Anthropologist)

It is through this planning, division of labor and communication that human beings have evolved into the dominant species on our planet





We are now a formidable force. This power can be used to dominate and destroy



The fate of this world rests in OUR hands



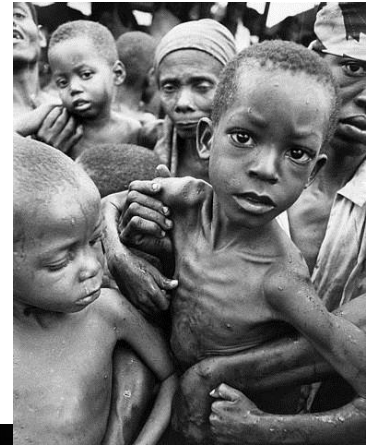
GLOBALISATION

- Western politics and philosophies like **economics and capitalism**, have spread **unhindered worldwide**.
- This spread has taken place through **colonisation and subjugation**, disguised as democracy through Globalisation.



GLOBALISATION

- Globalism has replaced the **sovereignty of the human** being with the sovereignty of money and undermined **solidarity**. Corruption and collusion is rife.
- **Developed Capitalist societies and the political elite** gain at the expense of the poor and vulnerable.



IN CAPITALISM THE DOGMA IS
“ PROFIT AT ALL COSTS “

MONEY CAN BUY YOU POWER, A SEAT IN GOVERNMENT A PRESIDENCY FOR LIFE!



“DEADLY LOGIC” IS INHERENT IN WESTERN CAPITALISM AND COMPETITION



A DEADLY LOGIC

- To survive, one needs freedom (to preserve your life) and property (on which to farm, hunt etc.)
- The dogma of anything and everything **for the sake of profit** translates to **“You may kill”**
- This applies literally and figuratively, because as you pursue individual preservation you may do so at the cost of the lives of others.

THE OUTCOME OF “PROFIT AT ALL COST”



FOUNDATIONS OF UBUNTU ETHICS

- The foundations of Ubuntu morality are found in our relationships of obligations and responsibilities.
- Survival is dependent on the community that puts the well being of the group above that of the individual
- Ubuntu ethics has no dogmatism, it is a philosophy that addresses human rights, but is also a **state of becoming, a process.**

**Ubuntu puts the community before
profit**

3 CORE ALLEGORIES

1. *FETA KGOMO O TSHWARE MOTHO*
2. *UMUNTU UGUMUNTU NGABANTU -I AM BECAUSE WE ARE*
3. *MOTHO KE MOTHO KA BATHO*



1.

“FETA KGOMO O TSHWARE MOTHO”

The core meaning here is ‘When one needs to make a decision between wealth and preservation of life of another than one **should opt for preservation of life.**



A paradigm of “sharing and mutual care”

Communitarianism



A COMPLEX NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mutual care and sharing precedes concern for one's own preservation



“Ubuntu Human Rights” centre on human dignity

2.

“I AM BECAUSE WE ARE”



I AM
because
we ARE

The image shows the phrase "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE" in a stylized font. The word "I" is in a light yellow color, "AM" is in black, "because" is in black, "we" is in a red script font, and "ARE" is in black.

“I am because we are” is the heart of Ubuntu ethics. I as an individual **cannot survive** or exist without the institution of the **community** from which I have been birthed. An individual’s **wellbeing is connected to** and dependent on a **web of relationships**. This includes all other life and the entire environment. This is the basis for a strong **environmental ethic**.

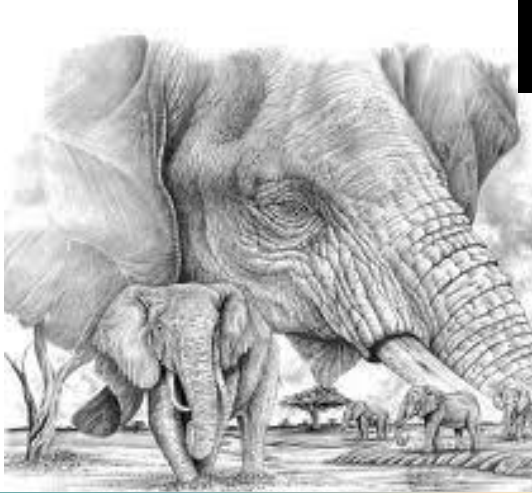


the universe is a continuous web ...



touch it
at any point
and the
whole
web quivers

Everyone and everything dependent on each other for
our mutual well being





The Human being is indeed a miracle, but it is not our individualism that has got us to where we are

We gain strength as we work together as a group. United by common problems and a common purpose we have achieved phenomenal progress.



When we find our self worth in things , instead **of through relationships**, mutual care and respect, we fail our community and ourselves





The African philosopher Ramose asks us ***“to stop vacillating and unashamedly hold Africa's indigenous concepts high as an offering to the world.”***

Ubuntu can revolutionise ways of doing things for all cultures. Here we can believe in **the possibility of “the global village ”and a “universal rendezvous”**

“Hold Africa's indigenous concepts high, as an offering to the world”



The benefits of Ubuntu for the world

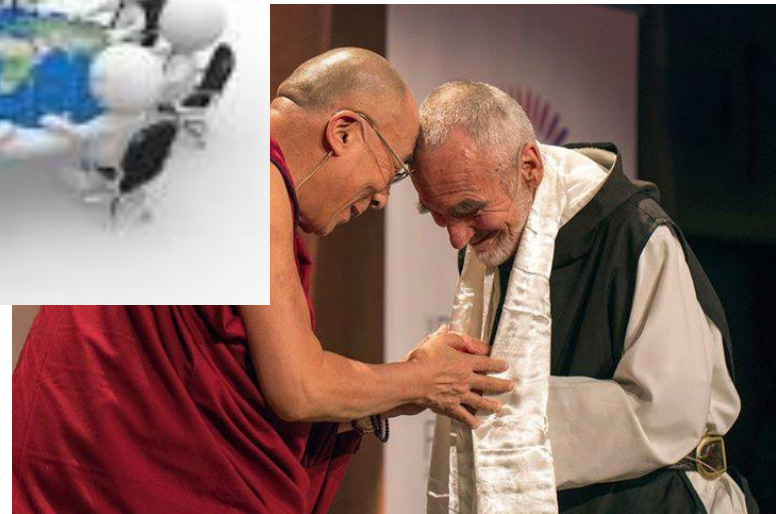
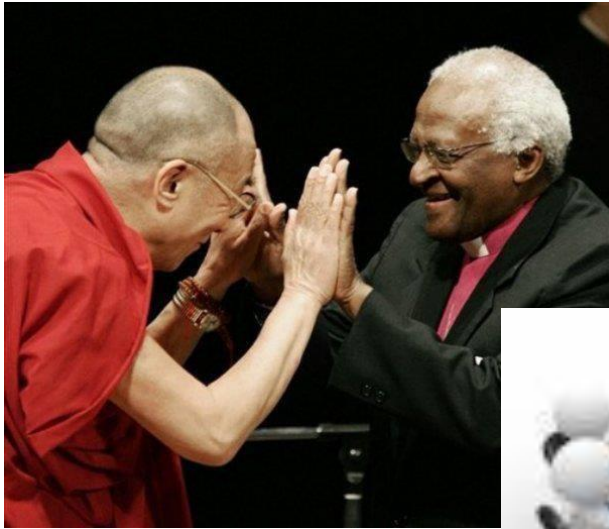


“An ethos of dialogic engagement and a morality of common belonging.” leads to the
“the global village and universal rendezvous”

THE BENEFITS OF UBUNTU FOR THE WORLD

- It is a workable solution for the **worlds economic and political problems.**
- Allocation of scarce resources and political decisions **can be guided by her humaneness.**
- As seen in our previous sessions we use Ubuntu principles in **conflict management, self knowledge, leadership and the attainment of happiness.**

THE BENEFITS OF UBUNTU FOR THE WORLD



3.

“MOTHO KE MOTHO KA BATHO”

- The core meaning is **‘To be human is to affirm ones humanity by recognising the humanity of others.**
- This is **compassion and recognition of the humanity in all who we meet.**
- How **we treat** and perceive other human beings is the **measure of our own humanness.**
- It is clear that you can only be truly human and find your **full potential in and through relations with other human beings.**

A glittering Prize



Steve Biko who dreamed of this glittering prize, died in detention from injuries inflicted upon him by a government that did not recognise humanity. To stand up for humaneness may call for the ultimate sacrifice but in return we too receive a Glittering prize" our own humanity .

Ubuntu gives a great gift to humanity..... “a more human face”

“A MORE HUMAN FACE”



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ALL GREAT ARTISTS DRAW
FROM THE SAME

RESOURCE:

THE HUMAN HEART,
WHICH TELLS US
THAT WE ARE ALL
MORE ALIKE THAN
WE ARE UNALIKE.
-MAYA ANGELOU

“A MORE HUMAN FACE”



"To be free is not only to cast off ones own chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others"

“Ubuntu calls us to negate injustice with
its humaneness

This may call for us to pay the ultimate
sacrifice.

The Freedom fighters, musicians and
poets mentioned

are no longer with us in the battle.

They have paid the price.

**We must take up the baton
Its in OUR Hands now.**

**By realizing the connectedness of all
things we can reach out without prejudice,
Racism or Speceism.**

Working together to achieve
equality and justice for
ALL the inhabitants of the earth.

This presentation has been greatly influenced by the writings of Steve Biko, D A Masolo, K Wiredu, M B Ramose, M M Ya Mona and other African Philosophers

