Australian Freedom Network

Statement of Faith Against Modern Slavery Venerable Ban Ruo Shi

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Slavery in all its forms should be abolished as it does not respect the rights of peoples of all faiths. It undermines our common humanity and seeks to destroy individual, family and community bonds.

Buddhism believes that we are all equal and that we should show compassion and respect to all sentient beings. Slavery does not respect or value the lives of others as it exploits the vulnerable and often voiceless members of society.

All sentient beings have the potential to gain enlightenment and we should all work together to help those most in need.

