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Fa-Lecture at the Conference in Florida, U.S.A.

Hello, everybody.

It's been awhile. Since you are sharing your cultivation experiences at this Fa conference, since Dafa's overall progress is quite good at present, and since you are doing everything with steady steps during the Fa-rectification, I didn't plan on talking to you about anything in particular. Even less did I intend to teach Fa that's too far from what we're doing right now. The reason is, when there's something I have to talk to you about and I do talk to you about it, it amounts to my telling you what you should do. This time, since I haven't seen you for quite a while, I came to see you, for one, and I thought I'd also take this opportunity to stress the importance of the things we're doing right now and the overall situation. I don't want to say much about other things, as that could easily interfere with our overall progress right now in the Fa-rectification.

Judging by the current situation, our students are all able to understand the Fa from the Fa, and over these two-plus years you've been tempered, making you more and more rational, more and more clearheaded, and more and more able to know the Fa; and as Dafa disciples, everyone's sense of being responsible to himself, to Dafa, and to all sentient beings has become clearer and clearer. And with this, Dafa disciples have all been able to do the truth-clarifying work even better. In what has transpired, we've also seen the following. During the period of time after July 20, 1999, probably every student felt that the evil seemed to penetrate everything, being everywhere. The whole thing really seemed like what those prophets had said—the evil came as if eclipsing the sky and covering the earth, and it was really as if the heavens had collapsed. The evil was everywhere. No matter how good a person was or another being was, he was probably influenced by that evil. At that time even Dafa students each thought about what this meant for them: Should I cultivate this Dafa? Is Dafa really right, or is it wrong? What kind of person is Li Hongzhi, anyway? A lot of students made it through, steadfast, after reflecting. Truly remarkable. You were able to step forward in an environment that difficult and under that much pressure to clarify to people what we're about and to tell them that we're being persecuted, that all the means of attack being used are fabrications and slander and completely persecutory in nature, and that this is the most evil persecution. So when the people of the world learned the truth about the persecution, they were shocked.

Since the evil came as if eclipsing the sky and covering the earth, it made our task of clarifying the truth awfully hard, and it seemed that people turned a deaf ear. That was actually this evil drama restraining them. After people listened to and believed the evil's one-sided lies, which were the only thing they could hear, they had thoughts and doubts that resulted from believing the lies; that, combined with the evil's utilizing people's incorrect thoughts, made people less able to understand us correctly, and they also couldn't recognize the true situation—persecution. However, as the Fa-rectification's overall progress accelerates, it continually charges toward even broader dimensions, in other words, it charges toward more microcosmic levels; the most fundamental reason for the Fa-rectification of the cosmos is that the immense beings at the more microcosmic levels of the cosmos have become warped. Of course, many of them didn't necessarily obstruct it on purpose. Their existence was itself a problem that had to be addressed, and their existence was old elements, immense cosmic bodies that needed to be rectified, and immense beings that needed to be saved. They're dealt with through Fa-rectification by being eliminated in Fa-rectification, being repositioned, or being assimilated where they are. So all of this requires a process, and this process takes time. Speaking of time, you know, it's been two years since July 20th. Back then every day felt like a year to you, and even every moment felt like a year. The pressure was huge. But you all held up under that huge pressure, and steadfastly and continually did different kinds of work to expose the evil's persecution.

Meanwhile, as a result of more and more evil being eliminated in the Fa-rectification, the thoughts of the people of the world have become less severely restrained. So in this situation, you've found that when you explain the truth about the persecution to people again, they're not as indifferent as before and they're happy to accept it, as if they'd never heard about the persecution of Dafa disciples. And more and more, the people of the world want to know about the truth. Since the Fa-rectification is continually forging ahead, and since the disciples are continually sending forth righteous thoughts, the evil beings have become ever fewer. Actually, the evil is only doing bad things in this interim process before the Fa-rectification arrives and before everything that's new is created. All the evil is taking place and acting up here, and it's during this period of time that the evil can throw things into disorder. It can't throw the Fa into disorder, and it's impossible for it to throw the new cosmos into disorder. It's displaying—in this period of time before the Fa is rectified—everything of the old beings after their degeneration, and it looks terribly evil. Dafa disciples in the human world can feel a lot of pressure in this environment—they really feel a lot of pressure. But you know, time is different in different dimensions, so if you look at this from a very large time-field, you'll find that these two years are but an instant, they're very short. When we're in the midst of this, experiencing the persecution, we all feel that the days drag on like years. But now you've made it through, and if you take a look back you'll find that these two years were but an instant in the cosmos. Yet these two years have forged so many truly magnificent Enlightened Beings; through these two years, so many of our students have been tempered and become mature; and through these two years, you've been able to clearly see and let go of so many ordinary human thoughts that you couldn't let go of before, along with attachments that you couldn't recognize. Under normal circumstances this would have been hard to accomplish. Of course, I reject all of the arrangements they've made, I don't recognize them. But indeed, amidst this evil drama, Dafa disciples have been tempered and become more and more extraordinary. When we look back at these two years, aren't they just an instant? More than two years have passed, but that period of time allowed our Dafa and Dafa disciples to establish everything that's everlasting and the most magnificent, along with the most magnificent mighty virtue.

Of course, being able to do all these things well is inseparable from each of us, from each Dafa disciple's own cultivation and improvement. And that's why no matter how you've been persecuted, in difficult situations you've still been able to persevere in cultivating, persevere in studying the Fa, and keep a clear head. When a cultivator's mind departs from the Fa, the evil will find its way in. Seen with the human eye, people and everything else in the human world are three-dimensional. But in reality, all matter in humankind's entire dimension—be it flowers, grass, trees, human beings, the air, etc.—everything is made up of particles of that size (molecules). And in this layer of particles, everything, including the human body, is connected. When a person himself doesn't have righteous thoughts, all the bad things in the cosmos, or in the Three Realms, will flow around continually in the human body, and even when they stay there the person doesn't realize it. That's how people are manipulated; in other words, they manipulate people when these particles are able to connect with each other. So during the two years of persecution that you've been through, you have been able to persevere in your cultivation, make yourselves more and more clearheaded, and recognize ever more clearly the evilness of this persecution. So in other words, Fa-study truly is extremely important for a Dafa disciple, for a cultivator. No matter how difficult your environment is, no matter how busy you get, you cannot forget to study the Fa. You must study the Fa, because it is the absolute, most fundamental guarantee of your improvement. I can't meet with every student, especially with the current situation in Mainland China. And under these circumstances where our students aren't able to see me, they can't come find Master whenever there's an issue, so they can only take the Fa as the Master. And in order to enable you to do cultivation practice and improve, I've infused this Fa throughout with every element that can enable a person to improve and ascend through cultivation. As long as you study, any problem can be solved. As

long as you cultivate and as long as you're able to understand the Fa from the Fa, there's nothing you can't achieve.

Of course, speaking of Fa-study, you have actually been persevering with it. But since you're now very busy with your truth-clarifying work—some of you write articles, some of you do things in the form of news media, some of you pass out flyers on the street, and there are also people doing all kinds of other work that's related to clarifying the truth, saving the world's people who've been poisoned by the lies—sometimes when you study the Fa you aren't able to calm your mind. This is a really, really serious problem.

You all know what state of mind a person must be in to see the Fa's principles. You know it without my having to say much. When your eyes read the Fa and yet your mind isn't on the Fa, think about it, aren't you reading in vain? Who are you reading for? You yourself aren't really studying the Fa, then. Haven't I told you to make sure that you yourself truly obtain *gong*? Then if your mind isn't on the Fa when you're studying the Fa, who are you studying it for? This isn't to criticize you—I'm just telling you that this is a really critical situation. So, no matter how busy you get, when you study the Fa you have to set aside all other thoughts—don't think about other things at all, just study the Fa. Maybe as you study the Fa the issues you've been thinking about will be resolved, since behind every word are Buddhas, Daos, and Gods. How could they not know exactly what you want to resolve and what you're anxious to get done at that time? Then how could they not tell you? But there's one thing: you must achieve the state of studying the Fa without any pursuit. You understood this a long time ago—you can't read the Fa with an attachment to solving your problems. Just read calmly, and the effect is sure to be excellent. So when you study the Fa, don't just go through the motions. You have to calm your mind when you read it, and truly study it. Don't let your mind sneak away from you. Once your mind wanders off, you'll be studying in vain. If we look at it from another angle, when you study the Fa and your mind isn't on the Fa, it's not only a problem of just going through the motions, but also that the person studying the Fa is actually not being very respectful of the Fa. How could the Fa reveal itself, then? So from this angle, I think that you have to calm your mind when you study the Fa, and remember to keep your mind steady during Fa-study when you're busy.

Let me talk about another issue. Namely, as you know, we are eliminating the evil at set times, that is, we're sending forth righteous thoughts. In the past it wasn't called "sending forth righteous thoughts," it was "divine powers"—using divine powers, Buddha Fa's divine powers. Everyday people have referred to it as "supernormal abilities." So why do I call it sending forth righteous thoughts? Since you're doing Dafa cultivation, everything should be the most magnificent and the purest. None of the things we do are just about your personal cultivation. We have to also consider the Fa, and we have to consider the new beings of the future, and, at the same time, we have to consider the form of beings in the future. Because you're laying a foundation for them, the path we take has to be righteous. Whatever you do today, the future people will remark, "That's how Dafa disciples did it back then," so we can see that many things are major. This is why we have to be pure when we send forth righteous thoughts. Currently, whether it's at the microcosmic level of human society or in different dimensions, Fa-rectification is being done throughout the entire cosmos, leaving out nothing—it's being done below the surface of human society as well.

In human society nowadays there are a lot of bad phenomena, bad people, and bad behavior, which completely depart from what is human, even to the point that some people not only have warped mentalities, but also enormous demon nature. So what should we do about this situation? I'll tell you: nothing. Why? Dafa disciples' magnificence is connected to the Fa-rectification of the cosmos, and your greatest mission is to safeguard the Fa. Let those that don't damage Dafa just be. If someone damages Dafa, you should clarify the truth to him, restrain the evil, eliminate the evil, and save people.

So in other words, right now we don't do anything about the many bad phenomena in today's human society, because those are things to be handled when the Fa rectifies the human world. And the things to be done when the Fa rectifies the human world have nothing to do with Dafa disciples, because you are to reach Consummation. Dafa disciples' magnificence is connected to the Fa-rectification, and it's different from the form of personal cultivation mankind had in the past—it's definitely not the same thing. So in other words, our sending forth righteous thoughts is to eliminate the evil that persecutes and interferes with Dafa, and persecutes Dafa disciples, and is to eliminate all factors that persecute the Fa. So, our Dafa disciples' continually sending forth righteous thoughts really has had an enormous impact. During this time period when the massive, overwhelmingly powerful Fa-rectification-current of the Fa's rectification of the human world hasn't yet arrived in the human world, that is, during this time before Fa-rectification has reached here, Dafa disciples have truly eliminated many, many bad things when sending forth righteous thoughts. And all of those bad things were what damaged the Fa and persecuted Dafa disciples. The quantity that's been eliminated is huge. You might remember that it was different back when our students first sent forth righteous thoughts. Back then, whenever you held your hand up vertically in front of your chest, the evil would line up in formation as if it was about to do battle, and it would come in swarming hordes. Later on, after our students had continually sent forth righteous thoughts that eliminated those evil beings who damaged Dafa and those evil beings who manipulated people, a huge proportion of them were eliminated, and very few remained. Doing that isn't unmerciful. How could [we let] the Fa of the cosmos and Dafa disciples be persecuted by those evil beings? This is why I taught the Fa of "Beyond the Limits of Forbearance." Now, when you send forth righteous thoughts, whenever you hold your hand up vertically in front of your chest, the evil beings flee immediately. The *gong* you send forth even has to search for those evil beings, it searches for them everywhere above and below, and it eliminates them wherever they're found. Now the evil doesn't dare to just show up, and it no longer has the ability to organize evil beings to stage large-scale attacks on Dafa disciples. It is Dafa disciples who have the upper hand now; when they send forth righteous thoughts they eliminate them everywhere, until all are eliminated.

Let me tell you, all those who remain and that can persecute Dafa and Dafa disciples are due to our students themselves. Students who haven't taken sending forth righteous thoughts seriously: the evil in the dimensions that *you* are supposed to shoulder and be responsible for has not been eliminated. That's the cause. So you must take sending forth righteous thoughts seriously. No matter whether you think you have the ability or not, you should do it. What you eliminate from your own mind are ones which have an effect within the expanse of your own body; at the same time, you need to eliminate the external ones, which are directly related to the dimensions you're in. If you don't eliminate them, then they not only persecute you and restrain you, but also persecute other students, other Dafa disciples. As you know, the persecution that Dafa disciples in Mainland China suffer is quite severe, so each student has to truly, clearly realize what his responsibility is, and when he sends forth righteous thoughts he has to be able to truly calm his mind and truly produce the effect of righteous thoughts. So this is something extremely critical, extremely important. Then if every student is able to do that, I can tell you, with five minutes of sending forth righteous thoughts together, the evil in the Three Realms will never exist again—that's how important this is. But it's been a long time since you started sending forth righteous thoughts. The evil beings that have been eliminated are really many. From another perspective, since how well each person does in the process of his cultivation, his improvement, and his understanding, and how well he does in the Fa-rectification is directly related to his own cultivation, and also directly related to the level he has elevated to, Master cannot require too much of you. I'm only telling you its importance. How far a person wants to cultivate to and what realm a person wants to reach are his own business. Master can only tell you the importance of sending forth righteous thoughts.

There's another issue. During the time since July 20, 1999, when they started persecuting us, we've managed to help people all over the world clearly see what Falun Gong is. They all know that we're good. Whether it be the governments of different countries or their people, including those countries that have really good relations with the Chinese government, they all know very well what we're about and what the evil that's persecuting Dafa is about. In other words, our ability to do this is inseparable from the collective effort of every one of you disciples. That is, while clarifying the truth you've been able to truly be responsible to Dafa, and you've been able to steel your righteous thoughts in the face of pressure. Every Dafa disciple has a job and a family, so, given that your time is tight on every front, it's remarkable that you've made a priority of Dafa all along in your actions. The situation is different now, thanks to the collective efforts of Dafa disciples. The evil is isolated, and even inside China a trend has gradually formed: people are beginning to wake up. As you know, initially, during the period after July 20, 1999, the persecution inside China was terribly severe, and no one dared say even one fair word about us. But now Falun Gong students dare to go see the persons directly responsible for the persecution, and they dare to go directly see people of different ranks. "You're persecuting me, so I came to tell you about the truth." Dafa disciples have even rectified the Fa considerably in large areas, in many areas. In other words, the whole situation is changing, and people are learning the truth about this evil persecution. So in other words, clarifying the truth is extremely important, and every student must take this seriously. Let me tell you this: next to your own cultivation, currently the most important thing is clarifying the truth, because this is directly saving sentient beings, it's directly saving the people of the future, and it also demonstrates the magnificence of Dafa and Dafa disciples—in such a difficult environment you're still managing to save sentient beings.

It's hard to save today's people. Sometimes I jokingly say to you: when you tell them that Dafa is good, after you talk to them for quite a while, they say, "Yes, Dafa is good, I know. But the X Party gives me money, so I'm not against them, either." What they're implying is, "Even though you are good, I'm not against the CCP." This is caused by the evil's propaganda in its persecution of Dafa, and it is a means they've used often to deceive the people of the world. We've never said that we are against the CCP. It's the evil's chief wretch in the human world who spreads nonsense that its party has to "defeat Falun Gong." He's misleading people. We don't get involved in politics at all. So in other words, when we clarify the truth to save them, we need to tailor it to the mindsets modern people have. This is because the extent to which today's people believe in Gods is very limited, the minimal level of morality acceptable to them is also very low, and even when they know perfectly well that something is bad, they still do it. Of course, all the same, we'll save however many we can, and we'll do our best to clarify the truth. The reason is, in the future there still has to be Fa at this human level, and there still has to be beings at this level—it can't just end right here. Besides, since Dafa has spread widely in this world, the future humankind should be very blessed. The sins those poisoned people in China have committed against Dafa are a consequence of the evil forces' persecution, and this has made people's sins—especially Chinese people's—enormous; it has made them directly oppose the Fa of the cosmos, which created all life. So what these people face is elimination—they're in the greatest danger. So now, as long as the bad thoughts in their heads towards Dafa are eliminated, it's fine. If you aren't against the CCP, that's fine, if you aren't against so and so, that's fine, but I'll tell you this: don't be against Dafa. Why? I'll tell you the true situation... That's why for some people who don't oppose Dafa and yet aren't good people, either, it's very possible that they won't be weeded out immediately, at least, in the final elimination of the persecution of Dafa. And if they aren't weeded out, then there might be hope for them. It will depend on them later on—it'll depend on how they do when the Fa rectifies the human world. Through Dafa disciples' giving their all in clarifying the truth, many people have really come to see all of this, and they have a lot of righteous thoughts. I think, then, that for these people it's not just an ordinary matter of seeing what Dafa is—they might also come to say some fair things about

Dafa, and then they will have in fact already laid for themselves an excellent foundation for their beings in the future.

In the past, people talked about “saving all sentient beings.” You know, whether it be during Sakyamuni’s time or Jesus’ time, or even in the case of Lao Zi and some other Gods who came to save people, the “saving all sentient beings” they talked about was very different from what you’re doing. In those times, the highest being in the world was man—the common, ordinary human of this world. True humans are a product of the Three Realms and are created by the matter in the Three Realms. Those beings are very different from Gods, and it’s hard for them to understand higher beings. So they’re even afraid of Gods, and it truly is difficult to save them. That’s why Sakyamuni taught Arhat-Fa and why he could only save people to the Arhat Attainment Status. It’s true that humans aren’t able to cultivate very high. But today, what are the sentient beings that Dafa disciples are met with? This is why I’ve said that Dafa disciples are magnificent; you’ve been fortunate enough to come across this magnificent period of time, and what’s been bestowed upon you is also magnificent. This is because now ninety percent of the human beings are ones that have come from high levels. In other words, what’s inside this human skin is no longer the human of the past—this human skin has been acquired and occupied by beings who’ve come from very high levels. And it’s not limited to humans. This Fa-rectification was arranged as early as the time of the previous Earth, and it was given a trial run once before. So in other words, this has been systematically arranged even since a time that remote. Then think about it: could the human society, and everything that we can see, exist by chance? Even each Dafa disciple’s every move, every action, every word, and even the questions you ponder, none of it is that simple. In the future you’ll see that everything was very carefully arranged. But it’s not me who arranged this, it’s the old forces who did. Actually, they wouldn’t dare to, and don’t want to, ruin all of this. The reason is, if they ruined all of this they would be finished—if this Fa-rectification was truly ruined, everything would be totally finished. They just want to do it their way, but that’s not acceptable since it wouldn’t meet the standard. How could beings that are to be weeded out control the future? How could they decide what the future will be? They are merely trying to throw things into disarray during this period of time before the Fa-rectification arrives—that’s all. They consider themselves Gods, so they don’t persecute humans directly, and they manipulate those low-level spirits to persecute people. That’s how it’s related.

What I meant, when I just said that Dafa disciples are magnificent, was that if humans have come from very high levels, think about it, is what you’re doing ordinary salvation? No, it’s not. Kings and Lords of many universes, and even beings that are massive, or from even higher levels, have come and incarnated as humans. But once they’ve incarnated as humans here, they no longer know anything and are the same as humans. Of course, the main thing that characterizes today’s beings is that they’re tougher than the humans of the past. Those humans would die easily when they got injured, but today’s humans are tough; in other words, their beings are different now. But even so, once they’ve entered this maze, they don’t know anything. In the midst of this onslaught of evil propaganda, they’ve been persecuted just the same, and some of them have even become the core, persecuting Dafa and Dafa disciples. But no matter who they are, and no matter what they are, whatever sin they’ve committed, it’s still the same sin. Once you have persecuted Dafa, where you came from means nothing. But on the other hand, the mercy of Dafa disciples can give these beings the greatest chance of being rescued. Then are you just saving an ordinary human being? If who you’ve saved is a Lord or a King, think about how much mighty virtue that is. And if you’ve really saved a lot of people, think about how much mighty virtue that is. Suppose an ordinary, everyday person who isn’t a Dafa disciple tells another everyday person, “Don’t persecute Falun Gong,” and tells him in what ways Falun Gong is good, and from that point on the other person really stops persecuting Falun Gong; after he makes up for what he did, it’s quite possible he’ll enter the future, and it’s possible that he’ll obtain the Fa when

the Fa rectifies the human world; and since his being came from a high place he'll be able to cultivate quickly, so because his Consummation is directly related to the person who told him about the truth back then, even that ordinary, everyday person, I think, will reach Consummation. You see the idea, right? Then isn't it even more so for our Dafa disciples' saving people on a large scale like this as they clarify the truth? So this is something magnificent. No one knows who's behind that everyday person's human skin. So you have to take these things very seriously, and you have to do these things well. Clarifying the truth is what we need to do at this time. Do it on a large scale, do it with all the wisdom that you can, and as long as something can save the people, go do it. It doesn't matter if what you do is expose the evil, or if you use all sorts of approaches, be they direct, indirect or from different angles—as long as you can have people recognize this persecution, you are saving them, and you are extraordinary.

I think these three things are all I'll talk about. One is your Fa-study, one is sending forth righteous thoughts, and the other is about how clarifying the truth is extremely important. Actually, you've already made it through and done all of these magnificent things, and you've already established this type of mighty virtue. But you should do things even better, and you should continue on until the evil is completely eliminated. When you have all the people of the world, and all the people of China, see this evil drama for what it is, could the evil still have any effect? It will collapse. We're not interested in political power, and we don't want to overthrow your CCP. It's the evil's chief wretch in the human world who brought down the CCP itself while using the CCP in this persecution. Looking back, isn't that true? It wasn't us who was attacking it, it brought itself down. He is using the CCP, using the country, and using the government to persecute Falun Gong. Gods don't allow this. You said that that party has to defeat Falun Gong. But how could Gods allow that? How could the CCP defeat the Law of the cosmos? If you fight with It, you *will* collapse. That's how it works, isn't it? It's just that right now the old evil forces think that Dafa disciples have not yet been completely tempered and become mature, and need to be tempered further, and they think that they still need to keep up the evil. Of course, the old evil forces want to do this, but I don't recognize these things one bit. It's only before my Fa-rectification arrives that they can act as they do. If it were otherwise, when the Fa rectifies the human world it would be peaceful—there wouldn't have been this evil drama, people would all be studying the Fa, humankind's morality would be rising, and when the force of Fa-rectification came it would still be peaceful.

That's all I'll say. You must have a lot of questions. I think that through studying the Fa you'll be able to resolve all of them. Many specific questions and problems can be resolved as long as you study the Fa. Also, you need to pay attention to one issue: you are Dafa disciples, so you should always look within whenever you run into problems—it's guaranteed that many of the problems are *your* problems, whether you want to look at yourself or not, or whether you think of them or not. In the future, when you see the truth, you'll realize that everything had a reason. Dafa disciples often have some arguments with each other over things related to spreading the Fa (*hong-fa*) and rectifying the Fa. I think this is normal. But if you argue endlessly, refusing to give ground, then there's a problem. Why is that? It's guaranteed that you haven't examined yourself. Having arguments is normal, but arguing endlessly and refusing to give ground, and thereby affecting Dafa work, is not normal. If you don't believe it, think about it and take a look. Every one of our persons in charge needs to put special emphasis on studying the Fa. No matter how great or how extraordinary the tasks are that a person in charge shoulders, he cannot forget to cultivate himself. No matter how much work you do, you should be a Dafa disciple doing the Dafa work and not an everyday person doing the Dafa work. So you must study the Fa. A person in charge is actually an ordinary disciple as well. Each person, no matter what he does, should see himself as one of the disciples—you have to see yourself as one of the disciples. Dafa has only one master, me, and Dafa Itself doesn't have any "persons in charge." You're just people in charge amidst

this Fa-rectification form and counter-persecution form. Dafa doesn't have any people in charge. Everyone is a cultivating disciple. Make sure you keep these things in mind.

That's all I'll say. I've taken up some of your time.

Li Hongzhi
December 29, 2001

Congratulatory Statement to the New York Fa Conference

To the New York Fa Conference:

Greetings everyone!

First, I would like to wish the Fa Conference success! What history has bestowed upon Dafa disciples are all the most magnificent things. At present, all that you are doing is the most sacred, all that you are doing is for the sentient beings, and all that you are doing is creating the future.

In history's past, you brought to humankind the splendor it should have; in history's present, Dafa has bestowed upon you the mission of saving all sentient beings; in history's future, everything of yours that is pure and righteous will be what ensures that the colossal firmament has formation and stasis, but not destruction. Walk your paths well. The beings who are saved are to be your sentient beings. All that you do establishes all that you will consummate.

Li Hongzhi
February 1, 2002

All Dafa disciples around the world, Happy New Year!

Li Hongzhi
February 11, 2002

The Big Stage

Five thousand years of human civilization,
has China Proper¹ as the stage.
Foolishly absorbed in what unfolds in the play,
the grotesque scenes seem beautiful.
Awakening, people look at one another,
and realize the stage was being set for the Fa.

Li Hongzhi
February 1, 2002

Just a Play

The sky serves as curtain,
the ground as stage.
The Cosmos moves,
Heaven and Earth open.
Everything through the ages,
has happened for the Fa.
Falun turns, renewing the three domains.²

Li Hongzhi
February 5, 2002

¹ An ancient literary term (Zhong Yuan) often referring to China. In a strict sense it refers to the eastern river basins of China.

² The Chinese term translated here as “three domains,” *san cai*, is an ancient term referring to the heavens, the earth, and man. It is sometimes translated as “the three powers.”

The Cleansing

Heaven and Earth turned upside down, raining sand and dust
The minds of hundreds of millions in the mortal world poisoned
How many can be saved by mercy
New graves cover the landscape of China Proper

Li Hongzhi
January 31, 2002

The Catastrophe

The dark, somber clouds have but a few days left
With the bitter cold fully over, spring now appears
Awakening, the sentient beings stand aghast at the things they see
Half of China Proper³ covered by sand and dust

Li Hongzhi
January 22, 2002

³ An ancient literary term (Zhong Yuan) often referring to China. In a strict sense it refers to the eastern river basins of China.

The Foretelling

Autumn is not over
 yet spring has arrived
What humans don't believe in
 all now comes forth
The sky cracks open
 and the earth burns
The evil tries to hide
 the wicked ones to flee
As *gong* surges forth
 evil spirits wail and scream
The Dafa disciples
 ascend to the heights of the heavens
In control of Heaven and Earth, rectifying the human realm

Li Hongzhi
December 30, 2001

Cleaning Out

The dark clouds have passed
 yet the winds remain fierce
And though the Red Dragon is slain
 humans are still in delusion
For where there is Evil
 there is dark, dense haze
Dafa disciples
 hold the palm erect
 eliminate the remaining Evil
 summon righteous thoughts
 clarify the truth
 rescue the sentient beings
 thoroughly annihilate the Evil
 and sweep the entire cosmos clean

Li Hongzhi

January 23, 2002

Look at Things with Righteous Thoughts

Right now, the Dafa disciples of Mainland China using television to let people know the truth is exposing the evil's persecution, is saving the sentient beings whose minds have been poisoned by the evil's deceit, and is a magnificent act of mercy.

The group of evil political scoundrels has never followed the law in dealing with Dafa disciples, so don't disapprove again of the actions Dafa disciples are taking as they clarify the truth, due to your attachment of fear. No matter how the evil persecutes, what awaits Dafa disciples is still Consummation, and what awaits the evil beings is nothing but eternally paying in Hell for all they have done to interfere with and persecute the Fa-rectification and Dafa disciples.

Li Hongzhi
March 8, 2002

Dafa is Good

Falun Dafa is good

The colossal firmament illuminated by the Fa's light

Only after the immense force of Fa-rectification sweeps through

Are the boundless wonders known

Falun Dafa is good

Gradually entering the human realm

The sentient beings need not worry

Gods and Buddhas are already smiling

Li Hongzhi

April 25, 2002

The Blessings From Dafa

The ten years of Fa-rectification have recreated the cosmos, have saved countless sentient beings from degeneration and annihilation, and have established the immeasurable colossal firmament's all-encompassing and eternal Fa-principles and immeasurable wisdom. This is a blessing for sentient beings, and it is the mighty virtue of the Dafa disciples.

Master has spread Dafa for ten years. Even in the human world, predestinations have been greatly changed. The comet catastrophe predestined in history is no more, the third world war has been averted, and the peril in 1999 from the cycle of formation-stasis-degeneration-destruction of Heaven and Earth will never recur. The Fa-rectification of the human world is on the verge of arriving. The world's sentient beings will [strive to] repay the saving grace of Dafa and Dafa disciples. How wonderful. Wonderful. Truly wonderful!

Li Hongzhi

May 19, 2002

Entering the Gate of No-Life

For them there is no easy way to back down
Humans are even trying to challenge Gods
Having done everything that evil ones could possibly do
They completely ruin their chances of survival

Li Hongzhi
May 13, 2002

Righteous Thoughts and Righteous Actions

A Great Enlightened Being does not fear hardship
Having forged an adamantine will
And with no attachment to living or dying
He walks his path of Fa-rectification openly and nobly

Li Hongzhi
May 29, 2002

The Difficult Path to Godhood

Predestined relationships spanning endless lifetimes
Each connected by the thread of Dafa
Through hardships the body of gold is tempered
Why such slow and leisurely steps?

Li Hongzhi
May 30, 2002

Teaching the Fa at the 2002 Fa Conference in Boston

A lot of you in the audience are from other regions, and a good number are from Australia. This time I mainly came to meet with you, and I don't want to say too much. Looking at the overall situation of Dafa disciples right now in the Fa-rectification, I think things are good. You're doing really well in some regards, and a bit poor in others. But the overall, main body is doing really well. There are a lot of things you still aren't able to do well as Dafa disciples, though, and I can tell you that this is in fact because you've neglected Fa-study. The reason is, your surface, which is still assimilating to the Fa, needs to be constantly improved, and as you constantly improve, the things that you need to cultivate away have to be arranged for. Every realm has its own state of being. If you remain stagnant, you definitely won't be able to keep up with the Fa-rectification. When you do well in the Fa-rectification, I can see that it's always because you are able to understand the Fa from the Fa; and when you do somewhat poorly, I can see that it's because you aren't making a priority of Fa-study and you aren't able to understand the Fa from the Fa. As a Dafa disciple, no matter what the situation or what the circumstances, you have to study the Fa, and you can't neglect your own assimilation and improvement; you can't forget to study the Fa. If you don't study the Fa well, you won't be able to do Dafa work well. And when you run into conflicts or problems that need to be resolved, you won't be able to balance things and you'll have arguments. Of course, I don't think it's necessarily bad that you have arguments when conflicts arise. That's because in cultivation what you have to do is get rid of attachments, and in cultivation what you have to do is improve yourself; so those ordinary human attachments of yours have to be exposed so that you can get rid of them. But sometimes, because we don't keep up our Fa-study, we handle like an ordinary person some of the things we do to spread the Fa and save sentient beings. This makes a lot of the sacred things we do *not* so sacred, it prevents us from doing them well, and it also causes people in society not to understand us sometimes. So it not only prevents you from improving, but also causes Dafa some losses.

As you know, in the time following April 25th of 1999, in many regions of the world nobody other than Dafa disciples knew what Falun Gong was about. That was the case for a lot of regions around the world. When the persecution against us first started, all the world's media wanted to know what Falun Gong was about. But nobody was able to get positive materials, and they all copied what the lie-breeding media in China published. Of course, a lot of international media didn't do that intentionally—they had to report on it. Think about it, in that environment, and under that kind of overwhelming pressure, we have been able to rectify the Fa in the human world to this extent, to have the world's people come to really know us, and to have people all over the world truly see what we're about. That's no easy feat. This shows that you've indeed done really well validating the Fa, and that's what allowed you to achieve so much. If we're careless [with our conduct], then there's a good chance we'll cause losses as a result of our conduct not conforming to the Fa. So we really have to pay attention to these things.

Since you are indeed busy these days, with many of you having volunteered to shoulder a lot of work, this makes it hard for you to focus when you do Fa-study. You're always thinking about Fa-rectification things and aren't able to quiet your mind when you study the Fa. Then you're actually studying in vain. If you can't study the Fa rationally and clearheadedly, you're studying in vain, and you're wasting your time. So you have to recognize this. I know that you're busy and are working hard, and that some disciples sleep only a little each night. You're doing so many things, and you have to study the Fa and do other things, too, of course. So sometimes I can't tell you that you have to do this or have to do that. When it comes to specific things, it's completely up to you to work them out—you have to figure out for yourself how to handle them and arrange them better.

Also, I've seen that certain problems that were more prominent several years ago have become

noticeable again recently. Which problems? Many of the students outside Mainland China have a lot of skills and have advanced knowledge, and they hold academic degrees among everyday people. In other words, your thinking is clear and you are very capable. And that's why you have indeed done a lot of things quite well. This is especially so when you were proactive about doing things well. But, exactly because you're capable, problems come up when each of you has a good idea. You have a good idea, he has a good idea, too, and everyone thinks that his own idea is good... this is usually how arguments happen. And when you argue, because you've neglected your day-to-day Fa-study or have slacked off in your cultivation, you fall into ordinary people's ways of arguing.

A Dafa disciple should put the Fa first in everything he does—whenever you evaluate something you have to consider the Fa first. You probably remember something I've said to you often: a Dafa disciple should consider others first in everything he does. Whenever something happens or whenever a situation comes about, even if it's a minor thing, my first thought is of others, for it's already become natural for me—I just think of others first. If all of you can do this, there won't be any of that stubborn arguing in your validating the Fa; if you really have a solid foundation like this and are able to calm yourselves, consider others, and examine yourselves when anything happens, I think you'll be able to handle a lot of things well. Sometimes you really argue like everyday people, and a very small number of you even get so worked up when you're arguing that you become flush with emotion, and you even disregard your surroundings and the effect it has in society, completely handling yourselves as everyday people. But you're a cultivator, a Dafa disciple—not just an ordinary cultivator. You all know that no matter how wild the evil gets, it won't last. The closer it gets to the end, the more evil it acts when it's affected by the force of Fa-rectification, and this tells us that that must be its final wild act. If this thing really ends one day, the first thing that will be done is to have Fa-rectification Dafa disciples be Consummated and returned to their positions. At that time, when you look back at the path you've traveled, everything will be clear to you. Of course, a Buddha, Dao, or God who's fully Consummated at his position won't think about things like whether he did well or not—it will just be like a dream is over, and he won't even think about it. However, your performance during the present process is forging you and establishing everything of yours. Whoever misses this opportunity, or doesn't do a certain thing well, will see at that time the cause of his mistake.

In this Fa-rectification, the best opportunity has been created for the colossal firmament's sentient beings; all sentient beings have the best opportunity to lay a foundation for their future. The same is true for Dafa disciples. The fruits of your cultivation, your position, your mighty virtue, and everything of your future is also established in this opportunity of Fa-rectification. Then, if you don't do everything well, you're really letting yourself down! So when you argue with ordinary human attachments, I think to myself: "If they saw the true situation, they wouldn't argue even if they were asked to." But it's exactly because you can't see the true situation and you have ordinary human attachments that you can cultivate here. When you have ordinary human attachments, you can validate the Fa; when you don't have those attachments, you won't be able to validate the Fa, and you won't be able to stay here anymore; in other words, you won't be able to cultivate anymore. But I need to ask you to seriously think about how you can make the most of these existing conditions and do even better.

No matter how busy you are, you have to see yourself as a Dafa disciple; no matter how busy you are, you have to consider how you might affect those around you. Since April 25th of 1999 and after July 20th, the evil has used the scoundrel means of slander and put us on the defensive, causing the minds of numerous beings to be poisoned. In your efforts to save sentient beings you've labored so hard to allow people to have a new understanding of us. So when you don't do well, it's quite possible you are unwittingly undermining the efforts you've made and some of the things you plan to do. You are cultivators, whose conduct is [supposed to be] pure and righteous. There are so many people who think

you're great just by having seen how you act. If we don't pay attention to our own behavior in our daily lives, everyday people will see our actions and, since they can't get to know you at a deep level such as by studying the Fa, they will just look at how you act. And it's possible that one sentence or one action of yours will make them unsavable or create a bad impression of Dafa. We need to think about these things.

Being your Master, of course I can see your shortcomings, and of course I can see your problems. Every single word and every single action of yours, for example, I know what's included in it. Usually your Master doesn't teach you the Fa on an individual basis. That's because if I were to point out someone's problem to him individually, his mind would be hit really hard, and this might in fact affect him. That's why I rarely speak to someone individually that way. But when I bring up these problems in a large forum, don't think I'm not referring to you.

There are many Kings in the heavens. As you know, Sakyamuni said that the number of Tathagatas is like the number of grains of sand in the Ganges River. Think about how many grains of sand India's Ganges River has! And there's more than that—what Sakyamuni said was in a figurative sense. Every Tathagata is a Fa-King. And the Buddha School isn't the only one—the Buddha School is only one widespread type that has a huge number of Gods. How many Gods are there? How many Kings like that are there? If every King handled things the way you do when something happens, that'd be big trouble. They don't have those kinds of arguments, which aren't consistent with their levels. Of course, they can see the truth and they can see the best way, but often they, too, have certain differences in some of their views. But they would never argue. They are in a state of immense tolerance, of mercy toward all beings, and of being able to understand everything with kindness. To put it in human terms, they're always able to be understanding of others. So sometimes we shouldn't “burrow into the horn's point”⁴ with strong everyday people's attachments, be unable to get out of it for a long time, and get more attached the more we think about it—the more you think about it the more your mind seethes, and the more you think about it the more demons take advantage of you. When you're not coolheaded, I'll tell you, that's when demons are using you. I don't care how long you've cultivated for, and it doesn't matter what reputation you have among Dafa disciples, I can guarantee that's what's going on when you're not paying attention to these things. Let me tell you, no matter how well you've cultivated, as long as you still have everyday people's attachments, those are what demons can use, and when you're not paying attention they can be used at any moment. So as a Dafa disciple, you should try your best to restrain those everyday people's attachments, try your best to prevent them from having an effect, try your best to walk a righteous path, and try your best, in all environments and with everything that happens, to conduct yourself in an open and dignified manner, to be tolerant and broad-minded, to be able to understand others, and to be able to consider all perspectives. Then, I think you might be able to do a lot of things well. Acting this way is not compromising! Everybody can share their views and you can evaluate them in a kind manner.

So having said all that I have, it in fact all boils down to cultivation issues. In Fa-rectification you still need to read and study the Fa more. Actually, this isn't to criticize you. Since I'm your Master I can of course see your shortcomings. You call me Master, so I have to tell you what your shortcomings are, and then you should recognize them. Of course, I often praise you as well, like “Dafa disciples are remarkable, magnificent,” and “You've done so well.” But too many of these words doesn't do you a lot of good. Many times when Master sees that you're doing so well, I keep my happiness for you to myself.

Every Dafa disciple is doing things proactively to validate the Fa and save sentient beings, and Master

⁴ An expression that refers to getting oneself into a dead-end alley by way of sheer stubbornness.

sees this. This is something that today's everyday people couldn't do. The students outside Mainland China are devoting themselves fully to this, and everybody is doing what they're supposed to do in this Fa-rectification period. Meanwhile, the students in China have *their* ways of doing things, while you, the students outside of Mainland China, have *your* ways of doing things. All of you are remarkable. It's not that everyone has to do the same things; every person is doing in his own environment what a Dafa disciple is supposed to do at this time. You're doing it from your heart, and each disciple is safeguarding the Fa and saving sentient beings really just like a particle of Dafa. From this perspective, the world's people can't compare.

You know, nowhere else is there anything like what the evil gang in China has at its disposal for attacking people. You could say that they've gathered all the means from all times and all lands. On top of that, the thinking of today's Chinese people, after going through various political struggles, has warped into something more and more crafty and cunning, and so the bad things they do are terribly evil. But despite this, a lot of people are being used and made to do bad things, so they aren't really trying to damage the Fa from their hearts. We do see this. No matter what methods the evil uses or how much money they spend, they can't achieve what they want to achieve in damaging Dafa. We're doing these things with our hearts, while they're doing things with money—they could never compare. They have such a powerful state propaganda machine, they have consulates all over the world, and they have such an enormous army. What we face is an evil political gang of scoundrels like that who want to suppress us. In just a short time we've been able to help people all around the world truly recognize this evil persecution—isn't that remarkable? Isn't that something only achievable by Dafa disciples' doing things from their hearts? Isn't that something only achievable by Dafa disciples taking the initiative to do things? Of course, the evil will never have any chance of success in its attempts to damage the Fa of the cosmos.

Of course, a lot of things aren't as simple as everyday people think they are. Doing whatever one wants isn't allowed, and this goes for the evil, too. I've said that the old forces have made very detailed, thorough, and systematic arrangements in history for the entire Fa-rectification period and everything that manifests during the Fa-rectification. Although it's this chaotic—chaotic to this extent—and this evil—evil to this extent—still, around the whole world, including in China, including all of it, there are still a lot of very bad beings in the ordinary human society and in every dimension that have not taken part in this. They're all being restrained. In other words, they have no part in it, and they're not allowed to take part, regardless of whether they're good ones or bad ones—there are ones from both groups. Things look like they have no order, but they're in fact very orderly. The evil beings that have participated in this seem to be acting maliciously, but the old forces are merely using them, and the purpose of their using them is to have us clear away those pieces of trash in the universe during the Fa-rectification. The evil beings can't see the true situation and they act rampantly. When the true situation reveals itself, all beings, and this includes everyday people, will exclaim with astonishment: “Wow! So that's how it was!”

Of course, the things in this environment are different from the situation in an environment like Mainland China. To talk about things related to the Fa-rectification or saving sentient beings under that kind of evil pressure and in that kind of situation, where the dimensions are filled with evil, is different from talking about them here. But even so, it's actually because the old forces insist on testing Dafa disciples' *xinxing* that they've done this. That's definitely the case. If it weren't, this definitely wouldn't have happened. The best way to deal with this situation is for Dafa disciples to walk their paths righteously, to try their best not to let the evil or the old forces take advantage of their gaps, and to solidify their righteous thoughts. The old forces don't dare to oppose our clarifying the truth or saving sentient beings. What's key is to not let them take advantage of the gaps in your state of mind when you do things.

Let me use this chance to mention one minor thing. As you know, our manpower is very limited right now, so in your efforts to validate the Fa, don't neglect things when you turn your attention to something else. In other words, we shouldn't focus all of our efforts on one thing. We should try our best to cover things as a whole and do a good job with all the things we're now working on.

I won't say much more. I know you've all been working hard. Today I haven't praised you too much, but I know that everybody has in fact completely devoted himself to the task of validating the Fa. You see that there are lots of things to do, and you are anxious and want to do them well. Master sees all this. It's not just me who sees it. I'll tell you, all beings in the cosmos are watching closely. The surface of matter is composed of sequences of molecules, and the overall Fa-rectification has already reached the point of this surface. But even though things at this surface look very coarse to the human eye, in actuality, gigantic, microcosmic systems have seeped into it and it, too, is very complex. In the Fa-rectification, breakthroughs toward the surface are already being made. In other words, it's now about to approach what human beings can see. In the microcosm, though, it also corresponds to gigantic dimensions, and there are still massive groups of beings there. So there is still a pretty massive number of beings who need to be saved by the Fa-rectification, and the situation is complex. All sentient beings are closely watching everything we're doing. There are eyes everywhere in this cosmos, and both the beings that have been rectified and the beings that haven't been are watching. The beings in the new cosmos are eagerly longing for the ultimate conclusion, while the beings in the old cosmos are longing to be saved. The ones that have taken part in persecuting the Fa-rectification are only that one group, the old forces, and they make up twenty percent of the beings at different levels. All the other, larger numbers of beings aren't taking part, and these ones who aren't taking part are observing and watching all of this. They all know one thing, and even the old forces know it: if this undertaking doesn't succeed, everything will be no more.

Today's scientists, too, have discovered the situation in which great changes are taking place in the cosmos. They've discovered that the scope of the universe they can currently see is expanding faster and faster, and the speed of the expansion keeps accelerating. I didn't want to talk about this before—I only taught principles of the Fa. Let's think about it: what does this expansion mean? Something only expands before it explodes; it expands and expands, and when it reaches a certain point it suddenly bursts. So everything is in its final stage. A lot of beings are watching all this with anxiety. As for the old forces, they, with their requirements in mind, are also anxious. Of course, the beings in the new cosmos are also eagerly longing for the conclusion of all this. The immense force of the whole Fa-rectification is doing its final work at an even more forceful speed, which transcends all times. Now it's only a little bit away from catching up with the speed of the surface's expansion. Of course, the speed of the expansion seems to be slow in terms of human time, but it's in fact very fast. I am doing things very fast, too. I've told you before that however much is done up there, that much can be broken through at lower levels. Although the universe is expanding, I'm doing things at an extremely fast speed, and I can definitely catch up with it. If I don't catch up with it, I can tell you, the final disintegration would make everything in the surface dimension cease to exist. If I do catch up with it, it's resolved. Not only will I catch up with it, but I will also surpass it, and that's when the Fa rectifies the human world. Now I'm only just a little bit away from catching up with the speed of the expansion. Countless sentient beings, countless beings, are all watching. And in fact, there are eyes in every tiny particle of the air. What are the heavens? I've told you that they're different from the heavens imagined by human beings. When you look at Earth from the moon, Saturn, or Venus, isn't it also in the heavens? In the same sense it's in the heavens. The heavens are in the microcosm and in the macrocosm, and the term doesn't refer to the parallel dimensions that are made up of particles of the same level—in the eyes of Gods, that's just the concept of distance. In the macrocosm and in the microcosm, all beings are closely watching all these things on the earth. They know Dafa disciples' every single action and every

single thought. Everything that Dafa disciples do is clearly displayed before the eyes of higher beings. So be sure to do well and win their admiration.

This is magnificent—truly magnificent. Without the Fa-rectification, Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples' magnificence wouldn't be shown so prominently. Dafa disciples: the things you are faced with are magnificent, your responsibilities are major, and then there's your origin, of course—it's taking all these things into consideration that I say you're magnificent. You need to be worthy of the title "Fa-rectification period Dafa disciple"! That's something that the cosmos won't have again. This only happens once since the beginning of time—it only happens once since the beginning of time in the cosmos. Everything seems to take place among everyday people and not be much different from everyday-people things. If there were a difference, then people would believe whatever you say, Fa-rectification wouldn't happen, and cultivation wouldn't exist. People commit sins while deluded, so at present they have no other choice but to pay for them while deluded. Although there's still a difficult leg of the journey ahead of us, it won't last long. I hope that everyone will do even better from this point on.

I won't say anything more. You can go on with your conference. Today I'm just here to meet with you, because there are people from Europe, Australia, and Asia, and also, you wanted to see me. If there are things that I have to tell you, I'll definitely meet with you and tell you what to do. Today I mainly wanted to see you. Thank you everyone.

Li Hongzhi
April 27, 2002

The Heavens Become Clear Again

The Heavens shrouded in darkness, the Earth enveloped in gloom
The thunder of the Gods explodes, dispersing the dark, dense haze
And sweeps across the rotten demons who sought to ruin the Fa
Do not say that our mercy is somehow lacking

Li Hongzhi
June 16, 2002
Written for the Mid-USA Fa Conference

A Righteous God

With righteous thoughts and righteous actions
He is diligent without letting up
Eliminating demons that damage the Fa
He is good to all beings

Li Hongzhi
May 30, 2002

Comments on the Article “Some Ideas From Discussions Among Students Who Have Participated in the Sit-In Appeals in Front of the Chinese Embassies and Consulates”

These ideas are really good. If all Chinese Dafa students can be more mindful of their conduct in daily life, be neater, and be considerate of others in everything they do, then that's the demeanor of Dafa disciples. As your Teacher, throughout all these years of teaching the Fa, I have always done things with a sense of responsibility to the society and its people.

All the Dafa disciples who participate in the sit-ins in front of the Chinese embassies and consulates are remarkable. You've really endured a lot. The weather is so hot, now make sure to take good care of yourselves.

Li Hongzhi
June 21, 2002

Tathagata

He comes with the Truth, which gives him full control
And travels the four seas⁵ with a free and easy spirit
Spreading the Fa's principles throughout the secular world
Loaded full with sentient beings, his Fa Boat sets sail

Li Hongzhi
May 13, 2002

⁵ This is the literal translation of “*si hai*,” a Chinese phrase that usually refers to “the whole world.”

Teaching the Fa at the Washington, D.C. Fa Conference

Hello! (*Warm applause*)

It's been a long time since I saw you last. For a lot of different reasons I don't want to make too many appearances. The main reason is that Dafa disciples are validating the Fa and saving sentient beings; each Dafa disciple is taking his own path, and each Dafa disciple needs to have the opportunity to take his own path. So as your Master, I can't take away your opportunity to validate the Fa yourself. I have to let you do this yourselves. Of course, while a lot of students are validating the Fa, saving sentient beings, and clarifying the truth, they still have a lot of things they want to ask Master about just how exactly to handle.

Remember back three years ago, when the evil's persecution had just started—many of our students didn't know what to do. Our younger disciples hadn't been through anything like the evilness of the Cultural Revolution. But gradually you all became composed, and you went from not knowing what to do to eventually knowing what to do. Although in the process we've had some setbacks, you have walked that path yourself. In the midst of this evil persecution, each of you thought seriously about what you should do and what kind of path you should take, and through that you established your own mighty virtue; you've come through this enormous tribulation. That's remarkable, that's what a Dafa disciple should do, and that's the Fa-rectification path you'll leave behind, the mighty virtue of an Enlightened Being. This is why a lot of times Master can't tell you all what to do. The Fa has already been taught to you, and if you evaluate things with the Fa you'll be able to do well. When there are big problems I'll definitely tell you. That exception aside, when it comes to a lot of the specific things you come across, you need to carefully think them over for yourself, and it's up to you yourself to come up with a way to resolve them. Wherever there's a problem, *that* is where you need to clarify the truth and save people. Don't take a detour when you run into difficulties. When you see something that does us harm, or when you see something blocking our validating the Fa, don't take a detour—you should face it, and clarify the truth and save those beings. This is the compassion (*cibei*) of a Dafa disciple, and it's our saving lives. At the same time, when you're clarifying the truth you can resolve the problem of many people having been deceived, the misunderstandings, and the prejudice. After all, the lies in the propaganda from this evil persecution that's happening in China have misled sentient beings. They have covered up the truth with a deceitful show. When met with the truth, people will think things over carefully, and how people respond to all this is their own choice.

So, looking at the situation as a whole, in the last three years you've done very well overall, and you've become more and more mature, and more and more rational—especially the students in Mainland China. Initially, since you didn't know what to do, you seemed kind of scattered. But soon you went from not knowing what to do, to gradually knowing how to face the reality of this display of evil, until eventually all of you were able to gain composure, to this point today when you've become more and more mature. Nearly one hundred million people are cultivating, and there are new students, veteran students, those who've studied the Fa in-depth, those who've studied the Fa shallowly, and those who've just begun to understand and know the Fa. Not all of these practitioners are able to understand the Fa from the Fa. Faced with this demonic tribulation, a lot of the students who haven't studied the Fa in-depth and a lot of the new students, with their human attachments, each have their own different takes on things and different understandings of validating the Fa. So when validating the Fa and clarifying the truth, a lot of people do it with human attachments to some degree or other. When they're persecuted their ordinary human attachments get stirred up by human emotion, and they will be affected by phony kindness and deceit. Whatever happens, only by keeping up your Fa-study can you get rid of your human thoughts, can you get rid of your attachments, and can you thus be unaffected by any human things. More than three years have passed, and this persecution that's been imposed on us

by the old forces has made us more and more mature, more and more rational, more and more clearheaded, more and more steadfast, and more and more able to take this evil's persecution seriously as we expose the evil's lies, validate Dafa, and save sentient beings.

Dafa has been spread in the world for ten years now. Three years ago it hadn't been ten years yet—it'd only been seven years. Although it was a short amount of time, Dafa had already deeply rooted itself in the cosmos, rooted itself in the human world, and nobody could shake it. Looking at the overall situation right now, on the surface the persecution is still quite vicious, but in reality few of those wicked, rotten demons that can restrain and control people are left. The fewer that remain, the more wildly the evil rages; the fewer that remain, the more hysterical they get. Certain cultivators who have grasped Dafa to different degrees are showing different degrees of steadfastness, and how they currently perceive the overall situation of the Fa-rectification is different, too. The different states of their cultivation result in their different perceptions. Some might think the situation is grim; for some people the situation might seem to have already eased up; and some people might think that it's precisely a great opportunity to save sentient beings and clarify the truth. People's different grasps of and comprehension of the Fa lead to different perceptions of the current situation, and all that's happening is targeting different human thoughts. Those who do well will change the environments around them, and those who do poorly will make the environments around them change according to their states of mind. Dafa disciples have different states of mind, so they have different perceptions of the environment, and that's why the way each person acts is different. The true situation, as I see it, is that the evil old forces want to do what they want to. To do well is to not walk down the path arranged by the old forces; the goal is to not allow the old forces to take advantage of your gaps. Despite all of this, our Dafa disciples as a whole have become more and more mature, and they're handling all of this with greater and greater rationality, composure, steadfastness, and seriousness. At the beginning, many students had a lot of human thoughts and displayed different cultivation states. On the surface they were validating the Fa, when in fact they had human thinking mixed in, they couldn't achieve the goal of validating the Fa, and once they were persecuted the opposite result was achieved. Things are different now. You are completely different from how you were three years ago. Of course, you are cultivating and you still have human thoughts, and because of that you're able to cultivate among everyday people. But these human thoughts will manifest, and from time to time they'll play a negative role in different situations. But compared to three years ago, you've become more and more remarkable, or in other words, Dafa disciples have become mature.

The evil's persecution won't last, because the wicked demons and rotten spirits who manipulate humans are becoming fewer and fewer. Humans don't have the ability to do anything significant on their own; humans have always been under the control of other beings. Back then the reason the head of the evil in China dared to persecute Dafa disciples was that there were also evil factors controlling that evil bum. Looking at the overall situation of the Fa-rectification, all of these things that Dafa disciples are doing to rectify the Fa, to save sentient beings, and to clarify the truth are in their final stage. An article that you wrote and that's on the PureInsight Website mentions that the Book of Revelation in the Bible says that the evil beast would attack God with his mouth for forty-two months, which is three and a half years. I won't comment on whether that's the case, but I can say that this evil drama has really come to the final stage, where it has the will but not the strength to carry on.

The head of the evil in the human world that resides in China and is controlled by evil, rotten demons is no longer human. As a matter of fact, that dumb thing died a long time ago, and everything that makes up this being is in hell in its entirety. Only the most surface layer of its postnatally-formed body, that postnatally-formed material form, is still being propped up by the evil. Because the time that the old forces arranged for the test of Dafa to end hasn't arrived yet, the old forces are trying their best to prop it up. If this surface weren't propped up anymore today, it would turn into a pile of ashes and a billow

of black smoke—there'd be nothing at all. To put it like everyday people would, it has died a hundred times over. But those rotten demons are still propping up its shape at the surface and still using this little bit of stuff at the outermost surface. But its mind is totally abnormal. It's now scared, after the fact, for having persecuted Dafa and Dafa disciples; and because of this it doesn't dare to step down from its post, because of this it's gone mad, because of this it's living for Falun Gong, and because of this it's in a constant state of anxiety and worry. Meanwhile, more and more of the evil beings that control people have been purged as Dafa disciples send forth righteous thoughts and clarify the truth. The old factors in the cosmos are, when you look at the Fa-rectification's overall picture, constantly being reduced as we do all these things. So this has reduced the evil's power further and further. It can no longer sustain its evilness on a large scale, and it can only do evil in limited areas, and their range is constantly shrinking. This is why each Dafa disciple needs to realize the importance of clarifying the truth. This, more than anything, is what you should do with all your effort, and it's the most magnificent. The salvation of sentient beings and the Consummation of cosmic bodies that correspond to *you* are all part of this. Every single Dafa disciple needs to do this. Don't miss a single opportunity.

You've all seen that people outside of Mainland China are getting more and more clearheaded. This is a reflection of Dafa disciples' clarifying the truth, and it's also because the force of Fa-rectification has cleared out more of the evil and made it so that the evil can't control the world's people anymore. People are thinking rationally. What used to restrain people is no longer there, and the factors that manipulated people to do bad things have been cleaned out. The people outside of Mainland China are now more clearheaded, and they're becoming even more clearheaded and are more and more able to see this evil persecution in China for what it is. So for our Dafa disciples outside of Mainland China, this is a chance for us to clarify the truth further, and to help people all over the world and the governments of each nation better understand this display of evil. So I hope you'll do your work along these lines more solidly, and help people to truly recognize all of this.

You are Dafa disciples, so no matter what environment you're in, when you do things like clarifying the truth and saving sentient beings, you should display the demeanor of a Dafa disciple. You're cultivators after all, so if you want to do this well, the most important thing to do is to study the Fa. No matter how busy you are, you have to study the Fa. This is especially true for those students who stepped forward late, or who've stumbled, or who haven't kept up—you should study the Fa a lot, listen to criticism more, and hurry to catch up. Everyone needs to recognize the importance of sending righteous thoughts. That's because you are Dafa disciples, and you aren't everyday people doing things for Dafa, but Dafa disciples who are validating the Fa. The head of the evil in China has spread lies that I claim to be Jesus or Sakyamuni. You all know those are shameless lies made up by that bum who just lies at will. I'm not Jesus, and I'm not Sakyamuni, but the Fa has created millions and millions of Jesuses and Sakyamunis who have the courage to walk the path of Truth, who have the courage to risk their lives for the sake of the Truth, and who have the courage to devote their lives to saving sentient beings. (*Long applause*) Each of you Dafa disciples should truly recognize who you are and walk your path well. You really are that magnificent, so you have to rationally and seriously do well the things you're supposed to do today. Now when we clarify the truth to others you all feel that we should treat sentient beings with compassion, then all the more so should you be compassionate among our Dafa disciples. You're all disciples in the same practice, and you're giving your all for the cosmos' Fa-rectification, so you should cooperate well with one another. Don't approach things with too many human attachments, and don't cause unnecessary conflicts and arguments by interacting with each other with human attachments. In these situations your conduct should always show Dafa disciples' tolerance, kindness, and niceness. The next person's things are your things,⁶ and your things are his

⁶ The Chinese word translated here as “things” is very broad, and it can also mean “issue,” “business,” “problem,” “task,”

things. We don't talk about the "unity" everyday people do, which is a forced, superficial thing. You are cultivators, and your realms are higher. So in your many projects your actions should reflect an understanding of others, an ability to listen to people's opinions, and an ability to gauge what's right and what's wrong by using Dafa. Actually, now you're a lot better than before; but I think you should do even better in the time ahead.

Today I mainly wanted to see you all. Last time I didn't make it to the Fa conference in Canada which celebrated the tenth anniversary of Dafa being spread in the world. It wasn't because Dafa disciples weren't doing well, but because too many other people wanted to see me. I didn't want to make a public appearance, because if I did, all the public's focus would be on me. Now you are the ones who are validating the Fa among the world's people, and you're the ones who are saving sentient beings and consummating everything of yours in the process of clarifying the truth among the world's people. So I wanted to leave the opportunities for you and let you do these things. If I did otherwise, if I were to make a public appearance, nobody would listen to what you say to society or to what you tell the governments—they'd all want to hear it directly from me. And if that happened, Master would have to handle things in the human world while he does Fa-rectification things—and I wouldn't be able to do all that on my own, right? Of course, there were also other reasons.

I don't want to say much more. Today I just wanted to see you all. I hope that this Fa conference of ours goes even better. Also, one reason this Fa conference of ours can be successful, and the fact that Dafa can have a foothold in the United States, is the tremendous support from the American people. Here we thank the American people (*applause*), we thank the U.S. congresspersons and the legislators at the different levels of the government, and we thank all the various levels of the U.S. government. (*Applause*)

Walk your paths well. No matter what, everything that's the most wonderful awaits Dafa disciples, and everything that's the most terrifying awaits those people who play a negative role in the Fa-rectification. (*Long applause*)

Li Hongzhi

July 22, 2002

"affair," "difficulty," and so on.

Hurry Up And Tell Them

As Dafa disciples tell people the facts,⁷
It's like sharp swords shooting out together from their mouths,
Shredding apart the rotten demons' lies.
Lose no time and save them, hurry up and tell them.

Li Hongzhi
August 21, 2002

Be Clearheaded

Dafa disciples, away with your tears,
The demon Satan has completely collapsed.
Clarify the facts, send righteous thoughts,
Expose the lies, clean out the rotten ghouls.

Li Hongzhi
September 1, 2002

The Net is Tightening

How much longer can the ferocious evil run wild?
A chill is in the autumn wind already.
The rotten ghouls⁸ are terrified within,
Despairing in their final days.

Li Hongzhi
September 14, 2002

⁷ This term has been translated previously as “clarify the truth.” In the future it will often be translated as “clarify the facts” or “tell people the facts.”

⁸ The Chinese word translated here as “ghouls,” *gui*, generally refers to low-level (evil) spirits.

Righteous Thoughts

Dafa disciples' sending forth righteous thoughts at this special historic period—in order to reduce the evil beings' persecution of Dafa, Dafa disciples, and the people of the world—has played a very critical role. A large number of evil beings have been cleaned out in a timely manner before the force of Fa-rectification arrives, and this has reduced many potential losses. Yet the evil beings have already seen that they're doomed, and they are acting more and more madly. Dafa disciples are now sentient beings' only, sole hope for salvation. So, in order to do Fa-rectification more effectively, while you clarify the facts you have to take sending righteous thoughts very seriously, and in a timely manner purge the evil and your own problems so that you won't be taken advantage of by the evil. At present, there are still some students who haven't really grasped the essentials of sending righteous thoughts. Some students are in the exact same state as when they do the meditation—even when they're just doing the meditation, some students are in a half-asleep state, are in a state in which their minds aren't alert enough, or are in a state in which they're severely interfered with by stray thoughts—so they can't achieve a very good effect. There are also some students who, when they send righteous thoughts, specifically target in their minds one or a few evil elements, and that prevents the *gong* and the divine powers they send out from having the maximum effect. Of course, if the circumstances are special and you target one evil being or a few evil beings as you send forth righteous thoughts, either by yourself or together, then that's something you should do, and the concentrated power is tremendous. But when you normally send righteous thoughts together on a daily basis you should chase down the evil on a larger scale. You shouldn't target one or a few evil beings each day, each time.

This is how to do it: (1) You should focus your attention and your effort, your mind has to be absolutely clear and rational, the force of your thoughts needs to be focused and strong, with an air of supremacy and of destroying all evil in the cosmos. (2) The disciples who for the time being aren't able to see other dimensions can focus powerful thoughts in saying the word *Mie*⁹ after they finish saying the formula(s). The *Mie* word needs to be so strong that it's as large as the cosmic body, encompassing everything and leaving out nothing in any dimension. (3) Those disciples who can see the evil beings in other dimensions can handle things according to the situations they are aware of. Their righteous thoughts need to be strong, and they should fully use their wisdom. One righteous thought itself subdues a hundred evil things. (4) Closing your eyes and not closing your eyes both have the same effect when you send righteous thoughts. If you keep your eyes open you need to reach a state where you don't take note of anything you see in the dimension of everyday people.

When you send righteous thoughts, no matter how intense things get, the surface should be serene. This especially applies when you're at your workplace or in some other particular setting; you don't need to hold your palm erect and the results will be the same. As long as you keep your righteous thoughts strong and focus your mind you can achieve the same results. But under normal circumstances you should hold your palm erect or do the lotus hand position.

To reduce the losses, and to save sentient beings, put your Dafa disciples' powerful righteous thoughts to full use! Show your Mighty Virtue!

Li Hongzhi
October 13, 2002

⁹ This is the last word in one of the formulas, and means “cleaned out,” “eliminated,” “purged,” etc. It is pronounced “Myeh.”

Teaching the Fa at the 2002 Fa Conference in Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Hello!

“On either shore the gibbons’ chatter sounds without pause, while my light boat skims past thousands of crags.”¹⁰ (*Loud applause*) The evil has exhausted its tricks, and the Dafa disciples have matured through the tempering. We’re not afraid of any other tricks it might use. The persecution of Dafa and Dafa disciples has now lasted for over three years, and in no time it’ll be four years. During this period a lot of our Dafa disciples, especially the Dafa disciples in Mainland China, have been subjected to evil persecution that’s just unprecedented. In the midst of the terror that was created by lies and deceit, they’ve held up under the persecution, which is just evil to the extreme, and they’ve made it through these three years. That’s outstanding! Ordinary people couldn’t do that.

You know, in Mainland China if they want to destroy someone’s name, or if they want to suppress someone, and this includes even the country’s Chairman, it doesn’t take more than three days and that person’s a goner. Of course, it’s not that I’m saying Dafa disciples’ physical bodies are made of diamond or steel. Rather, the reason is, the evil people have absolutely no way to understand cultivators, and all the tricks they’ve acquired from history and that they’re using to attack people can only work on ordinary people. They’re totally useless on cultivators—cultivators who let go of worldly attachments.

Of course, while they’re cultivating a lot of students still have everyday people’s thinking to some degree or other, and there are folks who’ve always been slack about studying the Fa, as well as a lot of new students who’ve just started to practice. So when suddenly faced with this evil terror, an attack and suppression that’s just overwhelming, it really is terrifying for the students who have strong human thoughts. Those human thoughts made these students confused for a moment and they couldn’t tell what was really going on. But after a period of time, after they calmly thought things over for themselves—“Why am I studying Dafa?” “Now, is Falun Dafa really a good thing?” “Just what kind of person is Li Hongzhi really?”—a lot of people thought these things over in a calm way and with a level head. And the result of that calm thinking was, as they all became even clearer, “What we’re studying is an upright practice, and there’s nothing wrong with the Zhen, Shan, Ren that we’re cultivating.” And you’ve been able to see better and better that all the methods the evil people have used in this persecution are lies and slander, and see that they’ve used all the evil methods out there, that not a single thing is true, and that they’re all just schemes.

So what was the goal of this evil persecution? Was it to protect the regime? Not at all, really. Saying that Falun Gong poses a threat to China’s regime is just a huge lie that’s spread by the evil. A lot of people have asked me, and a lot of people have asked my disciples this too: what’s the true reason for this persecution? Just a buffoon’s jealousy. Since it has power it’s able to do something like this. That might sound pretty ridiculous, or maybe hard to believe—how could something like this happen to mankind, right? But it really has happened. This persecution has happened, as absurd as it may be, due to that buffoon being driven by its twisted jealousy. That’s exactly the reason. That’s the real cause we see here in human society.

But, from another perspective, human beings don’t actually have the ability to do anything significant. What usually happens is that a person’s bad thoughts correlate with evil beings in other dimensions, and then those evil beings capitalize on his bad thoughts to go and do bad things, and this way those evil beings achieve their goals and his bad thoughts’ desires are satisfied. And where do people’s

¹⁰ The last two lines from a famous Tang Dynasty poem by Li Bai.

thoughts really come from? Scientists have now realized that man's brain isn't really where his thoughts originate. So where do people's thoughts come from? Everybody thinks they come from what they've learned in the ordinary society and from their own reasoning. But that's not how it works. When an everyday person has a thought about doing something, his brain actually hasn't gone through some long process of reflection. A lot of things just instantly pop up, and a lot of words just roll right out off the tongue. So then just where exactly do those thoughts come from? We cultivators all know that there are actually connections between a person's mind and factors in a lot of different dimensions, and when it comes to major things, man is just doing things under the control of other beings. He's just acting things out here in the human world, that's all. The surface of the human body, the postnatally formed body, is really nothing.

So while we're on the subject of the human body, I've told you some things about it in a few select settings. But I haven't talked about it in a larger forum. The reason is, the Fa I'm teaching today is the Fa of the cosmos, Fa-rectification is rectifying the cosmos, and Dafa disciples co-exist with the Fa-rectification, so I can't talk about those specific things or particular situations in society that are too specific, or too low-level, or that are only in the Three Realms. Those things can't be written into the Fa of the cosmos. That's why I haven't talked about them. I've only talked about those things in a few select settings.

Of course, a human being has three souls, seven spirits, and so on, and he's also got a human True Skin, along with the two factors provided postnatally by his parents, and these factors that make up a human being exist in dimensions that the human eye can't see. Some of the matter that he gets from human food makes his human body gradually enlarge on the surface. People call that "growth." This human body is formed postnatally in the material dimension of everyday people, and late in his years it will age and die out, and it'll decompose back into matter. So in other words, an everyday person's postnatally formed body is just a vessel, and the only thing that can exist in the brain of a human body, those so-called thoughts, are actually the surface concepts that have formed in his head with the experiences he's accumulated in the human growth process. That's really just what the human body's thoughts are. But concepts alone don't constitute rationality. They're incomplete, they aren't organized, and they're incoherent. That's why when a person lets his main consciousness go he'll turn irrational—one minute he'll be talking about one thing, the next minute it's something else, he'll jump to this, he'll jump to that, and it's all over the place. He doesn't know what he's saying or what point he's trying to make. That happens because he doesn't have a main theme that ties it all together, and it's those things that he's formed postnatally that are manifesting. Also, when a person lets go of his main consciousness it's not just those concepts that can interfere with him, but any external messages, and that's why people will say he's got mental problems.

So, this means that in this persecution what's manifest here in the human world is that the malicious bad person's jealousy of Dafa is being manipulated by evil beings in other dimensions who are using that buffoon's evilness to create such a huge, unparalleled, shameful event—the evil, ludicrous persecution of Dafa students. All of the excuses it's used to suppress us are fabricated lies. The society's propaganda machines are all directed by it through its power, and they've spread a lot of huge and outrageous lies among the Chinese people and the rest of the world's people. Although this has been evil, Dafa disciples have matured through the tempering and have come to see all of this for what it is, so now they're becoming more and more clearheaded, and more and more rational. Initially, some students hadn't gotten rid of some of their human attachments yet, and that resulted in them not being able to recognize the true nature of the evil, and because their proper, righteous thoughts weren't adequate they were driven by their attachments and thus developed some human thoughts, and they also revealed the side of them that lacked a sober rationality. But through this persecution Dafa disciples have come to understand the solemn nature of cultivation, and this has allowed you to really

see the evil for what it is, and eventually you did well. This especially goes for the Dafa disciples in Mainland China, who've become more and more mature through this tempering. Now when these Dafa disciples are arrested in the evil's persecution, it's not easy anymore like it was back then to do that absurd, so-called "transformation" of them. What "repentance"? What "transformation"? "Transform" into what? They're all being good people, they're being the best people in the world—they're good people that surpass everyday people—so what are you trying to "transform" them into? What "transformation"? The evil has really done all sorts of revolting things. Like I said a long time ago: whoever attacks goodness is definitely evil.

So all things aside, in this persecution the evil beings have the worst goal, while the old forces that have manipulated the evil also have their goal. And what's their goal? It appears that they're using those evil beings to do evil to Dafa disciples and Dafa in order to have Dafa disciples be supposedly "matured through tempering" and to weed out those who don't deserve to be Dafa disciples, and along with this to use the sins that the evil beings have committed against Dafa disciples to destroy them and purify the cosmos. That's what the old forces have arranged. Sounds so noble, doesn't it? But it's not! Their real goal is to get what *they* want out of this. This isn't cultivation with a small reach—it's the cosmos going through Fa-rectification. Everything is just too trivial to even mention next to the Fa-rectification—nothing begins to compare. You can't compare things that occur in personal cultivation with the Fa-rectification. It doesn't matter how high an old-force being's level is, if it can't place itself properly in this balance of things it's in danger and will be weeded out during the cosmos's Fa-rectification; all the countless beings who've been knocked down because of this were from very high levels. What's most horrifying is that while they're participating in this, the layers upon layers of old forces have arranged at each level the elimination of the old forces that are one level right below them. They did that because they knew that the beings that have directly done bad things can't possibly pay for the sins committed against Dafa during this evil drama.

The truth becomes higher with each successive level, and when you look at things from a higher level, what's arranged at the next level down to supposedly "help Dafa" is a sin, so what they intend is to have even those who are doing the manipulating be weeded out in the Fa-rectification, since they've sinned against Dafa, too, when measured with higher truths. But they don't know that those at a level higher than them will look at them the same way and knock them down, too, in the same way. So, the old forces are successively eliminating the old forces, at each level eliminating the ones at the level right below them. But that's not what I want. None of the beings are worthy of participating in this. Yet they have participated, and with their own motives. But I've taught them the Fa constantly and told them about these things. I treat all the different sentient beings the same. Of course, these old forces are attached to what they want to do and to what they want to achieve, they're doing these things callously and won't change their ways no matter what, and they're doing these things while being manipulated by the beings above them. So ultimately, the entire old forces are weeding themselves out until they're no more.

What I wanted was to have no sentient being interfere with the Fa-rectification, or even participate in it. With the Fa-rectification, when it proceeds from the most basic point, from the lowest point, and goes all the way up, for all beings, no matter how bad you are or how much you may have sinned in history, I don't hold your past faults against you, and I purify you from the most microcosmic point to the surface of your being, and this even includes any thoughts a being may have. I rectify from the bottom up, all the way through. That would have been the best kind of benevolent solution, and not a single being would have fallen, not a single being would have sinned against Dafa and this Fa-rectification. Wouldn't that have been wonderful? But no, they insisted on doing this, and it's brought on this disaster in human society.

As Dafa disciples, we're against this persecution. And as your Master I don't acknowledge this thing, and I don't acknowledge the whole arrangement the old forces made. This has made the old forces go even more mad. So sometimes it's not just the evil beings who are taking part in the persecution, but even some high-level beings of the old forces. During the Fa-rectification all beings are choosing for themselves what path they will go down. What every being is truly faced with is choosing his own future.

As you've seen, they've exhausted all of their tricks in the persecution, and Dafa disciples have matured through the tempering. Whether it's inside or outside China, all the same, although there are still a lot of beings who've been misled by the evil's propaganda, overall, in other dimensions the strength of the evil and the strength of the righteous are no longer in balance. The strength of the righteous has tipped the scales in its favor as far as they go. Those evil beings can't hold up now. The wicked people in the world might seem so evil, but that's actually just arranged by the old forces. I've said before that the evil won't stop persecuting even right up until the very end. Even if it's going to end tomorrow, today that evil will still do evil just the same. That's the way things are in the cosmos before the Fa-rectification is done rectifying it. Without going through Fa-rectification it won't become good on its own—how could it turn good without Fa-rectification? Poison is just poisonous, and if you want it to stop being poisonous it can't do that. So when you look at it that way, we shouldn't have any fantasies about the evil forces and those evil people who are persecuting Dafa.

A little while back a lot of students were thinking: "The CCP is going to hold its 16th Congress soon. If that head demon in China, that wretch of the earth, steps down, then won't our Dafa's good name be restored? Who'd want to inherit that burden, and who'd be as stupid as *it* is?" That kind of thinking isn't wrong in the ordinary society, but it's not right for a cultivator. With a Dafa like this, how could so many magnificent future Gods, magnificent Dafa disciples, who've been forged through Dafa cultivation put their hope in some ordinary person? Aren't we insulting ourselves? Could human beings control Gods? But a lot of our Dafa disciples were thinking that way. It's not a big deal if one person thinks that way, and it's not a big deal if two people think that way—that's just their personal cultivation issue. But if everybody thinks that way, then what kind of situation will there be among the larger group of Dafa disciples? It'll be a major disruption, a strong attachment, and that can't be allowed. I saw it, and the old forces saw it, too. The old forces thought, "Wait a minute, what's this?" So they made the outcome of the CCP's 16th Congress worse.

As I've said, everything that happens today in the ordinary society is the result of Dafa disciples' thoughts. Even though the old forces do exist, if you don't have those thoughts they can't do anything. When your righteous thoughts are strong enough the old forces can't do a thing. If someone in ordinary society really did restore our Dafa's name, think about it, maybe human beings will do this, but have you thought about this: how high would I have to position that person? Isn't that right? You're cultivators, and all changes come from your cultivation and the Fa-rectification; everything that you yourselves validate and enlighten to, and everything that you'll receive, all this comes from what *you* have done on your path. Absolutely don't think about any favors the old forces might do for us, or about how the ordinary society might help us. *You* are the ones saving the ordinary people's society, and *you* are the ones saving sentient beings!

When you've been persecuted or been under pressure in the ordinary society, it's hard to prevent your human thoughts from having an effect, so some ordinary people's thoughts might surface, but don't think too much of it. Fa-rectification disciples, the persecution has already come to this stage, and Dafa has already come to this stage in the Fa-rectification: what's there for us to still be afraid of? Haven't you already seen your future very well? So when it comes to those evil beings and their arrangements, as long as your righteous thoughts are strong enough you can reject them, repel them, and make them

helpless. But being among ordinary people and facing these things, although you've had different takes on things, and there might even be more of us who've had different understandings and who've displayed some human thoughts, it's not all that surprising. That's because while you're improving yourself in cultivation, your path of validating Dafa, of saving sentient beings, and of moving towards the final Consummation *is* going to be a bumpy one. What's key is that you take every step well after you come to realize something.

As I've said, if no beings had persecuted Dafa they could all have a benevolent solution. But I knew that if all beings in the cosmos were that good then there wouldn't be a need for Fa-rectification. They were sure to surface, it was just a question of what form it would take. So that created a test for our Dafa disciples. That's all. This is a kind of natural manifestation, but, this type of arrangement by the old forces, this careful arrangement, this really systematic arrangement that goes from top to bottom, that's a first-ever. And this massive tribulation is really enormous. What you experience and perceive is just the manifestation in man's society, but what I see is utterly shocking to even the beings of the greater cosmos. Maybe mankind can't understand what I'm saying. But when mankind sees the display of the cosmos's planets going through re-creation arrive at the surface of our Milky Way, then they'll believe everything. (*Applause*)

Like I just said, during the whole Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples have done really well overall, and Dafa disciples have become more and more mature through the tempering. While validating the Fa, no matter what form Dafa disciples use to save sentient beings, and no matter how you contribute, or what methods you use, you are validating the Fa, and you are forging ahead on the path of clarifying the facts. You're doing better and better, too, and you're becoming more and more rational. And you're cooperating better and better with each other as Dafa disciples. Maybe a lot of students have had the experience before, where our Dafa disciples have arguments when they do something together, and they look pretty heated sometimes, and after your human thoughts come out it even affects your grand task of validating the Fa. However, as your understandings of the Fa have improved and your human thoughts have been whittled away, these things and these manifestations have become less and less intense. So why do arguments happen? It's in fact exactly because that little bit of your not-yet-removed stuff at your human surface is at work. But when your righteous thoughts are strong enough it's powerless. You all know the Fa is good, that you should safeguard the Fa, that you have to do certain things, and that you have to go save sentient beings and validate the Fa, then when your righteous thoughts aren't up to par your human thoughts get mixed in. Then this makes you agitated like an ordinary person gets, and some people even feel like they've just got to insist on their own ideas, and this, combined with some other factors, has resulted in some situations that shouldn't happen among Dafa disciples. You've done fairly well recently, and that's because you are becoming more and more mature.

Actually, did you know that those Great Enlightened Beings have a lot of things in the heavens that they too need to coordinate and discuss with each other? Buddha Sakyamuni said that there are as many Tathagatas as there are grains of sand in the Ganges River. Or to put it another way, of the Fa Kings in the heavens, the Buddha type of Gods alone are as many as the grains of sand in the Ganges. And that's just a small number—what he talked about was just what he could see from his realm. Then what about other Gods? Buddhas are only one type of God in the cosmos, and they don't number that many. And, there are countless Gods of all different types, there are so many of them that it's impossible to count them, there's an infinite number of beings. Now, if they were to argue when they do something, that'd be big trouble, since every Enlightened Being has his own set of truths that he has validated and enlightened to from the Fa-truths of the cosmos, and he's formed a set of his own things with his understanding of the cosmos. For example, Buddha Sakyamuni's own set of things is called "Precept, Concentration, Wisdom." So, since each Great Enlightened Being and each being in the

cosmos has his own set of understandings of the cosmos like that, if they were to start arguing wouldn't that be disastrous? That kind of thing doesn't exist where they are.

So what's their state of mind? It's tolerance, an extremely immense tolerance, being able to accept other beings, and being able to truly think from other beings' perspectives. This is something a lot of you haven't achieved yet in your cultivation, but you're gradually catching on and achieving it. When another God proposes an idea, they aren't eager to reject it, and they aren't eager to express their own ideas and they don't believe that their own ideas are good. Instead, they look at what the end result of the other God's proposed approach will be. The paths are different—everyone's path is different—and the truths that beings validate and enlighten to in the Fa are different, too, but the results might very well be the same. That's why they look at the results, and if the result of a God's idea can achieve the goal, if it can truly achieve it, then all of them will go along with it. That's how Gods think. Also, if there's something lacking in it they'll unconditionally and quietly supplement it to make things more complete and perfect. That's how they handle things.

Dafa disciples, in your cultivation in the ordinary human world you all have understood something clearly that's based on the Fa's principles, namely, not to be attached to the "gain and loss" of ordinary people. So when things related to validating the Fa are involved, there too you shouldn't insist on voicing "my ideas" or on having things done "my way." It's not like only then can you establish mighty virtue in the cosmos. If you've got a good idea, well, you came up with it, you're being responsible to the Fa, and it's not important whether your idea is adopted or whether your approach is used. If another person's idea can achieve the same effect and you aren't attached to your own idea and instead you go along with his, then whether you've shared your approach or not, Gods will all see this and think, "Look, he isn't attached, and he's able to be so tolerant and broadminded." What do Gods look at? Isn't *this* what they look at? When you're attached to emphasizing your things you are too caught up in it and the Gods watching above can't stand it. Even though you keep claiming it's for the good of Dafa, and that "my approach is good" and can reach such and such goal—and maybe that really is the case—still, we shouldn't have attachments that are too much like ordinary people. If you can really do that, all the Gods will say, "This person is truly remarkable." It's not like Gods see that your idea worked and then they raise your level. Instead, they only raise your level when they see that your understanding of it has improved. This is a truth in the Righteous Fa. If you're thinking, "I'll have XYZ happen to me if I've gained such and such amount of merit," well, yes, that's how it works for an ordinary person, and it might be what's looked at as far as certain facets of the cosmos's Fa-truths go or in a particular situation. But true improvements come from letting go, not from gaining. (*Loud applause*)

We have a lot of students who've really been improving fast as they continue to cultivate themselves. And as a whole you've especially done better and better in improving together, and in cooperating with each other. Now it's a matter of how you can do even better and in a more refined way the things that now need to be done. Since you're Dafa disciples, you shouldn't put your hopes in so-called "natural" changes, external changes, changes in the ordinary society, or in some favors that someone might do for us. *You* are Gods, and *you* are the future rulers of different cosmoses, so who would you count on? All the beings are counting *on you!* (*Applause*) That's truly how it is. The cosmos's reality will manifest in the near future, and at that time whether we have done well or poorly will be set—however things went will be set. As long as this affair hasn't ended there's still an opportunity. Each one of us is walking his own path, and consummating his own Attainment Status. In the future the Dafa disciples will be able to see whether they've done well on this path of validating the Fa and saving sentient beings. You'll even see vividly the little things that happened somewhere during your process of Fa-rectification. Of course, the evil and the bad beings can't see the future. The sentient beings that you've saved, and those sentient beings who are able to realize what's going on as you clarify the facts, they too will soon witness the magnificent scene of your Consummation. (*Applause*) And that will definitely

be open and dignified.

Of course, recently some things have happened to our Dafa disciples. There are a lot of things Master can't really tell you about—especially when it's during that time. The reason being, the old forces think that if I tell you, they'll have to make things even harder for you. That's why I didn't tell you until now about even the issue of your cooperating with each other. I talked about it because you've already started to do well with it, and now you're able to handle it well, you've gradually realized it.

Some students say with their lips, "I reject the old forces' arrangements." In key situations they can handle themselves quite well, but under normal circumstances they're likely to ease up their righteous thoughts, and when their righteous thoughts aren't adequate they're likely to have problems. Of course, I'm not talking about everyone. I'm talking about an extremely small number of folks—there are very few of them. So why does that happen? In history the old forces arranged many, many things, and they made extremely thorough and intricate arrangements. And to make sure that nothing would go wrong with what they arranged they did a practice run with the previous earth. Think about it—how could they not be attached to it? Could they possibly let go of what they wanted to do? But even so, if our righteous thoughts are very strong, then we're in line with a law in the cosmos, and this law holds in both the old cosmos and the new one: a being's choice is up to him, even if he made some kind of vow in history. At critical moments it's still up to him what he wants to do. And this goes for things that are positive and negative—it's the case for both.

During the course of their cultivation in the past, a lot of disciples were assigned by the old forces to come interfere with things or play a negative role. But, they rejected that, they developed righteous thoughts through cultivating, they no longer want to do that, and they've become true Dafa disciples. Some, however, have acted a bit poorly, and so they've been led by the old forces and have caused a lot of unexpected things to happen. What I want to talk about here isn't that group of people. What I'm going to talk about are some incidents that have happened recently to our true Dafa disciples. Of course, those are isolated cases, but you all know about them and you've been thinking about them. The truth is that some of you have reincarnated time and time again over the course of history, and while you were in human society, lost in delusion, you might very well have signed some kind of pact with the old forces, like for example, "During the Fa-rectification I will do such and such or take such and such path on a certain day." At that time, within the laws of the old Fa it seemed absolutely correct, so a few of you students have signed that type of pact, and that's why from time to time some things happen among our Dafa disciples. The goal behind those problems is this: the old forces think that some students believe that once they cultivate Dafa they have nothing to worry about, "As long as I'm a Dafa disciple I won't be in any kind of danger." So they saw this and thought: "We can't allow this. Isn't this like getting some kind of insurance? Once they learn Dafa they're not worried about anything. Isn't that a huge attachment in and of itself?" So those old forces caused trouble in Dafa. That's how these things came about. But when they caused trouble why didn't Master's countless Law Bodies and the countless righteous Gods who safeguard the Fa do anything about it? It's because some of our Dafa disciples signed some sort of pact with the old forces back in history, and so the old forces have latched onto this fact with a death grip and won't let go.

But it's not that you can't get rid of it. As I just said, even if sometime in history you did sign some kind of pact, if today your righteous thoughts are very strong, you don't recognize it, and you insist on not taking part in it, then you can in fact reject it. But this is a bit hard for you to handle in a case like this. What's hard is that the old forces won't let you go that easily, they'll try to take advantage of your gaps, and when you're just a little bit off they'll seize the opportunity. So when your righteous thoughts are very strong they can't take advantage of you, and this is because in Fa-rectification Dafa doesn't acknowledge the old forces' arrangements, and I, as your Master, don't acknowledge them either. Of

course, each one of our Dafa disciples says that we don't recognize the old forces' arrangements, but that's not something you just say—you have to follow the requirements of Dafa and the Fa-rectification. "I absolutely will not acknowledge any of those things you arranged in the past, old forces. I don't even acknowledge you." When your righteous thoughts are very strong you can purge it and you can reject their arrangements. (*Applause*) And that's because we absolutely cannot acknowledge them.

How could the beings in the cosmos arrange their own futures? That's absolutely not allowed. You'll become aware of this law in the future. How was the cosmos created? It was created just by a Great Fa Enlightened Being's one thought. (*Applause*) The single thoughts of the Great Enlightened Beings at different levels created cosmoses at different levels. Imagine if after that one thought created the cosmos the beings inside it were to say, "Don't create me in this way, you should create me in such and such way." Is it up to them? It's not. Those beings are really insignificant in the eyes of that God whose one thought created them. But those Great Enlightened Beings, those Gods who created the beings, they absolutely must meet the standard for a God and meet the Fa's standard, and they have to have great mercy and compassion. So the cosmoses they created are bound to be wonderful; the thoughts they produce are pure and wonderful. That's why it's considered just extremely crucial that a being meet the standard for the cosmos's beings at certain levels. So in other words, we can't acknowledge the arrangements that the old forces made for us, no matter what they did, because they, too, are candidates for being saved, only they've chosen to be weeded out. How could someone who's to be saved choose how he's saved? It's like he falls into water and someone tries to save him, but he says: "You can't save me directly with your hands. You have to save me with a boat that I like." How could that be?

Some of the things that happened recently were due to historic reasons. I didn't tell you that before because I didn't want you to form an attachment—"What's my connection to the old forces?" None of you should think about that. Those cases are very, very few, and the intention at the time was very good, it was for the Fa. That's why those Dafa disciples have Consummated all the same (*applause*), and at extremely high levels. (*Applause*) That's why those things happened. So Fa-study is extremely important. Your righteous thoughts and everything you accomplish come from the Fa, so no matter how busy you are, don't neglect Fa-study.

That's all I'm going to say, because two days ago when the students who are working on the TV project had a meeting I said a lot to them. They asked a lot of questions that are representative, so today I won't answer questions for you. I plan to ask them to process the audio recording from that day, and after I revise it I'll publish it. The questions they asked that day are common among you, they were all questions that you want to know about and resolve. That's all I'll say. Thank you! (*Applause*)

Dafa disciples' futures are certainly bright—they'll absolutely be bright. (*Long applause*)

Li Hongzhi
November 30, 2002

New Year's Greetings from Master

A Happy New Year to all Dafa disciples around the world!

While emerging from the hardship, while saving the people of the world, and while becoming more clearheaded and mature, you have come through another year. On the rest of the journey, may you fulfill, with godlike righteous thoughts and righteous actions, the grand vows you made before history!

The endless journey has come to a close
And the pervasive haze is gradually dispersing
While righteous thoughts display the might of Gods
Returning to Heaven is no longer just yearned for

Li Hongzhi

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