

# **Guiding the Voyage**

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## Teaching the Fa at the Western U.S. Fa Conference

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It's been a long time! (*Applause*)

Alright, let's stop applauding now and listen to your teacher.

When any being in this cosmos has enlightened to his Fa, his Fa-principles, or his Attainment Status<sup>1</sup>—no matter at what level—he has to go through a truly serious test. This determines whether what he has enlightened to can hold ground in this cosmos, and it establishes his mighty virtue. That's why all beings encounter in their cultivation the kind of situation we're experiencing today. As you know, when Sakyamuni was in this world, when Jesus was in this world, and when other upright religions and righteous Fa were imparted in this world, they each ran into something like this and underwent this type of test. This is a law of the cosmos. But as to our Dafa, let me tell you that nobody is worthy of testing It. Because all beings—and this includes every being in the cosmos—are created, made, and shaped by It, no one is worthy of testing It. (*Applause*)

Then why are we encountering these things? As you know, Li Hongzhi is doing this undertaking in an ordinary human form, with a human body, using the lowest form of language among beings in the cosmos—the human language, this most simplistic human language of today—and using the lowest form of cultivation, *qigong*. This has left all beings throughout the cosmos unaware. The reason for this is that to evaluate and determine the *xinxing* position of each sentient being in the cosmos and reposition them, it was necessary that each one's true *xinxing* level be revealed. So they weren't allowed to know the true situation. No being in the entire cosmos knows the true situation. They regard me as a cultivator, and so they dare to do what they have. As I told you before, no sentient being knew about the Fa of the cosmos. That's why they think that I'm establishing a system of things that I've enlightened to—when I'm really doing Fa-rectification—with the only difference being that it's exceptionally pure and righteous, and extremely high level. In their view, that's all it is. This is why they've dared to bring us this disaster today. In other words, a higher Attainment Status and a Fa this immense require a test this massive. Yet on the other hand, if this hadn't been allowed to happen it wouldn't have. My intention was to utilize all the things they arranged so as to see their *xinxing* displayed in their actions. They arranged this matter long, long ago. Human history is cyclical. They haven't realized that such an enormous Fa is being spread, something extraordinary. The humankind of the last cycle underwent a process like this as a test run, and went even further than today's humankind. In the end, environmental pollution caused the deformation of human beings and their eventual elimination. This is what happened to the last humankind. What happened last time is now being repeated, but this time it's true Fa-rectification. In other words, this matter was arranged ages ago. They established a system in order to avoid deviation and to ensure that nothing would go wrong with this matter today. According to their thinking, the things that are happening and unfolding today were all arranged by them. Nothing in the process has been

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<sup>1</sup> Attainment Status—this term is also sometimes translated as “Fruit Status.”

coincidental, even though things appear coincidental among everyday people and manifest among everyday people in an entirely human fashion. Yet these were indeed arranged by them. In their words, one God would be more than enough to make arrangements so that nothing would go wrong with any sentient being on the entire earth. Countless Gods, so many Gods, are watching this. How could there be any mishaps? Nothing in the process could go wrong. But this is only the arrangement, which I mentioned earlier, by the Gods of the old cosmos. They don't dare to ruin all of these things, because they, too, see the problems the cosmos will face and they know I'm doing this undertaking. But they, too, don't know who I am. So what they wanted to do they arranged. Do you understand? (*Applause*) Their apparent purpose was to allow our Fa to establish Its mighty virtue, and to have the Fa be truly respected by beings throughout the entire cosmos for Its mighty virtue. On the surface, this was the purpose of their arranging all this. But this has instead become an obstacle for Fa-rectification. I knew they would definitely do it this way, so I used the opportunity to examine their *xinxing* in everything they arranged and reposition them accordingly. In the course of your cultivation, each one of you should understand correctly the relationship between your personal cultivation and Fa-rectification. How should you view the tribulations and trials that you experience? I can tell you that if a person doesn't have that much karma, he absolutely won't have tribulations that severe. You should clearheadedly distinguish personal cultivation from evil's persecution of the Fa. All of the arrangements that have interfered with Dafa, that have tried to forcefully impose something on me or the Fa, are absolutely unacceptable. So they have to bear responsibility for everything they've done. How is this any different from the persecution of Jesus and the harming of Sakyamuni's disciples back in their days? They have to bear responsibility for all these things—they must bear responsibility for all these things. There's something I told you before. I said: what is a Buddha? "Tathagata" is what human beings call someone who's come with the truth and the power to do what he wants, whereas real Buddhas are guardians of the cosmos and are responsible for all righteous elements in the cosmos. Nevertheless, in this affair, they have also fully shown the positions of their *xinxing* after their deviation from the Fa and have fully revealed their impure side. This has resulted in many things that shouldn't have occurred in certain situations and all kinds of interference; this is quite similar to the display of our students' *xinxing* at present during their personal cultivation. All sentient beings in the cosmos are amidst the Fa-rectification, and all the manifestations might appear in this human place since I'm doing this in this human place. I can tell you that the suffering and tribulations endured by our Dafa disciples are not only aimed at their personal cultivation—there are also factors related to high-level beings' testing Dafa using the fact that the students have karma, using "improving them" as an excuse, and using degenerate beings at low levels to carry out the persecution. In fact, all of these have harmed the Fa-rectification. You've not only been enduring tribulations created by human beings. Since parts of you have been fully cultivated, you are great Gods, and Gods at very, very high levels have been testing you. This is why what's happening today is unprecedented—a tribulation like this has never taken place in history. This is understanding it from a cultivator's perspective. But from another angle, I'd say that no one is worthy of testing Dafa. Yet they have, so they've committed a sin, and they will have to bear responsibility for everything they've done. I've only given you a general explanation of this situation. As I said, I just wanted to use their actions to see

their *xinxing* clearly, arrange their places, and in turn examine the disciples and enable them to reach Consummation. They're also using the most evil beings to do all of this in a destructive manner.

As Master sees it, this undertaking has encountered huge tribulations because you coexist with the Fa during the Fa-rectification period. Never before in any historical period have people encountered such huge tribulations, nor will people who cultivate in the future—those people won't be you, of course, but human beings in the future—since they'll only engage in personal cultivation. You, however, are linked to the Fa.

During the past year, I was silent for various reasons. When I wasn't speaking to you, I saw that students were doing really well. This says that you can do well when I'm not around. It's remarkable! You've not only handled yourselves as cultivators, but have also firmly safeguarded Dafa—you are truly magnificent! This is because you've kept to the Fa, and because you've regarded yourselves as cultivators. This is something everyday people can't do—everyday people absolutely wouldn't be able to do it. It is something that's never been seen in human history. It's futile for the evil forces that want to damage us to attempt to destroy us—nothing like that has happened in history, nor do human beings have the ability to do that. No matter who persecutes Dafa, it's a matter of humans battling Gods, and the end result is obvious. Of course, through this series of events our students have gained a clearer understanding; there was a huge difference when the tribulations had just started. Some were shocked. Some were contemplating, “What kind of person is Li Hongzhi?” Some were thinking, “Is this Fa righteous?” A comprehensive test has targeted all human attachments. No matter what attachments you held when you came to Dafa, those attachments had to be tested. Some people thought that this or that aspect of Dafa was good, but today's test is relentless, as no human attachment can be taken to heaven.

I can tell you that throughout history there has never been any human being who has succeeded in cultivation—regardless of the cultivation way. This is because a person's Assistant Primordial Spirit doesn't enter the Three Realms, but controls the person's body at a microcosmic level beyond the Three Realms. It's simply impossible for a person to return, never before in history has this happened. But since you've encountered this amidst today's Fa-rectification—not because you have such a great predestined relationship, nor because it's accidental—you truly can return through cultivation! (*Applause*)

No matter which level a God comes from, once he enters the Three Realms he can never return. This is absolute. This is also something that no one has ever dared to disclose, because it would lead humankind to rapidly head for destruction: if people knew the truth of the matter, hopeless beings would stop at no evil. Yet our Dafa has allowed [people to return], we're able to achieve this, and It has played this role. That's why I've revealed the truth of this to you all. (*Applause*)

Our students are truly remarkable. A while ago, you all did a lot of things that you were supposed to do for Fa-rectification. In this recent period of time, many of you have been doing a lot of work to clarify the truth to the world's people. As a Dafa disciple, a particle of this Great Fa of the cosmos, you should do that. When people damage the Fa... of course, no one can damage the Fa—how could the Fa of the cosmos be damaged by human beings? No one is able to damage it... But when someone comes to persecute

the Fa, what should you, a disciple, a particle of Dafa, do? Shouldn't you let the truth be known and make people aware of the facts? This is looking at it in terms of you. You are a particle of Dafa, so you should play this role.

Looking at it another way, I can tell you that all Gods in the cosmos—whether it's the ones who have been rectified or the ones who haven't been—say that, with regard to everything you are doing today, we're incredibly merciful. (*Applause*) Did you know: during the time when the evil came in swarming hordes, so many people were fooled by the venomous fabrications and deceitful lies, and they had hatred toward Dafa and my disciples; those people were doomed to be weeded out in the future, yet even so, by presenting the truth we've allowed them to know the facts and get rid of their previous views and evil thoughts, and it's very likely they can be saved. (*Applause*) Our clarifying the truth to the world isn't any sort of political struggle, nor is it doing things to address certain matters. I'm telling you that this is your mercy, and you are truly saving the future people! (*Applause*) If those people's thoughts don't turn around, think about it, they're done for. I think you should, as a student, a cultivator, do these things from the perspective of mercy, too. Inform people of the truth, tell them about it—this is also rescuing people.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to really thank the various levels of government in the United States and Canada for the honors they've bestowed upon us and upon me. (*Applause*) Under this special circumstance, I can't thank them individually, but I will bring them a wonderful future. (*Applause*) On the surface, we're seeking support for Dafa from the world's people. This is the thinking of the worldly human side, manifest in this human place. Yet it's reversed on the other side. Whoever supports Dafa or advocates for Dafa is establishing for himself his being's existence in the future and is laying a foundation for obtaining the Fa in the future. (*Applause*)

There are a lot of things to talk about, but I don't want to say too much right now. I'll choose a time to come forth to formally and clearly explain everything about these matters to you. (*Applause*) But let me tell you this: all disciples who have stepped forward, Master thanks you! (*Applause*) Remarkable! (*Applause*)

Every one of us is doing for Dafa things of Fa-rectification, Fa-spreading, and clarifying the truth. We haven't been involved in political struggles, whether it be our going to Tiananmen Square, going to Zhongnanhai, or clarifying the truth to people in all sorts of situations. This is because if the evil hadn't persecuted us, we wouldn't need to explain the truth to people whatsoever. We also don't think that our making appeals or clarifying the truth right now is interfering with anyone. When being treated unfairly, people should be allowed to speak—this is a human being's most basic right.

Of course, through this we've fully seen the position of every student's *xinxing*. You went through a process of serious thinking at the beginning of this, but no matter what, that's not to be considered wrong, as you were given the opportunity to think: what kind of person is Li Hongzhi? Is this Fa righteous? For those who've been able to step forward from humanness, who have been able to come through today, let me tell you this: you made it! (*Long applause*) As you already know, at that time the evil forces were really overwhelming, it was as if they eclipsed the sky and covered the earth—they were enormous. These things have already been destroyed. (*Applause*) Only the evil humans remain and are still acting out. Moreover, all people with righteous thoughts—and I'm

not referring to our students—all everyday people with righteous thoughts are standing up against this. This is because the evil was restraining people before, and after the evil was eliminated, people became clearheaded and now they're reconsidering and reassessing all these. The lies and fabrications will all be exposed one by one. (*Applause*)

I had wanted to tell you about many things. And you might also have a lot of questions for me, "Is it correct to do it this way?" "Is it correct to do it that way?" I can tell you that overall you've all done things correctly. As for those minor matters or few specific things that you're unsure of, I think you'll be able to handle these things well on your own path towards Consummation. (*Applause*) This is because during the past one year plus, what's taken place has proven that you have truly done well without me around—truly well, exceptionally well! (*Applause*) Some minor problems and problems with certain individuals that occurred can't represent Dafa. Those were also arranged. You could say that they were inevitable. They were actually arranged: during which time which person behaves in what way, what a person does during which time, and this includes those in detention centers who behaved quite well all along but in the end reversed themselves—they stopped studying, stopped practicing, and have even encouraged other practitioners [to do the same]. Think about it: could these be coincidental? Probably nothing is coincidental, because for you, a cultivator, in the process of your cultivation you have fundamental tests all the way to the very end. All the same, not one of our Dafa disciples who is truly cultivating has fallen amidst the tests.

I'll just say this much. I will explain things to you in every detail when the opportunity arises. (*Applause*) Whether it's those who've had their lives taken by the evil forces, those who've been in detention centers or sentenced, those who've suffered under all kinds of circumstances or been forced to leave their homes, or our students abroad or students in other environments, all of the things you've done for Dafa have established your mighty virtue. Finish up the last step. I hope that you'll do even better and truly reach Consummation! Thank you! (*Applause*)

## **Teaching the Fa at the Great Lakes Fa Conference in North America**

(December 9, 2000 in Ann Arbor)

You've been working hard! (*Enthusiastic Applause*)

I'm delighted to see you. You weren't like this a year ago. After having gone through such a severe test, I can tell—although you might not sense much of it—that you're completely different persons from before. All of us have undergone the most severe test, something that's never occurred before in history, and it was a vicious one. In the past, in whatever we were doing you would think: "How can I study the Fa well? How should I work for Dafa? How can I improve myself? How can I do better?" You always felt that you were learning Dafa, rather than that you were a part of Dafa. After this year I find that you've completely changed. You no longer think as you used to. No matter what you do for Dafa and no matter what it is you're doing, you are placing yourselves in Dafa instead of thinking about "I want to do something for Dafa" or "I want to improve myself in this way or that way" as you did before. No matter what you do, you aren't thinking that you're doing something for Dafa, about how you should do things for Dafa, or "how can I do things well for this Fa." Instead, you are placing yourselves in Dafa. Like a particle of Dafa, [you feel that] no matter what it is, you should just do it. Even though you aren't conscious of it or expressing it clearly in words, that is in fact how your actions already are. This is the biggest change I see in you after this year. In other words, you are completely in the Fa already. This is most apparent in the conduct of veteran students, in particular. Before it could be said that you were a student. Lately, I often use "disciples" instead of "students." You have indeed gone through tremendous changes. As you are cultivators, Master hasn't praised you much in the encouraging manner that everyday people use or told you how well you've been doing. This is because you are cultivators and you should know what to do.

The things that are happening today were arranged long ago in history. At no point has anything gone astray. Of course, this arrangement was made by those high-level beings in the old cosmos. Moreover, it was systematically arranged by old beings in layers upon layers of the cosmos. Their purpose was also to save this cosmos. They think that they've given their all in trying to do these things well and consummate this matter—which includes today's Dafa and even Dafa disciples. This is what they think. You might recall what I said last time when I taught the Fa in San Francisco—that no one is worthy of testing the Great Fa of the cosmos. This is because no matter how high a being's realm and level in this cosmos, he is still a being within this cosmos, and was created by the Fa. In other words, even his existence was created by this Fa, so how could he turn around and test this Fa? However, as I've also told you many times in previous Fa-lectures, beings in the past couldn't know—and weren't allowed to know—about the Fa of the cosmos. Of course, to put it in ordinary human terms, for example, if the sentient beings in the cosmos were to know that there was Fa in the cosmos, it would bring about many, many problems after the sentient beings in the cosmos deviated from the Fa over the ages. Some beings might attempt to change this Fa. Since they have the ability, they could do almost anything. That's why the form in which the Great Fa of the cosmos

exists isn't allowed to be known by beings at any level. This has in turn brought about a problem. They don't know that there's a Fa in this cosmos. They consider the ability of the Great Fa of the cosmos to spread widely in this cosmos to be my enlightening to this Fa. And they have truly given their best for the success of this matter and for helping me consummate all of these things. Yet this brings about another problem. What problem? All beings in the cosmos have deviated from this Fa. In other words, their realms and purity, when measured with the standard of the original Great Fa of the cosmos, are no longer adequate. So all of their arrangements and assistance in this matter have become the biggest obstacle to my carrying out this undertaking. This is because no matter how well they do, it won't surpass their realms. If things were done according to everything they arranged, think about it: wouldn't it be the same as nothing having been done, even after this was completed? How could it be acceptable if the same realm and standards were to remain after this is completed? That's why all these things that they've arranged and done cannot be accepted or considered valid.

This created a serious problem, then: not only could all these things that they've arranged not play a positive role in the Fa-rectification, but they also became a serious impediment. This evil drama in ordinary human society today is also part of what was arranged by the high-level beings. This is, at the same time, the biggest display of their *xinxing* not meeting the requirements of the Fa, and it has fully shown the different-level participants' standards for *xinxing* and beings. Meanwhile, this also brings about a favorable circumstance for the Fa-rectification. What circumstance? If during the Fa-rectification none of the beings were to show themselves for what they are, it would be difficult to position them according to their different *xinxing* levels. That is, it would make the Fa-rectification highly difficult. Then, in other words, all the things that they have done to test Dafa have become a performance in which their *xinxing* positions are fully displayed and observed. At the same time, it happens that students have bad elements that have accumulated over the long course of their existences, as well as karma produced in low-level realms. All of these needed to be eliminated, and so this has resulted in the harsh test for the students in this affair, and in their using wicked people to make up lies against me to test students' determination in Dafa. That's the situation.

As I just mentioned, I can't acknowledge any of these. So I need to eliminate them, including this evil drama. Originally they wanted to treat us the way religions were treated in the past. Their warped notions have made them think that the persecution of Gods in history was rightful. Incidents such as Jesus being nailed to the cross have become the precedent for high-level beings who come down to save people. How could this be acceptable? This itself is degenerate! A God comes down to save people, yet humans nail him to a cross—what a huge sin people have committed! They are still paying for it today. But that wasn't done by human beings alone. It was caused by the degeneration of beings at higher levels. They don't dare to admit anything wrong on their part in all of these matters. This is because everything is becoming warped—so warped that they've deviated from the Fa and gradually become how they are. No beings at any level have ever dared to touch them. Everything is determined by interwoven elements that have become extremely complicated. All of these impure things have to be eliminated—completely eliminated!

Even though this evil drama manifests in ordinary human society and it appears that evil human beings created this severe tribulation for my Dafa disciples, it has in fact been

caused by the participation of warped beings from various levels—I'm referring to those degenerate beings. The beings who haven't participated comprise the majority. But they too are no longer pure, and they're all being repositioned during the Fa-rectification. There's another very serious problem. I told them as early as when I started this undertaking that no beings could save today's people, that no Fa could save today's beings, and that no one could change today's people. What did I mean by that? I'll tell you. Today's people can't perceive their own warped thinking because the very nature of people has changed. No matter what cultivation way is adopted, you can only change what they can be aware of, but not what's warped in their very nature. That's why after this one year plus, no matter what methods they used and however cruel they were, they were unable to change the students' fundamental issues and didn't achieve their purpose in the end. In order to have the students meet the standards—to meet their requirements—they used those evil beings to brutally beat students. When they exhausted the most vicious means and still couldn't achieve their goal, they became flustered and exasperated, and went against our students even more viciously. In the end, even though they couldn't achieve their goal, they said that they'd tried their best. How evil! Yet the layers upon layers of beings in the immense cosmos can't perceive the evilness of all these evils taking place. This is because all beings have been warping.

Their not achieving their goal doesn't mean that our students can no longer make it. Everything can be made to meet the standard during the Fa-rectification. I told them not to do this a long time ago. For any being, let alone human beings, no matter how high a being he is, as long as he's a being within the cosmos, I can rectify him during the Fa-rectification, from his fundamental nature, from the origin of his existence, and from all the elements that constitute his being, eliminating the impure and turning those things around. I told them not to do this. They didn't listen, even though I taught them the Fa, because they didn't believe all of the truth. Since they've done this, this is their sin. Even now they're still thinking this way: "We've done everything in our power to help you. Since this is such an immense Fa and it involves the safety of the future cosmos, it's unacceptable if your disciples don't meet the standards. It won't do if a Fa this immense doesn't go through such a huge test." That is what they're thinking. So they would rather destroy everything than not have the necessary standards be met. That's why this test that Dafa disciples are facing has never been seen in history. As you know, when in history have these modern mass media apparatuses ever existed? They're everywhere. Have these modern means of transportation ever existed? They've shrunk the scope of the world to something quite small. So this has been an unprecedented, the most severe, persecution in history. But in the face of the evil, everything done by the students is the best for the Fa-rectification and for Master, because you have truly shown resistance to this evil drama. Besides, they're doing all these things by entirely using the most degenerate beings in the cosmos. All beings in the cosmos are repositioning themselves. Humans aren't worthy of testing this Fa, and neither are Gods. Whoever touches it commits a sin. They've seen all of this as well.

Then is it true that if all of these arrangements of theirs aren't accepted, those students who haven't done well should also be on their way to Consummation? No, it's not. If this hadn't happened, I could give all beings benevolent solutions and enable all of them to meet the standard for Consummation. But this evil-wrought tribulation has taken place. Most students have, in various ways, stepped forward to validate Dafa, clarify the

truth, and save the world's people. Some of them have been arrested, beaten, or have died from the persecution; even Master is being venomously attacked by lies. In the face of life and death, students have had the courage to step forward—step forward as they lose everything possible—and do everything that's magnificent, what a Dafa disciple should do. On the other hand, those who haven't stepped forward, have hidden themselves, and have sided in their understanding with the evil beings—how could they still be Dafa disciples? Are those whose notions have sided with the evil that persecutes Dafa and who are doing bad things still Dafa disciples? Do they have the mighty virtue necessary for Consummation as the others do? Moreover, Gods are not like humans. For example, some students were arrested and imprisoned. When they couldn't endure the severe torture, they wrote repentance statements. But in their minds they were thinking: "This is to fool them. I'll still practice after I get out. I'll still go out to validate the Fa and I'll still go to Tiananmen." But this is unacceptable. It's because this kind of notion is something developed in the human world after humans have become degenerate. But Gods aren't like that. They don't have thoughts like these. Once they've decided on a certain path they'll definitely stick with it.

Many things are hard to explain with human language. It's just like what many students ask me: "Teacher, why isn't this being ended sooner?" Many people think this way in the midst of suffering: "Let's reach Consummation sooner; let's have this finished sooner." In fact, these are all attachments. As I just said, they were able to achieve their goal of testing students in this way because students need to improve themselves and eliminate the last part of their karma. How could it be allowed if during the course of a being's progressing towards the surface and gradually becoming a God, he doesn't make his own sacrifices, doesn't continue to improve himself, and doesn't establish his own mighty virtue? In all of this, I am on the other hand using the exhibiting of those beings' *xinxing* to allow students to establish their mighty virtue at the same time. Actually, no matter what... no matter how much suffering a being endures in ordinary human society, let me tell you that it isn't proportionate to his Attainment Status after reaching Consummation. It's really disproportionate! Think about it, everyone: in the past, a person had to go through a lifetime of cultivation or even several lifetimes, yet today we're having people reach Consummation in as little as a few years. The process of enduring is but a brief moment, and besides, time has been accelerated. In the future when you look back—if you can reach Consummation, that is—you'll find that it was nothing and was just like a dream.

But everything our students have done during this process is indeed remarkable. What's most extraordinary about you is that you're able to keep up with the Fa-rectification. As I said a moment ago, this display of evil in ordinary human society has been carried out by the most degenerate beings in the cosmos, beings who've been placed in ordinary human society. They were allowed to burrow into the Three Realms in order for them to be used. Those high-level beings wouldn't personally do these bad things that ordinary humans do. They use the evil beings and evil humans down below to do these things. So all of this is extremely evil.

Some of our students outside of China wonder: "Being overseas, we don't suffer as much as the students in China do. Does this mean that we won't be as good as the students in China when we reach Consummation?" That isn't so. This is because the students inside and outside of China are one body. When this thing takes place, there

have to be some persons who do this and some who do that. Since it's a test aimed at the Fa, no matter where you are or what you're doing, you are improving yourself in the midst of the things you're supposed to do. There are reasons behind what everyone does. There's no difference in terms of the realm of Consummation and the progress towards Consummation—wherever you're supposed to reach Consummation, you're sure to go there. Here's one case. The display of evil in Mainland China is so malicious, without students overseas revealing the truth and supporting students in China—think about it—wouldn't the evil be doing bad things even more recklessly and without restraint? Isn't that true? This is why everything our students have done in validating the Fa has effectively exposed the evil and restrained the evil, and at the same time supported our students in Mainland China. Everything that's been done—whether it's your going to Tiananmen, your clarifying the truth to people in other environments, or your spreading the Fa and exposing the truth about the evil to people outside China—it's all magnificent, because you are one body. Of course, some students went to China and to Tiananmen: you are remarkable, and Master is telling you that you're remarkable. But, speaking from another perspective, Master would like to tell you that overseas students should try not to go to Mainland China, because you are needed in exposing the evil. Many people used to ask me this, and they also wrote it in their question slips to me: “Teacher, why are we obtaining the Fa in the U.S.? Why are we obtaining the Fa outside of China?” Now it's clear to you, right? Without you doing these things here, wouldn't these things be incomplete during the Fa-rectification period? You should just do well over here with what you're supposed to do. This is why you obtained the Fa outside of China. If all of you were to go back to China, who'd be doing things to rectify the Fa, to expose the evil, and to reduce the persecution of students in Mainland China? Our students are remarkable—truly remarkable! You've tried your best to do what you're supposed to do. Whether you're in China or outside of China, how you perform is the same; there's the same difference in whether you step forward or aren't able to step forward, and in how much you put your heart into this matter of Fa-rectification. It's only that the environments are different. As to some of our students having suffered tremendously or even having lost their lives, I'll tell you about these things at a later time. When the truth of it is revealed you will realize, “Oh, so that's how it was.” As I just said—there's an arrangement for everything.

You've done very well in clarifying the truth to the people of the world. At the same time, I can tell you that this is also magnificent and merciful. It looks like we're giving a flyer to an everyday person, and it appears that we're telling everyday people what the truth is. Let me tell you, when this Fa-rectification matter is over, humankind will enter the next stage, and those people and beings who in their minds think that the Great Fa of the cosmos isn't good will be the first weeded out. It's because no matter how bad some beings in the cosmos are, they are even worse, for what they're against is the Fa of the cosmos. So when we clarify the truth, we're eliminating some people's evil thoughts towards Dafa. Haven't we rescued them, at least when it comes to this? Since in the process of your clarifying the truth there are people who obtain the Fa, not only are their sins eliminated, but at the same time you will have also saved them. Doesn't this show that you've done something that's more merciful, something even better? In extremely difficult situations and when the most evil beings act most savagely, we're still able to be so merciful—this is the performance of the most magnificent Gods. When

we're in the midst of the worst suffering, we're still saving others. (*Applause*) This isn't getting ourselves involved in politics—much less getting involved in ordinary human affairs—because it isn't wrong for us to use ordinary human forms to expose the evil. Nothing we do is for self-interest, much less is it for some everyday people's organization. It's for validating Dafa. Exposing the evil is to stop its persecution of Dafa and our students.

Actually, a cultivator in the past wouldn't care at all about whatever those everyday people thought: “Whether you think I'm good or bad is all everyday people's thinking, and it doesn't matter to a cultivator. Who cares how you everyday people are? What I cultivate is myself.” One would depart after reaching Consummation, and wouldn't care at all about what happens to everyday people: “When people have committed sins, they'll have to pay for them; and when they're no longer good enough, let history weed them out.” That's how it was in the past. The mercy exhibited by our Dafa disciples today has never been achieved by any beings before in their cultivation. A Dafa disciple—a most magnificent, merciful being—is the most remarkable and most merciful in every environment of human society, and is beneficial to other beings. Isn't this how you should be when you clarify the truth? This is how you're doing it. This is the mercy of a Dafa cultivator—not some ordinary human activity.

Another thing is that you've heard me mention alien beings before. Some reporters who didn't understand or who even harbored ill intentions made stories out of it. I don't care about what the reporters might say—I just do whatever I should. People in the future will understand. I can tell you here, because you are Dafa disciples, that those alien beings are in fact the true, proper inhabitants of this earth. Beings at this position of Earth, regardless of the time period, were all like them. You might have heard that in the Bible, Yahweh said that he created man in his image; people of the yellow race have also heard that Nü Wa created man [in her image]. Why did they do it this way? This had never occurred before in history. Why did they create human beings in the image of Gods? I can tell you that in the past, if humans were created in Gods' images, it would have been the biggest insult to Gods—the biggest blasphemy of Gods. Then why were the humans in this period made in the image of Gods? It was because Dafa was to be widely spread in this particular period of history, and the beings of this time would have to be worthy of listening to this Dafa. It would be absolutely prohibited if a bunch of animals were to listen to the Dafa here. That's why Gods created today's humans in their own image. (*Applause*) Yet, when human beings were initially made, they weren't you, nor were they today's humankind. Now, only this human skin is still like it was before. The humans at that time were just humans. So, all of those humans are in the dimension of a layer of smaller particles—what people call the netherworld. In other words, they're in the dimension that's lower than the dimension of the layer of the largest particles. As for this skin, although it's still human skin on the surface, in essence it's actually no longer human. The human skin that Gods refer to isn't the human skin that humans talk about, but is the entirety of a human composed of the layer of the largest particles, including the internal organs of humans.

Human beings of the past have become ever fewer on Earth, for more and more of these human skins have been occupied by high-level beings. This is because high-level beings have seen that Dafa is being spread here and that this is the opportunity for beings to be saved, which is the greatest assurance that they'll enter the future. Yet this matter

has also been arranged by those old beings. They divided these beings who've come to this world into those who would obtain the Fa and those who would cause tribulations for Dafa. They thought that those who would cause tribulations would also achieve Consummation in the future, because if they didn't create tribulations, those who cultivated wouldn't be able to reach Consummation. But this reasoning doesn't work for me here. It might work in any period in the cosmos when any given being comes to save people, but not during the Fa-rectification period. (*Applause*) Why won't it work? Think about it: all beings in the entire cosmos are being repositioned according to their *xinxing*. Where should those evil beings who persecute Dafa be positioned? Could they be positioned the same as the beings who are achieving Consummation? Could they be positioned together with magnificent Gods? That's absolutely impossible.

They didn't believe this at the beginning. Now they see it clearly. So this has brought about an issue. What issue? Fifty percent of humankind is supposed to obtain the Fa—that's a few billion people. Yet they aren't so lucky—they aren't able to be Dafa disciples during the Fa-rectification period. In other words, they'll study and obtain the Fa in humankind's next era. But it won't be easy to obtain the Fa in that era: everyone will have a book, but a person won't be able to obtain the Fa if his mind is even a little bit off. This is something of the next era. Since many beings have realized the real situation of this Fa-rectification, many beings, as well as many human beings—for humans also have a side that's aware—no longer want to do bad things, and they also want to obtain the Fa in a positive way. About twenty to thirty percent of people are like this. That is, seventy to eighty percent of humankind will obtain the Fa—obtain the Fa in a positive way—and not create tribulations for the Fa. This is how the future people will obtain the Fa. So quite a lot of people will obtain the Fa. Of course, as for what I'm doing now, if there are new students who obtain the Fa, they're very likely to become the mainstay, the elite, of the next group of people who'll obtain the Fa. Some students might have also noticed that some people go back home to practice after obtaining the Fa and they stop coming, and apparently you don't hear from them again. Perhaps the seeds have been planted, perhaps there are other reasons—both are possible. So the things everyone is doing are magnificent, remarkable. Humankind's situation is very complicated—you can't just look at the surface of a person. All those who act evilly in the Fa-rectification period will get what they deserve. This is for sure, because all beings are repositioning themselves. You can guess where the beings who damage Dafa will be placed. During today's Fa-rectification the requirements for everything have to be absolutely strict and absolutely upright. This is how it's different from everything that was done in the past.

In some specific respects, the minds of some students initially fluctuated a lot amidst what happened from the April 25<sup>th</sup> event of last year through the July 20<sup>th</sup> event. That's normal, too, because only when you have ordinary human thoughts can you cultivate; only when you have ordinary human thoughts can you waver; and only when you have ordinary human thoughts can you determine the right path you should take amidst the wavering. This is cultivation. That's why at that time many of you were thinking: "Is this Fa I'm studying correct and righteous? What kind of person is Li Hongzhi? Is there truth to what's said by this evil force that lies to hurt the reputation of others?" Every student thought about these questions—you were thinking about them more or less. This was also to give you an opportunity for reflection. So it wasn't wrong. After you calmed down, you took the path you were supposed to. There's no need for a person to express and tell

people in words how he understands things—your actions have already proven everything. Being able to come to this point today in Dafa, your actions have already proven which path you want, one that a cultivator should take. All the disciples who've been able to come through are magnificent—they're all remarkable. (*Applause*)

During this process, the students encountered numerous specific problems and many difficulties. At first they didn't know how to deal with them. Later on, they gradually came to understand, and through trial and error they figured out what to do. I didn't say anything, especially during that time period, because the test wouldn't count if I were to speak. If the test were to not count, two problems would follow. The old forces would do all in their power to cause damage. They would regard this as a crooked Fa, and this would cause a great deal of trouble for this Fa-rectification undertaking of mine and would cause great chaos for the entire cosmos. That couldn't be allowed. Another problem would be that since the evilness that was overwhelmingly pressing down at that time was extremely enormous... In the picture posted on the Clearwisdom Website, we saw that the Earth resembled the image of Satan. That was only a manifestation of the karma on Earth. Since every karma particle has its own distinctive karmic image, collectively, they also have an overall image, which is the image of karma. But at that time that evilness far exceeded this karma by many times. It was extremely frightening to beings at many levels—Earth wasn't the only thing covered by the evil. They thought that without undergoing a test this huge, a Fa this enormous couldn't be established. Yet they were also aware that with such a huge tribulation pressing down, human beings wouldn't be able to endure it and they'd be destroyed. They also knew that it would be very difficult for Dafa disciples to come through a tribulation like that. Still, they thought, "Then let them be destroyed." They even regarded me as a cultivator. They believed that enlightening to a Fa this immense would require a test this huge. Think about it, everyone: it's easy to talk about this, but in truth, it was extremely frightening. The environment at that time was so extremely horrible that it was beyond description. But our students in China and abroad all sensed it at the time and saw the degree of evilness manifest in this world by the evil. On the surface, it only appeared to be a manifestation among humans. In essence, those evil factors were manipulating humans. From the outset I tried my best to destroy them, but they were extremely huge. No matter how fast you destroy them, it requires a process. It took me as long as nine months to destroy them. This had never happened before... so enormous. At that time, since this evil was incredibly enormous, it would have been impossible for students to bear it; and then if it weren't borne, their test wouldn't count. You can't just annihilate it, so you have to bear it. But I knew that if the students were to bear it, it would be very hard for them to make it through. So I could only let the students bear the evilness played out by human beings, whereas I bore the real things. (*Applause*) This isn't to tell you how great Master is; I didn't mean that. I'm telling you what went on. The situation changed after these things were destroyed. The situation has gradually changed since March of this year. Without the manipulation of those evil factors, the evil humans have lost what reinforced their minds. They now think that Dafa has passed the test. These matters are in the process of being concluded; it's only that there's still a group of people who haven't stepped forward.

Of course, there were other reasons for my silence. One was that I also wanted to see how my disciples—those magnificent Gods who will reach Consummation in the

future—would act in the midst of this catastrophic tribulation. There were certainly other reasons as well. But every step you've taken amidst the tribulation has been done on your own. I didn't say a word. Overall, you were able to take a really righteous path. Although not everyone's thoughts have been one hundred percent correct, what's displayed in all that you've ultimately done is magnificent, for Master wasn't around then. Those beings who've caused this tribulation for us—those old beings—are in admiration, speechless, when it comes to this. Whether it's what's supposed to be done or what's supposed to be endured, you have come through nobly, righteously, and remarkably.

Of course, even though the situation is still improving, the evil has yet to be finally eliminated and is still playing out. You can't lower your guard. You still need to continue to further your efforts and do well with what you're supposed to do, and truly take every one of your steps well on the way to Consummation. Don't consider this merely a simple test. It's actually incomparably magnificent, because you are validating the Fa and because you're doing it during the most difficult time. Certain things appear to be the same as what everyday people do. Yet they do those things for self-interest and for ordinary human purposes, whereas you do them for Dafa—the basis is different. You are cultivators, and in the future you will see the magnificence of these things. There's sacredness in them that you know now and sacredness in them that you don't know. You can't sense how magnificent they are from the way they manifest among ordinary humans, because I can't let you feel conceited or complacent. As your master, I can only have you try harder and take every step well. During this one year, in your clarifying the truth, in the process of your cultivation, and in the process of your safeguarding the Fa, there have been all kinds of tribulations and you've encountered all kinds of difficulties. Relying on your own thinking and decisions, you've made it through. Master hasn't done all this in vain. Whatever Master has done for you was worth it! (*Long applause*) You're truly remarkable! (*Applause*)

In regards to specific issues, I think that when the opportunity arises I'll find some time to talk to you about them. I'm not going to attend every Fa conference. Each time I come out it's for a reason, and not for casually telling you something—especially under the current circumstances. So in the future I'll find some time to talk to you in detail. Today I won't say too much. I hope that everyone will do an even better job in Fa-rectification and in exposing the evil. This is also part of your cultivation.

That's all I'll say. Thank you. (*Applause*)

## Teaching the Fa at the 2001 Canada Fa Conference

(May 19, 2001 in Ottawa)

Hello everyone! (*Applause*)

First, I'd like to wish this conference of ours complete success. (*Applause*) As Dafa disciples, you know that this is different from any cultivation of any time in history—it's unprecedented. Why? Because you are Dafa disciples. Every type of cultivation in history was purely for a person's own improvement and Consummation, but you are different. You know, in the future there will be a lot more people obtaining the Fa. In other words, two stages follow Dafa's introduction to the public. The first stage is the establishing of Dafa disciples amidst Fa-rectification. Cultivation for people after that has nothing to do with Fa-rectification, and is entirely a matter of just improving themselves for Consummation. So, as Dafa disciples, you have been bestowed with a great, historic mission. This is different, then, from strictly personal cultivation. You need to safeguard the Fa, you need to validate the Fa, and when the Fa is persecuted you expose the evil and do better embodying Dafa—this is what you should do. And you have in fact done this really well—Master sees this very clearly.

Since we cultivate a righteous Fa, no matter what we do, we should approach it with goodness (*shan*). So, with our good thoughts, everything we've done to validate the Fa and expose the evil has shown our disciples' magnificence and mercy. Meanwhile, we have to eliminate the evil things, period, because they damage the cosmos and damage sentient beings. In other words, without these evil things there would be no need for Fa-rectification. This hasn't occurred in any period of history—there's no precedent, there's no example to follow. Your ability to do all of this well truly reflects your magnificence as Dafa disciples. And this is your privilege, because no being in history has had an opportunity like this—this is a first. During these couple of years you've all done really well, and I've mentioned this on different occasions. What's more, in the Fa-rectification process the students have, on the whole, not only done well in an average sense, but incredibly well! Whether it's students in Mainland China or students outside the Mainland, you've all done really well, you've fully played the role of Dafa disciple, you've used the abilities you have and the means at your disposal, and you've done what everyday people aren't able to; this is especially so for those who've lost their human bodies for Dafa—all of you have shown your magnificence while validating the Fa.

In the Fa-rectification you've all done really well. As long as the evil isn't completely eliminated, though, we still need to keep doing even better. We *must* expose and eliminate the evil. Chinese people have been the biggest victims amidst the evil's damage. All the methods employed by the evil political gang of scoundrels in the Chinese government are the most despicable, the most evil, and unknown to history—they have reached the extreme, they couldn't possibly be worse. Never before has a government been used to do these scoundrel things. All the things our Dafa disciples have done with good thoughts have moved the world's people and have moved the beings at every level, while the evil that has reared its head in Mainland China has infuriated beings at every level. The contrast between these evil beings and our goodness (*shan*) is dramatic. You know, when this evil sees that it's going to be eliminated it runs totally rampant. It is bad,

it is venomous, and it is evil. And just like poison, if you want it not to poison people it can't do that—that's just how it is. So in the process of eliminating it don't be lenient at all—just clean it out! Here I'm not referring to human beings, but to those evil beings that manipulate humans. Actually, my disciples all have abilities, and this includes students in China and other countries, as well as some new students. They all actually have abilities. Because in the Fa-rectification every stage is a trial, a test, being left for different situations in different future periods of history,<sup>2</sup> this is a magnificent Fa being left for the history of the cosmos. As far as your own cultivation goes, you've already gone through the course of cultivation. You are beings who are being established for Dafa. The last leg of your journey is your elevation to your own original and highest position. With their exceptional breadth of mind, Dafa disciples can endure anything, but different things will happen in different histories of the future. This Great Fa of the cosmos is to leave for sentient beings at different levels in different periods of history a reference for when problems occur in different periods at different levels, and is to leave for beings ways of handling all kinds of situations that occur at different times in history. That is, all the types of problems that manifest today are references being left to history. The manifestations are complicated and they seem random, but in fact they're very well ordered. They're being left for history [to demonstrate] how problems that will occur in different periods in the future should be handled. So if the evil has reached the point of being no longer savable, how to handle it isn't a question of one's personal cultivation—it is guarding the Fa of the cosmos. When necessary one can use different abilities of different levels to eliminate it.

As you know, my Fa isn't taught to you alone—different levels are all listening. So in other words, this Fa-rectification task exists at different levels. Under special circumstances one may eliminate evil—this can be done. This hasn't existed before in the cultivations in history. The various correct states that you are displaying at this time in each and every regard, and how you handle things in all kinds of situations, are all being left for history. So they're both serious and crucial. Of course, when we eliminate evil you should keep in mind that if you have the intention of showing off, have ordinary human fears, or have impure thoughts, you won't be able to achieve the goal. Why do you have an ability like this? It's only because you are a great cultivator. So when you send forth that thought it couldn't have been sent by anyone but a great cultivator. That is why when some students use this ability, sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. That's where the problem lies. But with that said, when something really should be eliminated, it just has to be eliminated. It's not only you who does the eliminating; if a cultivator can't eliminate it, Gods—including higher Gods—also need to take part in eliminating it.

Another thing is that from now on at group practice or when there's another big conference like this one of ours, our students can quiet their minds for five minutes, sitting with their hands in *Jieyin* and thinking about eliminating the bad thoughts, karma, bad notions, and external interference in their minds. As you're like this, think that they die, and then they will be eliminated. Five minutes will do. (*Applause*) When we get together for group practice, think about eliminating the evil in the Three Realms, while holding one hand vertically (*li-zhang*) in front of the chest, and just think with True

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<sup>2</sup> In Chinese, "history" is used more broadly and can be used in reference to the past, present, or future.

Thoughts for five minutes—this should do it. (*Applause*) It will work, because you are, after all, magnificent cultivators and are different from everyday people. But if you use this for something a cultivator shouldn't, it won't work; as soon as the thought arises, retribution will follow or your level will drop. Remember this!

So next I'll talk about another issue. What issue? You know, the theory of gravity science believes in nowadays is totally wrong. What's brought about this gravity phenomenon that people have described? It happens because all lives and all matter, including air and water, that are on Earth and within the Three Realms—all things that exist in the Three Realms—are composed of particles of all the different levels in the Three Realms, and different particles of different levels are interconnected. This interconnection can, when there's a pulling force, extend or move within the Three Realms. In other words, when you pull it, it can extend like a rubber band, and when you release it, it will go back. That is, there's a basic, stable form of existence among particles. This is why any object in this Earth's environment will come back to the ground after you move it. Of course, I'm not talking about moving a piece of rock to some different location, in which case it wouldn't return to where it was. That's not the idea. The surface of Earth is the boundary of one level. Within this level things can move horizontally since they are all at the same level. But when something moves towards a level beyond its level, it will be pulled back, because the things on Earth are in the realm where particles at this level exist.

Think about it, everyone: the greater cosmic body is extremely vast. Human beings and the Earth are tiny even when they're viewed from a high place within the Three Realms. A human seems to have traveled from New York City to Canada, when in fact, in their eyes it seems that you haven't moved, because the scope of your movement is really small. So when rockets and spaceships take off into the sky, they try to break away from this environment—which is composed of these different-level particles—that makes up the Earth. So human beings use rockets to increase the thrusting force and to move it with great power. As you know, in the Three Realms there exists an atmospheric layer. It looks like an atmosphere, when in fact inside it is an environment composed of countless microcosmic beings whose role is to provide stability so that human beings can exist here. Once something breaks out of this atmosphere, the interconnections among many molecules are broken by the pulling of the strong force. This causes a situation, then: only particles at the periphery are still connected to it, and the pulling force isn't so strong anymore. In other words, although it's no longer in Earth's environment, it is still connected to the realms of other particles in the Three Realms. Only this way can it be stable there. This is the reason why a satellite can stay there. Of course, the same interconnection exists in objects of the same weight but of different volumes. An object that has a small volume but a high density has the same amount of interconnection as an object that has a large volume, so it feels like they weigh the same. There are many other aspects of this if I'm to go into detail. What I was trying to tell you just now is that "gravity" doesn't exist. The real cause is that for the particles in this environment to exist here, they have to be interconnected.

So why, when it comes to cultivators, can a person leave his body? And why can he levitate? It's exactly because your body's matter, which is related to the Earth and is composed of surface-matter particles, has undergone changes. It has severed its connection to the particles in this environment, so you're no longer subject to its cohesive

force, and are no longer subject to its restraining and drawing power. That's when you can levitate. So whichever realm you have cultivated to, the composition of your being at the microcosmic level is connected to that realm. When you cultivate to higher levels you will be connected to higher levels and will sever the connections to all levels below. That's the relationship. The connecting and opening of the Great Heavenly Circuit is a manifestation at this level. But students have long since passed this level, only they're locked. From now on, one after another our students will experience different states in cultivation. That's why I've told you about this. I'll just say this much today. I hope this Fa conference goes even better. (*Applause*)

I know that you've all worked so hard. You have to work and you have to study, you have your family life and social activities, and at the same time you have to take care of your family, do a good job at work, and you have to study the Fa well and do the exercises well, and what's more, you have to clarify the truth. It is hard! It's pretty hard both time-wise and financially. It's hard, so your mighty virtue is displayed; it's hard, and so it's a good opportunity to establish your mighty virtue. Remarkable! Since you are cultivators, even though it's hard you should do even better. That's all I'll say. (*Applause*)

## **Teaching the Fa at the Washington, D.C. International Fa Conference**

(July 21, 2001)

Hello everyone! You've been working hard!

Maybe now you've experienced how hard cultivation is. Because it's hard, your cultivation can meet with success. Many people in history sought the Dao—they wanted to cultivate, to reach Consummation, and to go beyond the human cycle of death and rebirth. But it was very hard. There's absolutely no way a person can reach Consummation if he doesn't go through arduous cultivation to get rid of every kind of attachment he's developed among everyday people. That's why what Dafa disciples have shown and what they've been able to accomplish in this current tribulation are remarkable, and truly demonstrate what a cultivator is. It's really remarkable that in such an evil environment the vast majority of the disciples have been able to step forward, validate the Fa, and move towards Consummation.

No cultivation way in history was as magnificent as this one today, because no cultivation way in history could truly save people on such a large scale. And in the historic moment we're in, it's not only a matter of Master saving people—you are in a time when the Fa is rectifying the entire cosmos. All Gods are watching what's unfolding in the world at this moment. Many prophecies in the human world have said that when human society reached a certain point in history, even Gods in the heavens would need to be renewed or replaced, and even the cosmic bodies would need to be reconstructed. Whether it be the different prophecies in history or the different stories that have been passed down around the world, they've told of the historic moment people are in today. So in other words, none of the various happenings in today's human society are by chance. What we cultivators have encountered is precisely that moment in history. In the Fa-rectification and in cultivation, the paths you've taken have largely been righteous.

During the process of beings in the cosmos deviating from the Fa, beings came to no longer know the Fa's existence or the Fa's true requirements for the beings at different levels. So this has caused sentient beings, when faced with something as major as today's Fa-rectification, to be unable to handle themselves correctly in relation to the Fa, to Dafa disciples, and to myself. Actually, the old forces that have been manipulating sentient beings and affecting the Fa-rectification are what's truly impeding the Fa-rectification. The beings in the cosmos are countless. With so many beings, think about it, if during the Fa-rectification every being were to display the side of him that's become degenerate, so many beings would be committing enormous sins against the Fa and they'd have to be weeded out. Then sentient beings couldn't be saved, right? And wouldn't the Fa-rectification be done in vain? That's why I said before that I turned the tables and made use of the old forces' arrangement. Because the evil forces run from top to bottom, they are interfering with the Fa-rectification without missing a single level. This has been a concentrated manifestation of all the beings' performances at different levels after their degeneration. In other words, all the degeneration of beings, and all the bad states beings can display during the Fa-rectification period, manifest in a concentrated way in the entire system of the old forces that affects the Fa-rectification. It was arranged that many beings—layers upon layers of them—would not be allowed to participate in the Fa-rectification so as to prevent their arrangement from being disrupted. This was exactly

what I wanted, too—to not let those sentient beings directly sin against the Fa so that they could still be saved. They thought their arrangement was ingenious, but it was actually within my control. Those who've had a role in that system are precisely the ones in the cosmos who should be weeded out, and they're the worst, most awful beings. They've also manifest in a concentrated way the worst understanding and conduct at different levels. During the Fa-rectification, today's beings have fully acted on everything they could possibly do. So their bad actions are themselves exactly what truly need to be eliminated during the Fa-rectification. But despite the fact that the old-force beings have affected the Fa-rectification and have even done awful things, they have been given chances time and time again, and only when they became truly impossible to save was it decided to eliminate them completely. As for those other beings at different levels who haven't taken part in interfering with Fa-rectification, they can be saved—no matter how bad they've become over the course of history—since they haven't taken part in the Fa-rectification and done damage. And these beings are the vast majority.

From the beginning I knew that the old forces would interfere with this. Things seem to have no order, but actually they're very well-ordered. The different tribulations and tests our students have gone through in this world are exactly the arrangement of these old forces. The tribulations the students have endured aren't caused by their own karma alone, much less are they obstacles that have been brought to Dafa by human beings—humans don't have the ability to do that. An everyday person is feeble before a cultivator. Today's humans have in fact had tribulations arranged for them by this system of old forces at different levels, and humans have been controlled by the old forces at different levels. This is why they've become so forceful, why they dare to do things to cultivators, and why they dare to be disrespectful to Dafa. Then there's an issue that presents itself in this. With the exception of those evil ones, there are many people in this world who are innocent and who've been deceived by the onslaught of slanderous propaganda. When a person is evaluated with the Fa-principles of the cosmos, if his mind contains negative thoughts toward Dafa, he will be weeded out when the test of Dafa and Dafa disciples is over. Think about it—isn't this kind of person in danger? It's because what he directly opposes is this Fa. In order to utilize this period of history and to create an extremely evil situation in this world's environment, the old forces have used all kinds of methods and have sealed off all media outlets inside and outside China that could reveal the truth. In persecuting Dafa disciples, the Party has made use of all its experiences in every past campaign and struggle, along with evil means of all times and all lands. Meanwhile, it has also utilized the bad things, the cunningness, and the treachery that have formed in the Chinese intellect over the last few thousand years. The means it has adopted are extremely sinister. That's why at the beginning of the oppression many of the world's people were deceived by the lies. As Fa-rectification cultivators, we can't just watch these innocent beings get deceived like this into sinning and be destroyed. This is because once this matter ends, the next stage of human history will begin, and many bad beings will be weeded out. It doesn't matter how vast this entire cosmos is, it was created by this Fa of the cosmos, and beings at every level [are to] comply with the Fa's principles at every level of the cosmos. Even the most fundamental origins of matter were all created by this Fa. If a being is against the Fa that creates all beings in the cosmos, where will he go? Won't he be weeded out? During this period, Dafa disciples have indeed saved many of the world's people by clarifying the truth while

validating Dafa. In this severe situation where they're being persecuted, disciples have still managed to clarify the truth and save sentient beings. Isn't this great mercy? As a Dafa disciple, you should show mercy for all sentient beings no matter what situation you're in. Seen from another perspective, the fact that Dafa disciples are still saving sentient beings even when they're in such an oppressive environment demonstrates even more clearly the Dafa disciples' magnificence.

Clarifying the truth isn't a simple matter—it's not only a matter of exposing the evil. When we clarify the truth we are saving sentient beings, and at the same time it involves the matter of your own improvement and your elimination of attachments during your cultivation, and the matter of Dafa disciples being responsible to the Fa in their cultivation, as well as issues like how you fill and enrich that paradise of yours in your final Consummation. If in the future you are a Great Enlightened Being who has reached Consummation, it can't be that there are no sentient beings in your dimension and in the domain of your own paradise. That's why during your cultivation you need to demonstrate that you mercifully save sentient beings, and make your own paradise rich and full. During the Fa-rectification, while I eradicate the old forces' influence on Fa-rectification I am also making arrangements for you. Things appear to be evil and chaotic, when in fact they're all really well-ordered. The old forces made well-ordered arrangements, but I too have done things with much order. No matter which angle you look at it from, there's a way to ultimately resolve these problems. During this period [we should focus on] how we can seize this opportunity to truly demonstrate the extraordinariness and the great mighty virtue of a cultivator. This is also a precious opportunity. Since the old evil forces insist on giving us a chance to eliminate them, make good use of it. History has never seen this before, it's hard to come by.

It's really easy for a cultivator who's in an environment that doesn't have an evil field to say he can let go of life and death—just like your talking about letting go of life and death in a righteous field like we have here today—since there's no pressure at all. But it's a different matter if in an evil environment, in an environment full of evil elements, you validate the Fa and dare to step forward to expose the evil. Then, although this environment is very evil—think about it, everyone—isn't it precious and hard to come by? *It is* truly precious and hard to come by. After this period there won't be any opportunities like this. You are able to come upon this kind of opportunity only because you are Dafa disciples. Nothing like this happened in ordinary cultivation or individual cultivation in the past. Of course, going back in history, Jesus and Sakyamuni also ran into enormous tribulations. The tribulations aimed at them back then were also quite evil, historically speaking. But never before has anyone utilized this kind of modern mass media that we have today to breed this kind of evilness in such an overwhelming manner, on a scope as large as the entire world. The extent of the evil has been so enormous that when it started on July 20, 1999, it was as if even the heavens were collapsing. Outside Mainland China, few people besides Dafa disciples knew what Falun Gong was all about, and all the governments and media around the world listened to the groundless propaganda from Mainland China's media. People listened to China's deceitful propaganda and believed it, and so they had a bad impression of us. So why do you feel that today's environment has become easier? It's because in your clarifying the truth you've clarified the truth about the persecution against us to the world's people, to the media, and to governments around the world; and it's also because your kindness and

mercy in the ordinary human society and your righteous, Dafa disciples' performance have both been affirmed by the people of the world and been affirmed by Gods. These are what make the environment we have today possible. Remarkable—truly remarkable. You've withstood the slanderous propaganda from the propaganda machine of an entire nation and an enormous government—a government that's manipulated by the most scoundrel and most evil ones. Every Dafa disciple who's been able to keep up with Dafa's progress has done what he should do. By contrast, how could those people who haven't come out of their homes but who still think of themselves as cultivating possibly be considered cultivating? Of course, human thoughts manifest themselves in different ways in ordinary human society. When someone who's learned Dafa goes down the wrong path, it's because he has attachments that he hasn't been able to let go of. And these attachments are sure to be controlled and taken advantage of by the evil beings. The evil beings look specifically for your thoughts that contain attachments in order to strengthen them and achieve their aim of taking control. After being used by demons, these people “enlighten” along an evil path but still think that they're right, and look in the Fa for excuses by taking things out of context to defend themselves.

Looking at the Fa-rectification's overall situation right now, the change that the greater cosmic body has undergone is huge. The vast new cosmic body is incomparably huge and more wonderful than ever. The very final stage of Fa-rectification is taking place, because the systems of cosmic bodies are incredibly colossal—they're unimaginably enormous—and a system this enormous is still made up of tens of millions of gigantic systems like these. It's true, I have no way to tell you about this structure using the ordinary human language anymore—it's reached the point of being indescribable. This is true, but don't underestimate yourselves. Perhaps the future Consummation that awaits you will be a truly magnificent realm. (*Applause*)

Clarifying the truth is something each and every one of you Dafa disciples must do. I'm telling you this again. Anyone who tries to make excuses for himself and who's never stepped forward is wrong. As for how much longer this tribulation will last, I don't think you should think about these things much. And don't think about whether you can reach Consummation, either, because any desire you have can become an attachment and can be used by the evil. As soon as that kind of thought emerges, the evil might conjure a false image for you, and this will then cause interference. Cherish the present time and make the best use of it—this time is meant for the disciples. While you cultivate, do Fa-rectification, and move yourselves towards Consummation, you also need to save sentient beings; you are creating everything for the future. Everything Dafa disciples do today is extremely important, and the righteous path they take might become a reference for beings in the future. In the meantime, they've laid a foundation in human society for humankind's future way of existence. You know, what's presented on our PureInsight Website is the future humankind's new concepts, and it represents the new humankind's future thinking and correct views. The state, the mercy, the kindness, the purity, the righteousness, and the great forbearance displayed by Dafa disciples during the Fa-rectification period is helping to shape the future society. In addition to Dafa disciples going through the process of cultivation in the current period, there will also be future people obtaining the Fa in a time to come—this undertaking is done in two stages. Originally, the old forces' arrangement was that there would be a total of twenty years, divided into a Fa-rectification period and a period in which the Fa rectifies the human

world. During the first ten years, Master would do Fa-rectification and Dafa disciples would cultivate during the Fa-rectification period; during the latter ten years the future people would obtain the Fa. Then it would enter the new era, and at that time the new future would begin. But I've revealed this because things have changed, although not too much. Don't get too happy about this. Those of you who haven't done well, in particular, should know that time is pressing. Don't think about anything else. In everything we do we need to be responsible to the future. Meanwhile, during our clarifying the truth, the future people have truly been saved. In particular, the understanding and support the people outside Mainland China have shown towards Dafa has laid an excellent foundation for their obtaining the Fa and entering the future human society.

People haven't come to this human world for nothing, because there has never been a humankind like today's in this environment of the Earth. As you know, I often talk about alien beings. Why do I talk about alien beings? Because in the past *they* were the real human beings in this environment of the Earth. During different periods of history and in an even more remote history, they were the proper inhabitants here. It doesn't matter how many times the Earth has been replaced, in each period the beings on Earth, the human beings, had a different form and appearance—the differences among them were huge. But all of them were the proper inhabitants of this place. So why has our humankind in this period taken on this appearance? It's because, you know, the Fa of the cosmos was to be taught here, so in a remote historic time all of the groundwork was being laid for the future spreading of Dafa. Things that look like animals wouldn't be allowed to come listen to the Fa—that would be an insult to Dafa. So Gods created today's humans in their own image. People in Western religions know that Yahweh created man in his image; people in the East know that Nü Wa created man in her image. And there have been other Gods who created other humans. If in the past the beings in Earth's environment were created to look like Gods, it would have been an insult to Gods, the greatest show of disrespect to Gods. So creating human beings here in the image of Gods was forbidden. Although today's humans have been created in the image of Gods, Gods refuse to think of human beings as their kin, because the way humans live is completely different from Gods. Only humans' external appearance resembles that of Gods. There's more to it than this. Why have Chinese culture and civilization throughout history been so different from those of other places? The countries in all other regions have the concept of a country, and in all other regions their national leaders have taken the form of kings. Only in China's history was there no such thing as a country—it took the form of dynasties, instead. Historically speaking, China's emperors were very different from the kings in other countries. The truth is, while the foundations of those cultures were being laid, predestined relationships with the cosmos's beings were continually being established. In every period of history, beings from different paradises have come to the land of China to establish their relationship, and they've each represented their own cosmic system. Dafa students, too, have come from different cosmic systems. Their reincarnations at different levels were their courses of life at those different levels. Ultimately, they come from remote cosmic bodies. You know, “a dynasty's emperor has that dynasty's courtiers”—that's something people say. There are more sayings like this “a dynasty's emperor has that dynasty's courtiers,” there are also, “a dynasty's sovereign being has that dynasty's people,” “a dynasty's culture...,” “a dynasty's dress...” In the past, when the dynasty changed, the culture would immediately

change, too, and the differences in dress were also substantial. All of this was brought by beings from different levels. That's why in China, the culture, or, its food, its dwellings, its clothing, its way of life... every aspect of the culture has been very different from that of other regions. This was caused by the accumulation of cultures brought to humankind by beings from many, many different systems. Then, over time, the number of people would have outgrown the capacity of this land of China. So after the relationship was established, people reincarnated in other regions in their next lives.

I've said that no country in this world exists by chance—they all exist with a meaning and a purpose. Actually, people are all waiting for the Fa. Many students have really felt this; namely, when some people read the Fa, they say, "I've been searching for this my whole life," or "This is exactly what I've been looking for." Why can't other sentient beings obtain the Fa immediately at the present stage? It's because they've been restrained in this regard. The reason they can't enter now is that once they entered, their own karma and all kinds of complicated elements that they've formed in society—things on their negative side—would follow along as well, and that would increase the difficulty of Fa-rectification in its first stage. So we can't let those people come now. But you must do Fa-rectification and clarify the truth, because in the process of doing this, if someone has done the exercises or has learned the Fa—although it's not in depth—he's already laid the foundation for his obtaining the Fa in the future. That's why you must do this. In other words, I'm telling you that many situations aren't without a reason. Everything in the world came for this Dafa, was formed for Dafa, and was created for Dafa. The many Fa-principles and the many true secrets I've told you weren't even known to Gods before. Even when *they* heard these things it hit them as a sudden realization. Their realms limit their understanding of higher levels and of more remote historic periods, because however high a person cultivates to is however high the principles he enlightens to and however high the truth of the cosmos he enlightens to. So in today's world, we can't not be responsible for other sentient beings, we can't not be responsible for other sentient beings' obtaining the Fa in the future, and we can't not lay a foundation for other sentient beings to obtain the Fa in the future, because they could well be beings from your system. In order to spread the Fa in China, and to not let average persons hear the Fa, many, many Kings of different paradises and beings from very high levels—many of whom I've been looking after throughout history—were gathered to reincarnate in the land of China. Of course, in terms of obtaining the Fa today, everyone is treated the same, whether they were looked after or not. So, there's even more reason for us to save the people there. In the midst of the overwhelming, vicious propaganda, what those people have committed are no longer ordinary sins. Some of them are fated for destruction, regardless of where they came from, and regardless of what kind of predestined relationship they have or how high their levels were. Isn't it a pity for this to happen to a being? There's nothing we can do. It's not that Master isn't merciful. It's because during the Fa-rectification beings at different levels are all repositioning themselves—it's not a question of being merciful, nor one of saving people. Wherever a being's *xinxing* is, that's where he's positioned—this is a standard, this is a principle of the Fa, and this is something established for the future, and it can't be broken or violated at will.

Everything that the Dafa disciples outside China have done and shown while clarifying the truth is no less remarkable, it's a magnificent feat. When it comes to cultivation levels and progress towards Consummation, there's no difference between

you and the students in China at all. It was arranged for you to obtain the Fa here, and it was arranged for you to cultivate here. Many disciples are highly educated, and the vast majority of the disciples outside China have advanced degrees. Why is this the case? It's precisely to have you put to full use at this crucial time what you've learned among everyday people and are good at, to have you validate the Fa using the everyday people's skills Dafa created for people in this world. In practice you've done this very well. Judging from the articles on the Clearwisdom Website and Dafa disciples' articles on the Xinsheng<sup>3</sup> Website and in other media, I'd say that some of the articles you've written are masterpieces—they are well-reasoned, their ideas are backed up, they demonstrate clear thinking, and their logic is strong. They have truly had the effect of shocking and intimidating the evil, and their caliber is high. When those lie-breeding media in Mainland China are measured with the standard we have now, I'd say they're no good. One student said, "There's no capable man in the royal court."<sup>4</sup> I think that's true. Who would exhaust himself in helping the evil to lie, and in slandering and framing us in a scoundrel fashion? As Dafa disciples, we are fully demonstrating what we're supposed to do—this is your responsibility, this is what Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples should do, and you have done extraordinarily well. While suffering tribulations and enduring the agony of the persecution, the students inside China have been clarifying the truth to sentient beings, which has displayed the Great Enlightened Beings' magnificent feats before they are born. Sometimes when I read the PureInsight Website, I feel that the new beings and the new humankind have truly begun now, because your understanding is already able to align with those of the new historic period and those of the most righteous beings. Dafa disciples are establishing for humankind a foundation for the future.

There's a very evil factor in the persecution of Dafa disciples. Namely, the old forces can't get over the fact that some students will reach Consummation and become Fa-rectification disciples; they think that these students have obtained it too easily, because even they can't be Fa-rectification disciples; and for this reason they manipulate evil and utilize wicked persons to beat our students—insisting on beating them to the point where they say, "I'll stop practicing." Isn't this evil? Could a God be like this? The cosmos is being rectified by the Fa, and the number of beings weeded out at every level is quite large. The number of us who'll reach Consummation is, as I see it, far from enough. I had originally planned to have at least fifty million—I've never told you this before. (*Applause*) Right now we don't have enough. But we do have a pretty large number already. No matter what, though, as a cultivator, you shouldn't get too happy about anything you hear. Maybe what Master just said is itself a test for you. Get rid of any attachment you have, and don't think about anything. Just do everything a Dafa disciple should do, and everything will be covered. Although the evil seems awfully vicious, it has now exhausted its tricks, and can merely keep escalating the labels it puts on our practice and keep using the media to fabricate things; with its sick mind, it keeps forcing students to write so-called "repentance statements" and to sign its stuff. It knows very well that that's all fake and can't change people's hearts, so why does it insist on doing that? Why does it insist on having you sign that paper? Why does it insist on having you say, "I'll stop practicing" before releasing you? One person says "I'll keep practicing,"

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<sup>3</sup> Xinsheng—A Chinese language web site run by Dafa practitioners that is intended for the general public. Its name can be translated as "New Life" or "New Existence."

<sup>4</sup> An ancient Chinese idiom about a certain state of government.

and they slap him with a sentence; another one says “I’ll stop practicing,” and just for this they set him free. The difference between these is unbelievable, isn’t it? Is this normal? It’s not. Isn’t that obvious? They just want to make you fall, they just want to make you say those words. Once those words are said, even if they’re not from your heart, it leaves a stain. For a Fa-rectification disciple, that’s a disgrace. What’s more, if you’ve done things that have harmed Dafa and you aren’t able to truly remedy all of it later on amidst the Fa-rectification and make up for the losses you brought Dafa, it will really be serious. One thought can determine whether you make it through. Whether you can step forward to validate the Fa is a test that can’t be passed just by following the crowd and its momentum. Some people have thought that they’d wait on Tiananmen Square, and figured that “if everyone steps out of the crowd, then I’ll step out.” When they don’t see many practitioners stepping out, they stroll around and then head back. This is because when everyone steps out, it’s that momentum that brings you out—you aren’t stepping forward as a result of letting go of life and death deep down within. Cultivation is an individual matter, and following the crowd won’t do it. Each person’s improvement must be well-grounded. Of course, our students outside China don’t all need to go to Tiananmen. If you all went there, there would be nobody doing Fa-rectification things outside China. This was all arranged in history.

You are one body, just like Master’s *gong*. Of course you and *gong* aren’t the same thing, I’m just giving an example. It’s just like my *gong*, which does different things at the same time. Some of it is continuously charging through the immense cosmos with tremendous force into the microcosm, toward what’s higher and broader; the force is so massive and the speed is so fast, transcending all times as it rectifies the colossal firmament. Some of it, after this charging, eliminates the sinful karma of the beings at different levels and balances all the interwoven relationships among beings at different levels. Some of it assimilates beings, and some of it is repositioning beings. It’s doing different things even at the beings’ most microcosmic levels, at every level. Some of it does things in low dimensions, some of it protects the students, and some of it is cleaning out the evil—every facet of my *gong* is doing these things. In other words, one body doesn’t necessarily do one thing. But no matter what you do, you need to be worthy of being called a Dafa disciple.

That’s as much as I’ll say today. Your sharing experiences and understandings is important, too. Under any circumstance, in any period, and no matter how busy you are with your work, you can’t stray from your Fa-study, as this is what fundamentally ensures that you will improve and reach Consummation. You can’t do Dafa work without studying the Fa, or it would be an everyday person doing Dafa work. It has to be Dafa disciples who do Dafa work—this is the requirement for you. If everyday people help with Dafa work, of course it’s a good thing, but what I’m talking about are Dafa disciples. You must be a Dafa disciple doing Dafa work, because your Consummation is of primary importance. Right now, your Consummation is first and foremost. Of course, your being responsible to Dafa and saving sentient beings is part of your Consummation. I’ll tell you this: you’re all saying that Master is saving all sentient beings, but when you all reach Consummation and look back, you’ll see all the sentient beings you saved back then. When you clarify the truth you are saving sentient beings.

That’s all I’ll say. Now you can resume the conference.