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

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Hello everyone.

I haven't seen you in a while. Since you are sharing your cultivation experiences at this Fa conference, since Dafa's overall progress is quite good at present, and since you are doing everything with steady steps during the Fa-rectification, I didn't plan on talking to you about anything in particular. Even less did I intend to teach Fa that's too far from what we're doing right now. The reason is, when I have things I must talk to you about and I do talk to you about them, I am in effect telling you what you should do. This time, since I haven't seen you for quite a while, I came to see you, for one, and for another I might as well highlight for you the things we're doing right now and the overall situation. I don't want to say much about

other things, as that could easily interfere with our overall progress right now in the Fa-rectification.

Judging by the current situation, as our students are all able to understand the Fa from the Fa, and have been through the past two-plus years of tempering, you've become more and more rational, more and more clearheaded, and more and more able to understand the Fa. As Dafa disciples, everyone's sense of responsibility to oneself, to Dafa, and to all sentient beings has become clearer and clearer. And with this, Dafa disciples overall have been able to do better in truth clarification. In reality we have seen that during the period after July 20, 1999, probably every student felt that the evil seemed to penetrate everything and exist everywhere. Everything seemed really like what those prophets had said: the evil came blotting out the sky and covering up the earth, and it was really as if the heavens had collapsed. The evil was everywhere. No matter how good a person or other beings were, they were probably all influenced by the evil. At that time even Dafa students each thought about what this meant for them: Should I cultivate this Dafa? Is Dafa really right or not? What kind of person is Li Hongzhi, anyway? Upon reflection, a lot of students made it through steadfastly. Truly remarkable. In that difficult environment and under that much pressure, you were able to step forward and clarify to people what we're about, telling them that we're being persecuted, that all the means of attack are fabrications and slander and completely persecutory in nature, and that this is the most evil persecution. So when the people learned the truth about the persecution, they were shocked.

Since the evil came ferociously, it made our task of clarifying the truth really hard, and it seemed that people turned a deaf ear. Actually the evil had suppressed people. Having listened to and believed in only those lies coming from the mouthpiece of the evil, people developed thoughts and doubts that resulted from believing such lies. Besides, the evil took advantage of such incorrect thoughts, which only made people less able to understand us correctly and see the truth about this persecution. However, as Fa-rectification speeds up, continually charges toward even broader dimensions, or charges toward more microcosmic levels, there exist immense beings at the more microcosmic levels of the cosmos—their degeneration is the fundamental reason for the Fa-rectification of the cosmos. Of course, many of them didn't necessarily obstruct things on purpose. Their existence was itself a layer of problems that had to be addressed, as they are old elements, immense cosmic bodies to be rectified, and immense beings to be saved. They will be dealt with through Fa-rectification, either eliminated in the process of Fa-rectification, or repositioned, or assimilated where they are. All of this requires a process, and this process takes time. Speaking of time, you know, it's been two years since July 20. Back then every day felt like a year to you, and even every moment felt as long as a year. The pressure was huge. But you all held up under such a huge pressure, and steadfastly and continually made all kinds of effort to expose the evil's persecution. Meanwhile, more and more evil is being eliminated in the Fa-rectification, and as a result, the thoughts of the people of the world have become less severely restrained.

So in this situation, you've found that when you explain the truth about the persecution to people again, they're not as indifferent as before and they're happy to accept it, as if they'd never heard about the persecution of Dafa disciples before, and increasingly, the people of the world want to know about the truth. Since Fa-rectification is continually moving forward, and since disciples are continually sending forth righteous thoughts, the evil has become less and less. Actually, the evil is only doing bad things in this interim process before Fa-rectification arrives and before everything that's new is created. All the evil is taking place and acting up here, and it's during this period of time that the evil can cause trouble. It can't undermine Fa, and it's impossible for it to undermine the new cosmos. In this period of time before the Fa is rectified, it displays here everything of the old beings after their degeneration, and it looks terribly evil. Dafa disciples in the human world can feel a lot of pressure in this environment—they really feel a lot of pressure. But you know, time is different in different dimensions, so if you look at this from a very large time-field, you'll find that these two years are but an instant; they're very short. When we're amid this, experiencing the persecution, we all feel that the days drag on like years. But now you've made it through, and if you take a look back, these two years were but an instant in the cosmos. Yet these two years have created so many truly magnificent enlightened beings; through these two years, so many of our students have been tempered and become mature; and through these two years, you've been able to clearly see and let go of so many ordinary human thoughts that you couldn't

let go of before, along with attachments that you couldn't recognize. Under normal circumstances this really would have been hard to accomplish. Of course, I reject all of the arrangements they've made; I don't recognize them. But indeed, amid this evil drama, Dafa disciples have been tempered and become more and more extraordinary. When we look back, aren't these two years just an instant? More than two years have passed, yet that period of time has allowed our Dafa and Dafa disciples to establish all that's indelible and the most magnificent, along with the most magnificent mighty virtue.

Of course, being able to do all these things well is inseparable from each of our Dafa disciple's own cultivation and improvement. So no matter how you've been persecuted, in difficult situations you've still been able to persevere in cultivating, persevere in studying the Fa, and keep a clear head. When a cultivator's mind departs from the Fa, the evil will squeeze its way in. Seen with the human eye, people and everything else in the human world are three-dimensional. But in reality, all matter in the entire human dimension—be it flowers, grass, trees, human beings, the air—everything is made up of particles of that size (of molecules). And in this layer of particles, everything, including the human body, is connected. When a person himself doesn't have righteous thoughts, all the bad things in the cosmos, or in the Three Realms, will flow incessantly in the human body; even when they stop there the person doesn't realize it. That's how people are manipulated, controlled in the context that these particles are able to connect with one another. So during the two years in which you have

been persecuted, you have been able to persevere in your cultivation, become more and more clearheaded, and see ever more clearly the evilness of this persecution. So in other words, Fa-study truly is extremely important for a Dafa disciple, for a cultivator. No matter how difficult your environment is, how busy you get, you cannot forget to study the Fa. You must study the Fa, because it is the most fundamental and most essential guarantee of your improvement. I can't meet with every student, especially with the current situation in mainland China. And in the situation where our students aren't able to see me, they can't come find Master whenever there's an issue, so they can only take the Fa as Master. And to enable you to cultivate and improve, I've infused this Fa throughout with all elements that can enable a person to cultivate and elevate in cultivation. As long as you study, any problem can be solved. As long as you cultivate and as long as you're able to understand the Fa from the Fa, there's nothing you can't achieve.

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

You all know what state of mind you must be in when you read the Fa in order to see the Fa's principles. You

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

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

In human society nowadays there are a lot of bad phenomena, bad people, and bad behavior, which completely depart from humanity, even to the point that some people not only have warped mentalities, but also are very demonic. So what should we do? I'll tell you: nothing. Why? Dafa disciples' magnificence is connected to the Fa-rectification of the cosmos, and your greatest mission is to safeguard the Fa. Let those that

don't damage Dafa just be. If someone damages Dafa, you should clarify the truth to him, restrain the evil, eliminate the evil, and save people. So in other words, right now we don't do anything about the many bad phenomena in today's human society, because those are things to be handled when the Fa rectifies the human world. Yet the things to be done when the Fa rectifies the human world have nothing to do with Dafa disciples, because you are to reach Consummation. Dafa disciples' magnificence is connected to the Fa-rectification, and it's different from the form of personal cultivation mankind had in the past—it's definitely not the same thing. So in other words, our sending forth righteous thoughts is to eliminate the evil that persecutes and interferes with Dafa and that persecutes Dafa disciples, and is to eliminate all factors that persecute the Fa. So, our Dafa disciples' continually sending forth righteous thoughts really has had an enormous impact. During this period before the Fa rectifies the human world, before the massive, overwhelmingly powerful current of the Fa rectification arrives in the human world, that is, during this time before Fa-rectification has reached here—Dafa disciples have truly eliminated many, many bad things when sending forth righteous thoughts. And all of those bad things were that which damaged the Fa and persecuted Dafa disciples. The quantity that's been eliminated is huge. You might remember when our students first sent forth righteous thoughts, which was different from now. Back then, as soon as you put your hand up vertically, the evil would line up in formation, coming in swarming hordes as if it was about to do battle. Later on, as our students

continually sent forth righteous thoughts to eliminate those evil beings that undermined Dafa and those evil beings that manipulated people, a huge portion of them were eliminated, and very few remained. It isn't being unmerciful. How could the Fa of the cosmos and Dafa disciples be persecuted by those evil beings? This is why I taught the Fa of "Beyond the Limits of Forbearance." Now, when you send forth righteous thoughts, once you put your hand up vertically, the evil beings will flee immediately. The gong you send forth even has to search for those evil beings, searching for them high and low and eliminating them wherever they are. Now the evil doesn't dare show up casually, and it no longer has the ability to organize evil beings on a large scale to attack Dafa disciples. It is Dafa disciples who have gained the upper hand, and when they send forth righteous thoughts they eliminate the evil everywhere, until all are eliminated.

Let me tell you, all that remains that can persecute Dafa and Dafa disciples are due to our students themselves. For students who haven't paid attention to sending forth righteous thoughts, the evil in the dimensions that you are supposed to shoulder and be responsible for has not been eliminated. That's the cause. So you must take sending forth righteous thoughts seriously; whether you think you have the ability or not, you should do it. What you eliminate from your own mind are ones that have an effect within the bound of your own body; at the same time, you need to eliminate the external ones, which are directly related to the dimensions you're in. If you don't eliminate them, then they not only persecute you and restrain you, but also persecute other students, other

Dafa disciples. As you know, the persecution that Dafa disciples in mainland China suffer is quite severe, so each student must truly, clearly realize your own responsibility, and when you send forth righteous thoughts you have to be able to truly calm your mind, so your righteous thoughts will truly have their effect. So this is something extremely critical, extremely important. If every student is able to do that, then I can tell you, with five minutes of you sending forth righteous thoughts together, the evil in the Three Realms will never exist again—that's how important this is. But it's been a long time since you started sending forth righteous thoughts. The evil beings that have been eliminated are really many. From another perspective, everyone is in the process of his cultivation, his improvement, and his understanding, and how well he does in the Fa-rectification is directly related to his own cultivation, and also directly related to the level he has elevated to. Therefore Master cannot require too much of you, and I'm only telling you about its importance. How far a person wants to cultivate to and what realm a person wants to reach are his own business. Master can only tell you the importance of sending forth righteous thoughts.

There's another issue. During the time since July 20, 1999 when the persecution against us started, we've managed to help people all over the world clearly see what Falun Gong is. They all know that we're good. Whether it be the governments of different countries or their people, including those countries that have really good relations with the Chinese government, they all know very well what we're about and what the evil that's persecuting Dafa is about. This is to say, that being able to reach this point

is inseparable from the collective effort of every one of you disciples. That is, in clarifying the truth you've been able to truly be responsible to Dafa, and you've been able to stay firm with your righteous thoughts in the face of pressure. Every Dafa disciple has a job and a family, so, given that your time is tight on every front, it's remarkable that you've placed Dafa in a very important position all along. The situation is different now, thanks to the collective efforts of Dafa disciples. The evil is isolated, and even inside China such a trend has gradually formed, and people are beginning to wake up. As you know, after July 20, 1999, the persecution inside China was terribly severe initially, and no one dared to say a fair word. But now Falun Gong students dare to go see the people directly responsible for the persecution, and they dare to directly go see people of different ranks. "You're persecuting me, so I came to tell you about the truth." Dafa disciples have even rectified the Fa considerably in large areas, in many areas. In other words, the whole situation is changing, and people are learning the truth about this evil persecution. So in other words, this matter of clarifying the truth is very important, and every student must take this seriously. Let me tell you this, in addition to your own cultivation, currently the most important thing is clarifying the truth, because it's directly saving sentient beings, it's directly saving the people of the future, and it also demonstrates the magnificence of Dafa and Dafa disciples—under such a difficult situation you're still saving sentient beings.

Today's people are hard to save. Sometimes I jokingly say to you: when you tell them that Dafa is good, after you talk to them for quite a while, they say, "Yes, Dafa is

good, I know. But the evil CCP gives me money, so I'm not against it, either." What they're implying is, "You are good, but I'm not against the CCP." This is caused by the propaganda the evil uses in persecuting Dafa, which is a means it often uses to deceive people. We've not said that we are against the CCP. It's the evil's chief wretch in the human world that spreads nonsense that its Party has to "defeat Falun Gong." It's misleading people. We don't get involved in politics at all. So in other words, when we clarify the truth to save people, we need to tailor it to the taste of modern people. This is because for today's people, the extent to which they believe in Gods is very limited, the bottom line of their moral standard is also very low, and even when they know perfectly well that something is bad, they still do it. Of course, all the same, we'll save however many we can, and we'll do our best to clarify the truth. The reason is, in the future there still has to be Fa at this human level, and there still has to be lives at this level—it can't just end right here. Besides, since Dafa has spread widely in this world, the future humankind should be very blessed. The sins against Dafa those poisoned people in China have committed are a consequence of the evil forces' persecution, which has enlarged the sins committed by people, especially the Chinese people's, as they directly oppose the Fa of the cosmos, the Fa that created all life. So what these people face is elimination, and this is the most dangerous. So now, if we can eliminate in their heads the bad thoughts toward Dafa, it'll be good. You may not oppose the CCP or so and so, but I'll tell you this: don't go against Dafa. Why? I'll tell you the truth. So I say, some people aren't opposed

to Dafa and aren't good people, either; it's very possible that at least they won't be weeded out immediately in the final elimination of the persecution of Dafa. And not being weeded out, they might have hope. It will depend on them in the future, depend on how they do when the Fa rectifies the human world. As Dafa disciples make a full effort to clarify the truth, many people have really come to see all of this, and they have a lot of righteous thoughts. I think, then, for these people, it's not just an ordinary matter of them seeing what Dafa is, they might also say some fair words about Dafa, and then they will have in fact already laid for themselves a very good foundation for their beings in the future.

In the past, people talked about "saving all sentient beings." You know, whether it be during Shakyamuni's time or Jesus's time, or even in the case of Lao Zi and some other Gods who came to save people, the "saving all sentient beings" they talked about was very different from what you're doing. In those times, the highest being in the world was man—the common, ordinary human of this world. True humans are a product of the Three Realms and are created with the matter in the Three Realms. Those beings are very different from Gods, and it's hard for them to understand higher beings. So they're even afraid of Gods, and it truly is difficult to save them. That's why Shakyamuni taught Arhat-Fa and why he could only save people to Arhat Attainment Status. It's true that humans aren't able to cultivate very high. But today, who are the sentient beings that Dafa disciples are met with? This is why I've said that Dafa disciples are magnificent; you've been fortunate to come across this magnificent

period of time, and what's been bestowed upon you is also magnificent. This is because now ninety percent of the human beings are ones who have come from high levels. In other words, what's inside this human skin is no longer the human of the past—this human skin has been acquired and occupied by beings who've come from very high levels. And it's not limited to humans. This Fa-rectification was already arranged at the time of the previous Earth, and it was given a trial run once before. So in other words, this has been systematically arranged even since a time that remote. Then think about it, could human society, and everything that we can see, exist by chance? Even each Dafa disciple's every move, every action, every word, every behavior, and even the questions you ponder—none of it is simple. In the future you'll see that everything was very carefully arranged. But it's not me who arranged this, it's the old forces who did. Actually, they wouldn't dare to, and don't want to, ruin all of this. The reason is, if they ruined all of this they would be finished. If this Fa-rectification was really ruined, everything would be totally finished. They just want to do it their way, but that's not acceptable since it wouldn't meet the standard. How could beings that are to be weeded out control the future? How could they decide what the future will be like? They are merely trying to make trouble during this period of time before the Fa-rectification arrives—that's all. They consider themselves Gods, so they don't persecute humans directly, and they manipulate those low-level spirits to persecute people. That's how it's related.

I just said that Dafa disciples are magnificent; what

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

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

I think these are the three things I'd talk about. One is your Fa-study, one is sending forth righteous thoughts, and the third is that the matter of clarifying the truth is extremely important. Actually, you've already made it through all of these magnificent things, and you've already established such mighty virtue. Yet you should do things even better, and you should continue on until the evil is completely eliminated. When you have all the people of the world, and all the people of China, see this evil for what it is, could the evil still have any effect? It will collapse. We're not interested in political power, nor do we intend to overthrow you, CCP. It's the evil's chief wretch in the human world that brought down the CCP

itself while using the CCP in this persecution. Looking back, isn't that true? It wasn't us who were attacking it; it brought itself down. It is using the CCP, using the country, and using the government to persecute Falun Gong. Gods don't allow this. You said that the Party has to defeat Falun Gong. But how could Gods allow that? How could the CCP defeat the Fa of the cosmos? If you fight with it, you will surely collapse. That's how it works, isn't it? It's just that right now the old evil forces think that Dafa disciples have not yet been completely tempered and become mature, and need to be tempered further, and that they still need to keep up the evil. Of course, the old forces want to do this, but I don't recognize these things at all. They are doing this and acting like this just before my Fa-rectification arrives. If it were otherwise, when the Fa rectifies the human world it would be peaceful; there wouldn't be this evil drama, people would all be studying the Fa, humankind's morality would be rising, and when the force of Fa-rectification comes it would also be peaceful.

That's all I'll say. You must have a lot of questions. I think that through studying the Fa you'll be able to resolve them all. As long as you study the Fa, many specific questions can be resolved. Also, you need to pay attention to one issue: You are Dafa disciples, and you should look within when you run into problems—it's guaranteed that many of the problems are your problems, whether you want to look at yourself or not, and whether you realize it or not. In the future, when you see the truth, you'll realize that everything had a reason. Dafa disciples often have some arguments with each other over things

related to spreading the Fa and rectifying the Fa. I think this is normal. But if you argue endlessly, refusing to give ground, then there's a problem. Why is that? It's guaranteed that you haven't examined yourself. Having arguments is normal, but arguing endlessly and refusing to give ground, and thereby affecting Dafa work, is not normal. If you don't believe it, think about it and take a look. Every one of our coordinators needs to put special emphasis on studying the Fa. No matter how much work a coordinator shoulders, how extraordinary the tasks are, you cannot forget to cultivate yourself. No matter how much work you do, you should be a Dafa disciple doing Dafa work, not an everyday person doing Dafa work. So you must study the Fa. A coordinator is actually an ordinary disciple as well. Each person, no matter what you do, should put yourself among the disciples—you have to put yourself among the disciples. This Dafa has only one master, me, and Dafa itself doesn't have any coordinators. You're just coordinators amid this form of Fa-rectification and the process in which we oppose the persecution. Dafa has no coordinators, and everyone is a cultivating disciple. Make sure you pay attention to these things.

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

Teaching the Fa at the 2002 Fa Conference in Boston

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A lot of you sitting here are from other regions, and a good number are from Australia. This time I mainly came to meet with you, and I don't want to say too much. Looking at the overall situation of Dafa disciples right now in the Fa-rectification, I think things are good. You're doing really well in some aspects, and a bit poor in others. But the overall, main body is doing really well. There are a lot of things you still aren't able to do well as Dafa disciples, though, and I can tell you that this is in fact because you've neglected Fa-study. The reason is, your surface, which is still assimilating to the Fa, needs to be constantly improved, and as you constantly improve, arrangements have to be made on the things that you need to cultivate away. Every realm has its own state, and if you remain stagnant, you definitely won't be able to keep up with

the situation of Fa-rectification. When you do well in the Fa-rectification, I see that it's always because you are able to understand the Fa from the Fa, and when you do somewhat poorly, I see that it's because you did not attach importance to Fa-study and you aren't able to understand the Fa from the Fa. As a Dafa disciple, no matter what the situation or circumstances, you have to study the Fa, and you can't neglect your own assimilation and improvement. You can't forget to study the Fa. If you don't study the Fa well, you won't be able to do Dafa work well. And when you run into any conflicts or problems that need to be resolved, you won't be able to balance things, and arguments will occur. Of course, when conflicts arise, and there are some arguments, I don't think it's necessarily a bad thing. That's because in cultivation, you are to get rid of attachments, and in cultivation you are to improve yourself, so those ordinary human attachments of yours that have not been abandoned have to be displayed so that you can get rid of them. But sometimes, because you don't keep up your Fa-study, you handle some of the things you do to spread the Fa and save sentient beings like an everyday person. As such, a lot of our things, themselves sacred, are made not so sacred and are not done as well; at the same time, it also results in people in society having some misunderstanding of us. As a result, it not only prevents you from improving, but also causes Dafa some losses.

As you know, in the beginning after April 25, 1999, in many regions of the world, other than Dafa disciples, nobody knew what Falun Gong was about. That was the case for a lot of regions around the world. When the

persecution against us first started, all media in the world wanted to know what Falun Gong was about. But nobody was able to get positive materials, and they all copied what the lie-breeding media in China published. Of course, a lot of media in the world didn't do that intentionally—they had to report on it. Think about it, in that environment, and under that kind of overwhelming pressure, we have been able to rectify the Fa in the human world to this extent, to have the world's people come to really know us, and to have people all over the world truly see what we're about. That's really not easy. This shows that you've indeed done really well validating the Fa, so you have been able to accomplish so much. If we're careless, then we'll likely bring losses as a result of our conduct not conforming to the Fa. So we really have to pay attention to these things.

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

Furthermore, I've seen that certain problems that were more prominent several years ago have become noticeable again recently. What problems? Many of the students outside mainland China have certain skills and have advanced knowledge, and many hold academic degrees among everyday people. In other words, your thinking is clear and you are very capable. And that's why you have indeed done a lot of things quite well. Especially when you were proactive about doing things well, you indeed did very well. However because you're capable, and each of you has a good idea, problems then arise. You have a good idea, he has a good idea, too, and everyone thinks that his own idea is good. This is usually how arguments happen. And when an argument occurs, because you've neglected your day-to-day Fa study or have slacked off in your cultivation, you fall into everyday people's ways of arguing.

A Dafa disciple should put the Fa first in everything he does—whenever you evaluate something you have to consider the Fa first. You may remember the words I've said to you often: a Dafa disciple should consider others first in everything he does. Whenever something happens or a situation comes about, even if it's a minor thing, my first thought is of others, for it's already become natural for me that I just think of others first. If all of you can do this, there won't be any of those disputed issues in your validating the Fa; if you really have a solid foundation like this and are able to calm yourselves, consider others, and examine yourselves when anything happens, I think you'll be able to handle a lot of things well. Sometimes you really argue like everyday people, and a very small number of you even get so worked up that you become flush with

emotion, and you even disregard your surroundings and the effect it has in society, completely handling yourselves as everyday people. But you're a cultivator, a Dafa disciple—not just an ordinary cultivator. You all know that no matter how crazy the evil gets, it won't last. The closer it gets to the end, the more wicked the evil acts as it's stirred up by the force of Fa-rectification, and this shows that it must be the demonstration of the last frenzy. Assume that one day this thing really concludes, the first thing that will be done is to have Fa-rectification Dafa disciples Consummate and return to their positions. At that time, when you look back at the path you've traveled, everything will be clear. Of course, as for whether or not you've done well, a Buddha, Dao, or God who's fully Consummated at his position won't think about these things; it will just be as if a dream is over, and you won't even think about it. However, with your performance during the present process, you are forging yourself and establishing everything of yours. Whoever misses this opportunity, or doesn't do a certain thing well, will see at that time the cause of his mistake.

In this Fa-rectification, the best opportunity has been created for all sentient beings in the colossal firmament; all sentient beings have the best opportunity to lay a foundation for their future. The same is true then for Dafa disciples. The fruits of your cultivation, your position, your mighty virtue, and everything of your future is also established in this opportunity of Fa-rectification. If you don't do everything well, then, you're really letting yourself down! So when you argue using an ordinary human mentality, I think to myself: "If they

saw the truth, they wouldn't argue even if they were asked to." But it's exactly because you can't see the true situation and you have ordinary human attachments that you can cultivate here. When you have ordinary human attachments, you can validate the Fa; when you don't have those attachments, you won't be able to validate the Fa, you won't be able to stay here anymore, and you won't be able to cultivate anymore. Yet how you can make the most of these existing conditions and do even better—this is what I am calling on you to pay attention to.

However busy you are, you have to treat yourself as a Dafa disciple; however busy you are, you have to consider the effect you have around you. Starting from April 25, 1999, until after July 20, the evil used scoundrel-like means of slander and put us on the defensive, causing many beings to be poisoned. In saving sentient beings you've labored so hard to allow people to have a new understanding of us. When you don't do well, then, it's quite possible you are unwittingly undermining the efforts you've made and some of the things you plan to do. As cultivators, your conduct is pure and righteous. There are so many people who think you're just great upon seeing how you act. If you don't pay attention to your own behavior in your daily lives, an everyday person will see your actions, and since he cannot understand you deeply like someone who studies the Fa, he will just look at how you act. Perhaps one sentence or one action of yours will make him not savable or create a bad impression of Dafa. We need to think about these things.

Being your Master, I can certainly see your shortcomings, and I can certainly see your problems.

Let's say, your every word and every action, I know what's contained in it. Usually your Master doesn't teach you the Fa on an individual basis. That's because if I were to point out someone's problem to him individually, his mind would be hit really hard, and this in turn might affect him. That's why I rarely speak to someone individually this way. But when I bring up these problems in a large forum, don't think I'm not referring to you.

There are many Kings in the heavens. As you know, Shakyamuni said that the number of Tathagatas is like the number of grains of sand in the Ganges River. Think about how many grains of sand India's Ganges River has! And there's more than that—what Shakyamuni said was in a figurative sense. Every Tathagata is a Fa-King. And there is more than the Buddha School—the Buddha School is only one widespread type that has a huge number of Gods. How many Gods are there? How many Kings like this are there? If every King handled things the way you do when something happens, that'd be big trouble. They don't have those kinds of arguments that aren't consistent with their levels. Of course, they can see the truth, and they can see what's the best way, but often they, too, have certain differences in some of their views. But they would never argue. They are in a state of immense tolerance, of mercy toward all beings, and of being able to understand everything with kindness. To put it in human terms, they are able to be understanding of others. So sometimes we shouldn't hold on to strong everyday people's attachments and dig into a bull's horn, unable to get out of it for a long time. The more you think about it, the more attached you get; the more you think about

it, the more your mind seethes; and the more you think about it, the more demons take advantage of you. When you're not coolheaded, I'll tell you, that's when demons are using you. No matter how long you've cultivated for, and no matter what reputation you have among Dafa disciples, it will be guaranteed to be like that when you're not paying attention to these things. Let me tell you, no matter how well you've cultivated, as long as you still have everyday people's attachments now, those are what demons can use, and when you're not paying attention they can be used at any moment. So as a Dafa disciple, you should try your best to restrain those everyday people's attachments, try your best to prevent them from having an effect, try your best to walk a righteous path, and try your best, in all environments and with everything that happens, to conduct yourself in an open and dignified manner, to be tolerant and broad-minded, to be able to understand others, and to be able to consider all perspectives. Then, I think you might be able to do a lot of things well. Acting this way is not compromising! Everybody can share their views and you can evaluate them in a kind manner.

All that I have said in fact boils down to cultivation issues. In Fa-rectification you still need to read and study the Fa more. Actually, this isn't to criticize you. As your Master I can certainly see your shortcomings. You call me Master, so I have to tell you what your shortcomings are, and then you should recognize them. Of course, I often say praising words: "Dafa disciples are remarkable, magnificent," and "You've done so well." But too many of these words don't do you a lot of good. Many times when Master sees that you're doing so well, I keep my happiness for you to myself.

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

You know, what the evil gang in China has at its disposal for attacking people is unparalleled. You could say that they've gathered all the means from all times and all lands. On top of that, the thinking of today's Chinese people has been warped and become craftier and craftier and more cunning in political struggles, and so the bad things they do are extremely evil. Despite this, however, a lot of people are being used and made to do bad things, so they aren't really trying to damage the Fa from their hearts. We do see this. No matter what methods the evil uses or how much money it spends to damage Dafa, it can't achieve the goal it wants to achieve. We do things with our hearts, while it does things with money; on this point it could never compare to us. It has such a powerful state propaganda machine, it has consulates all over the world, and it has such an enormous army.

What we face is such an evil political gang of scoundrels who want to suppress us. In just a short time we've been able to help people all around the world truly recognize this evil persecution—isn't this remarkable? Isn't that something only achievable by Dafa disciples' doing things from their hearts? Isn't that something only achievable by Dafa disciples taking the initiative to do things? Of course, it will never be possible for the evil to succeed in its attempt to damage the Fa of the cosmos.

Of course, a lot of things aren't as simple as everyday people think they are. Even the evil is not allowed to do whatever it wants. I've said that the old forces have made very detailed, thorough, and systematic arrangements in history for the entire Fa-rectification period and everything that manifests during the Fa-rectification. It's this chaotic—chaotic to this extent, and this evil—evil to this extent; still, around the whole world, including in China, including everything, there are still a lot of very bad beings in the ordinary human society and in every dimension that have not taken part in this. They're all being restrained. In other words, they have no part in it, and they're not allowed to take part, regardless of whether they're good ones or bad ones—they are from both groups. Things seem to have no order, but they're in fact very orderly. The evil beings that have participated in this seem very malicious, but the old forces are merely using them, and the purpose of such use is to have us clear away this trash in the universe during the Fa-rectification. The evil beings can't see the true situation and they act rampantly. When the true situation reveals itself, all beings, and this includes everyday people, will exclaim

with astonishment: "Wow! So that's how it was!"

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

By the way, let me mention one minor thing. As you know, our manpower is very limited right now, but in your validating the Fa, don't have your attention on one thing while neglecting the other. In other words, we shouldn't focus all of our efforts on one thing. We should try to take care of the whole situation and do a good job with all the things we're working on now.

I won't say more. I know the things you are doing are hard work. Today I haven't said many words of praise, but I know that everybody has in fact fully devoted himself to the task of validating the Fa. Seeing that there are lots of things to do, you are anxious and want to do them well. Master sees all this. It's not just me who sees it. I'll tell you,

all beings in the cosmos are watching intently. The surface of matter is made of the arrangements of molecules, and the overall Fa-rectification has already reached this surface level. Looking at this surface with the human eye, things appear very coarse; however, gigantic microcosmic systems have in fact seeped into this level, and it is very complex. In the Fa-rectification, breakthroughs have been made at the surface. In other words, it's about to approach places that human beings can see. At the microscopic level, though, it also corresponds to gigantic dimensions, in which there are also massive groups of beings. So there is still a remarkably massive number of beings to be saved by Fa-rectification, and the situation is complex. Sentient beings are watching closely everything that we're doing. There are eyes everywhere in this cosmos, and both the beings that have been rectified and the beings that haven't been are watching. The beings in the new cosmos are eagerly longing for the final conclusion, while the beings in the old cosmos are longing to be saved. The ones that have taken part in undermining the Fa-rectification are only that one portion, the old forces, and they make up twenty percent of the beings at different levels. All the other, larger numbers of beings aren't taking part, and those who aren't taking part are observing and watching all of this. They all know one thing, and even the old forces know it: if this undertaking doesn't succeed, everything will be finished.

Today's scientists have also discovered the great changes in the cosmos. They've discovered that the range of the universe currently visible is expanding faster and faster, and the speed of the expansion keeps

accelerating. I didn't want to talk about this before—I only taught principles of the Fa. Let's think about it: what does this expansion mean? An object expands only before it explodes; it expands and expands, and when it reaches a certain point it suddenly bursts. So everything is in its final stage. A lot of beings are watching all this with anxiety. As for the old forces, they, with their requirements in mind, are also anxious. Of course, the beings in the new cosmos are also eagerly hoping for the conclusion of all this. The immense force of the whole Fa-rectification is doing its final work at an even more forceful speed, transcending all times. Now it's only a little bit away from catching up with the speed of the surface's expansion. Of course, the speed of the expansion seems slow in terms of human time, but it's in fact very fast. I am doing things very fast, too. I've told you before that however much is done up there, that much can be broken through at lower levels. Although the universe is expanding, I'm doing things at a very fast speed, and I can definitely catch up with it. If I don't catch up with it, I can tell you, the final disintegration would make everything in the surface dimension cease to exist. When I do catch up with it, it's resolved. Not only will I catch up with it, but I will also surpass it, and that's when the Fa rectifies the human world. Now I'm only just a little bit away from catching up with the speed of the expansion. Countless sentient beings, countless lives, are all watching. And in fact, there are eyes in every tiny particle of the air. What are the heavens? I've told you that they're not the kind of sky that people have imagined. When you look at Earth from the moon, Saturn, or Venus, isn't it also in

the heavens? In the same sense it's in the heavens. The heavens are in the microcosm as well as the macrocosm, and the term doesn't refer to the parallel dimensions made of particles of the same level, which, in the eyes of Gods, only pertain to the concept of being far or near. In the macrocosm and the microcosm, all beings are watching intently all these things on Earth. They are aware of Dafa disciples' every single action and every single thought. Everything that Dafa disciples do is clearly displayed before the eyes of higher beings. So be sure to do well and win their admiration.

This is magnificent, truly magnificent. Without this background of Fa-rectification, the magnificence of Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples wouldn't be displayed. Dafa disciples: the things you face are magnificent, the responsibilities you face are major, and of course, there's also your origin—it's taking all these into consideration that I say you're magnificent. Make sure to be worthy of the title "Fa-rectification period Dafa disciple." That's something that the cosmos won't have again—this happens only once since the creation of Heaven and Earth, only once since the beginning of time in the cosmos. Everything seems to take place among everyday people and not be much different from that of everyday people. If there were a difference, and if people would believe whatever you say, there wouldn't be Fa-rectification, and wouldn't be cultivation. People commit sins in delusion, so at present they can only pay back in delusion. Despite a difficult leg of the journey ahead of us, there won't be much time left. I hope that everyone will do even better from now on.

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

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

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Hello everyone! (*Warm applause*)

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

You may recall that, three years ago, when the evil's persecution had just started, many of our students

didn't know what to do. Our younger disciples hadn't been through anything like the evilness of the Cultural Revolution. But gradually you all calmed down, and you went from not knowing what to do to knowing what to do in the end. Although in the process we've had some setbacks, you have walked that path yourself. Amid this evil persecution, each of you thought seriously about what you should do and what kind of path you should take, and through that you established your own mighty virtue; you've come through this enormous tribulation. This is remarkable, this is what a Dafa disciple should do, and this is the Fa-rectification path you'll leave behind, the mighty virtue of an enlightened being. This is why a lot of times Master can't tell you what to do. The Fa has already been taught, and if you measure things with the Fa, you'll be able to do well. When there are major issues I'll definitely tell you. Other than that, when it comes to a lot of the specific issues you come across, you need to carefully think them over for yourself, and it's up to you yourself to come up with ways to resolve them. Wherever there's a problem that is where you need to clarify the truth and save people. Don't take a detour when you run into difficulties. When you see something that does us harm, or when you see something blocking our validating the Fa, don't take a detour—you should face it, and clarify the truth and save those beings. This is the compassion of a Dafa disciple, and it's our saving lives. At the same time, when you're clarifying the truth you can deal well with many people who are deceived, as well as addressing their misunderstandings and prejudice. After all, in this evil persecution that's happening in China, the lie-filled

propaganda has misled sentient beings. They have covered up the truth with a deceitful facade. When met with the truth, people will think things over carefully, and how people respond to all this is their own choice.

So, looking at the situation as a whole, in the last three years you've done very well overall, and you've become more and more mature, and more and more rational. Especially the students in mainland China, in the beginning since you didn't know what to do, you seemed somewhat confused. But soon you went from not knowing what to do to gradually knowing how to face the reality of this evil play, until later all of you were able to calm down, to this point today that you've become more and more mature. Nearly one hundred million people are cultivating, and there are new students, veteran students, those who've studied the Fa in depth, those who've studied the Fa shallowly, and those who've just begun to understand and know the Fa. Not all of these practitioners are able to understand the Fa from the Fa. Facing this tribulation, a lot of the students who haven't studied the Fa in depth and a lot of the new students, with their human attachments, each have their own different takes on things and different understandings about validating the Fa. So in validating the Fa and clarifying the truth, a lot of people do it with human attachments to some degree or other. When they're persecuted their ordinary human attachments get stirred up by human emotion, and they will be affected by phony kindness and deceit. Whatever happens, only by keeping up your Fa study can you get rid of your human thoughts, can you get rid of your attachments, and can you thus be unaffected

by all things in the human world. More than three years have passed, and this persecution that's been imposed on us by the old forces has made us more and more mature, more and more rational, more and more clearheaded, more and more steadfast, and more and more able to face this evil's persecution seriously as we expose the evil's lies, validate Dafa, and save sentient beings.

Dafa has spread in the world for ten years now. Three years ago when it hadn't been ten years yet, it was only seven years. Although it was a short period of time, Dafa had already been deeply rooted in the cosmos, rooted in the human world, and nobody could shake it. Looking at the overall situation right now, on the surface the persecution is still quite vicious, but in reality few of those wicked, rotten demons that can restrain and control people are left. The fewer that remain, the more wildly the evil rages; the fewer that remain, the more hysterical they get. Certain cultivators who have grasped Dafa to different degrees are showing different degrees of steadfastness, and currently their perception of the overall situation of the Fa-rectification is also different. Their different states of cultivation can result in their different perceptions. Some might think the situation is grim; for some people the situation might seem to have already eased up; and some people might think that it's precisely a great opportunity to save sentient beings and clarify the truth. The different degrees to which people grasp and comprehend the Fa lead to different perceptions of the current situation, and all of this is targeting different human thoughts. Those who do well will change the environment around them, and those who

do poorly will make the environment around them change according to their states of mind. Dafa disciples have different states of mind, so they have different perceptions of the environment, and so the state each person shows is different. The true situation, as I see it, is that the evil old forces want to do what they want to. Do well and do not walk down the path arranged by the old forces; the goal is to not allow the old forces to take advantage of your gaps. Despite all of this, our Dafa disciples as a whole have become more and more mature, and are handling all of this more and more rationally, calmly, firmly, and seriously. At the beginning, many students carried a lot of human thoughts and displayed different cultivation states. On the surface they were validating the Fa, when in fact they had human thinking mixed in and couldn't achieve the goal of validating the Fa. Once they were persecuted the opposite effect was produced. Things are different now. You are completely different from how you were three years ago. Of course, while in cultivation you still have human thoughts, and because of that you're able to cultivate among everyday people. But these human thoughts will manifest, and from time to time they'll play a negative role in different situations. But compared to three years ago, you've become more and more remarkable, or in other words, Dafa disciples have become mature.

The evil's persecution won't last, because the wicked demons and rotten spirits that manipulate humans are becoming fewer and fewer. Humans don't have the ability to do anything major on their own, since humans have always been under the control of other beings. Back

then the reason the head of the evil in China dared to persecute Dafa disciples was that there were also evil factors controlling that evil bum. Looking at the overall situation of the Fa-rectification, all the things that Dafa disciples are doing to rectify the Fa, save sentient beings, and clarify the truth are in their final stage. In an article that you wrote and that's on the Pure Insight website, you mentioned that the Book of Revelation in the Bible says that the evil beast would attack God with his mouth for 42 months, which is three and a half years. I won't comment on whether that's the case, but I can say that the evil has really reached its final stage where it has the will but not the strength to carry on.

The head of the evil in the human world that resides in China, controlled by evil, rotten demons, is no longer human. As a matter of fact, that dumb thing died a long time ago, and everything that makes up this being is in hell in its entirety. Only the most surface layer of its postnatally formed body, that postnatally formed material form, is still being propped up by the evil. Because the end time that the old forces arranged to test Dafa hasn't arrived yet, the old forces are trying their best to maintain it. If this surface weren't propped up anymore today, it would turn into a pile of ashes and a billow of black smoke, and there'd be nothing at all. To put it like everyday people would, it has died a hundred times over. But those rotten demons are still propping up its shape at the surface and still using this little bit of stuff at the outermost surface. But its mind is totally abnormal. It's now scared, after the fact, for having persecuted Dafa and Dafa disciples; and because of this it doesn't dare step down from its post,

because of this it's gone mad, because of this it's living for Falun Gong, and because of this it's in a constant state of anxiety and worry. Meanwhile, the evil beings that control people have been increasingly purged as Dafa disciples send forth righteous thoughts and clarify the truth. The old factors in the cosmos are, seen from the overall picture of the Fa-rectification, constantly being reduced as we do all these things. So this has reduced the evil's power further and further. It can no longer sustain its evilness on a large scale, and it can only do evil in limited areas, and the scope is constantly shrinking. This is why each Dafa disciple needs to emphasize the matter of truth clarification. This, more than anything, is what you should do with all your effort, and it's the most magnificent. The salvation of sentient beings and the Consummation of cosmic bodies that correspond to you are all part of this. Every single Dafa disciple needs to do this. Don't miss a single opportunity.

You've all seen that people outside of mainland China are getting more and more clearheaded. This, on the one hand, is a reflection of Dafa disciples' clarifying the truth, and it's also because the force of Fa-rectification has cleared out more of the evil and as a result the evil can't control the world's people anymore. People are thinking calmly. What used to restrain people is no longer there, and the factors that manipulated people to do bad things have been cleaned out. The people outside of mainland China are more clearheaded, and they're becoming even more clearheaded and see more and more clearly the evil persecution that is happening in China. As for our Dafa disciples outside of mainland China, this is a chance

for us to clarify the truth further, and to help people all over the world and the governments of each nation better understand this display of evil. So I hope when you do work in this area, you'll do it solidly so as to help people truly recognize all of this.

You are Dafa disciples, so no matter what environment you're in, when you do such things as clarifying the truth and saving sentient beings, you should display the demeanor of a Dafa disciple. You're cultivators after all, so if you want to do this well, the most important thing is to study the Fa. No matter how busy you are, you have to study the Fa, especially those students who stepped forward late, or who've stumbled, or who haven't kept up—you should study the Fa a lot, listen to criticism more, and hurry to catch up. Everyone needs to recognize the importance of sending forth righteous thoughts. That's because you are Dafa disciples, and you aren't everyday people doing things for Dafa, but Dafa disciples validating the Fa. The head of the evil in China has spread lies, saying that I claim to be Jesus or Shakyamuni. You all know those are sheer nonsense made up by that bum who just lies at will. I'm not Jesus, and I'm not Shakyamuni, but I have created millions of Jesuses and Shakyamunis who have the courage to walk the path of truth, who have the courage to risk their lives for the sake of the truth, and who have the courage to devote their lives to saving sentient beings. (*Long applause*) Each of you Dafa disciples should truly know yourself and walk your path well. You really are that magnificent, so you have to rationally and seriously do well the things you should do today. It is particularly true among our Dafa disciples.

When we clarify the truth to others you all feel that we should treat sentient beings with compassion; you should be compassionate among our Dafa disciples all the same. You're all disciples in the same practice, and you're all contributing to the cosmos' Fa-rectification with all your heart and effort, so you should cooperate well with one another. Don't approach things with too many human attachments, and don't cause unnecessary conflicts and arguments by interacting with each other with human attachments. Dealing with these situations should reflect Dafa disciples' tolerance, kindness, and niceness. His things are your things, and your things are his things. We don't talk about the "unity" of everyday people, which is a forced, superficial formality. You are cultivators and you have a higher ground. So in many projects your actions should be such that you are able to understand others, able to listen to people's opinions, and able to use Dafa to assess right and wrong. Actually, now you're a lot better than before, and I think you should do even better in the time ahead.

Today I mainly wanted to see you all. Last time I didn't make it to the Fa conference in Canada, which celebrated the tenth anniversary of Dafa being spread in the world. It wasn't because Dafa disciples weren't doing well, but because too many people wanted to see me. I didn't want to make a public appearance, because once I did, all the public's focus would be on me. At present you are validating the Fa among the world's people, and are saving sentient beings and consummating everything of yours in the process of clarifying the truth among the world's people. So I wanted to leave the opportunities for you

and let you do these things. If otherwise I were to make a public appearance, nobody would listen to what you say to society or to what you tell the governments—they'd all want to hear it directly from me. Should that happen, Master would have to handle things in the human world as well as those in Fa-rectification—and I wouldn't be able to do all that on my own, right? Of course, there were other reasons as well.

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

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

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

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Hello everyone!

"While on either shore the gibbons' chatter sounds without pause, my light boat skims past thousands of crags."¹ (*Loud applause*) The evil has exhausted its tricks, and Dafa disciples have matured through the tempering. We're not afraid of any more tricks it might have. The persecution of Dafa and Dafa disciples has now lasted for over three years, and in no time it'll be four years. During this period a lot of our Dafa disciples, especially the Dafa disciples in mainland China, have suffered an evil persecution that's unprecedented. Amid the terror that was created by lies and deceit, they've made it through these three years against an extremely evil suppression. That's

¹ The last two lines from a famous Tang Dynasty poem by Li Bai.

remarkable! This is not something ordinary people can do.

You know, in mainland China if they want to bring someone down, or if they want to suppress someone, including the country's president, it doesn't take more than three days and that person's a goner. Of course, I'm not saying Dafa disciples' physical bodies are made of diamond or steel. Rather, the reason is, the evil people have absolutely no way to understand cultivators, and all the tricks they've accumulated throughout history to persecute people can only work on ordinary people. And for cultivators—cultivators who are giving up worldly attachments, they're totally useless.

Of course, in cultivation a lot of students still have everyday people's thinking to some degree or other, and there are folks who've always been slack about studying the Fa, as well as a lot of new students who've just started to practice. So when suddenly faced with this evil terror and overwhelming suppression, it really is terrifying for the students who have strong human thoughts. Because of these human thoughts, these students are confused momentarily, and couldn't tell what was really going on. But after a period of time, they calmly thought things over for themselves: Why am I studying Dafa? Now, is Falun Dafa really a good thing? Just what kind of person is Li Hongzhi? A lot of people considered these questions calmly. As a result of calm consideration they all became even clearer: What we're studying is an upright practice, and there's nothing wrong with the Zhen-Shan-Ren that we're cultivating. And you've been able to see more and more clearly that all the methods the evil people have used in this persecution are lies and slander, and see

that they've used all the evil methods out there, that not a single thing is true, and that they're all schemes.

So what was this evil persecution for? Was it for maintaining the regime? Not at all, really. Saying that Falun Gong poses a threat to China's regime is just a huge lie that's spread by the evil. As for the real purpose of this persecution, a lot of people have asked me, and a lot of people have asked my disciples: What, exactly, was it for? It is just because of a buffoon's jealousy. Since it has power it's able to do something like this. This sounds pretty ridiculous and inconceivable—how could something like this happen to mankind? But it indeed is the reality. This persecution has happened, as absurd as it may be, due to that buffoon being driven by its twisted jealousy. That's exactly the reason. That's really the reason we see here in human society.

From another perspective, human beings don't actually have the ability to do anything significant. What usually happens is that a person's bad thoughts correlate with evil beings in other dimensions, and those evil beings can then capitalize on his bad thoughts to do bad things, achieving the goals of these evil beings while satisfying the person's desires formed out of bad thoughts. Where do people's thoughts really come from? Scientists have now realized that man's brain isn't the source from which his thoughts truly originate. So where do a person's thoughts come from? Everybody thinks it comes from what one has learned in the ordinary society and from one's own reasoning. But that's not the case. When an everyday person has a thought about doing something, his brain actually hasn't gone through a long process of reflection.

A lot of things just instantly pop up, and a lot of words just roll right off the tongue. So then just where exactly do those thoughts come from? We cultivators all know that a person's thoughts are actually related to factors in a lot of different dimensions, and when it comes to major things, a human being is doing things under the control of other beings, acting things out here in the human world—that's all. The surface of the human body, the postnatally formed body, is really nothing.

On the subject of the human body, I spoke to you about it in a few select settings in the past, but haven't talked about it in a large forum. The reason is, the Fa I'm teaching today is the Fa of the cosmos, Fa-rectification is rectifying the cosmos, and Dafa disciples coexist with the Fa-rectification, so I can't talk about those specific things that are too concrete, at too low a level in the Three Realms, or particular situations in human society. Those things can't be written into the Fa of the cosmos, so I haven't talked about them. I've only talked about those things in a few select settings.

Of course, a human being has three souls, seven spirits, and so on, and a human being also has a True Skin, along with two sorts of factors provided postnatally by his parents—these factors that make up a human being exist in dimensions that the human eye can't see. Some of the matter that he acquires from human food makes his physical body at the surface enlarge gradually, a process people call “growth.” This physical body is formed postnatally in the material dimension of everyday people, and once a lifetime is over it will age and die out, decomposing back into matter. So in other

words, an everyday person's postnatally formed body is just a vessel, and the only thing that can exist in the brain of a human body, those so-called thoughts, are actually the surface concepts that have formed in his head with the experiences he's accumulated in the human growth process. That's really what the human body's thoughts are. But concepts themselves don't constitute rationality; they're neither complete, nor organized, and moreover, they're not coherent. That's why when a person lets his main consciousness go he'll turn irrational, talking about one thing one minute and something else the next minute; he'll jump all over, from place to place. He doesn't know what he's saying or what his goals are. That's because he doesn't have a main theme running through it all, and it's those things that he's formed postnatally that are reflected. So when a person lets go of his main consciousness, not only these notions but any external messages can interfere with him, and that's why people will say he's got mental illness.

So, this is to say that in this persecution what's manifest here in the human world is that the malicious bad person's jealousy of Dafa is being manipulated by evil beings in other dimensions, who are using that buffoon's evilness to create the biggest scandal that ever happened in history, the evil, ludicrous persecution of Dafa students. All of the excuses it's used to suppress us are fabricated lies. The entire society's propaganda machines are controlled by its power, and they've spread a lot of huge and outrageous lies among the Chinese people and people of the world. Although this has been evil, Dafa disciples have matured through the tempering and have come to

see all of this clearly, so now they're becoming more and more clearheaded, and more and more rational. Initially, some students hadn't gotten rid of some of their human attachments yet, thus they were not able to recognize the true nature of the evil. Because their righteous thoughts weren't adequate, they were thus driven by attachments and developed some human thoughts, and they also revealed the side of them that lacked a sober rationality. Through this persecution, however, Dafa disciples have come to understand the serious nature of cultivation, and this has allowed them to really see clearly the evil, and eventually they were able to do well. This especially goes for the Dafa disciples in mainland China, who've become more and more mature through this tempering. Now when these Dafa disciples are arrested in the evil persecution, it's not as easy as it was back then to impose that absurd, so-called transformation on them. What is "repentance"? What is "transformation"? "Transform" into what? They're being good people, they're being the best people in the world, good people that transcend everyday people. What are you trying to "transform" them into? What is "transformation"? The evil has really displayed all sorts of ugly acts. I said a long time ago, attacking goodness is definitely evil.

So all things aside, in this persecution the evil beings have the worst purpose, while the old forces that have manipulated the evil also have their purpose. And what's their purpose? On the surface they're using those evil beings to do evil to Dafa disciples and Dafa in order to have Dafa disciples be supposedly "matured through tempering" and to weed out those who don't deserve to

be Dafa disciples. They then use the sins that the evil beings have committed against Dafa disciples to destroy them and purify the cosmos. This is what the old forces have arranged. Sounds so noble, doesn't it? But it's not! Their real purpose is to get what they want out of this. This isn't cultivation on a small scale, but the cosmos going through Fa-rectification. Everything is too trivial to mention compared to the Fa-rectification; nothing begins to compare. Situations in personal cultivation cannot be compared with the Fa-rectification. It doesn't matter how high a level the old forces are at, if they can't handle this relationship properly, they are in danger and will be weeded out during the cosmos' Fa-rectification; all the countless beings who've been knocked down because of this were from very high levels. What's most horrifying is that in their involvement, layer upon layer of old forces have arranged that they themselves would eliminate the old forces at a layer below. They did so because they knew that the beings that have directly done bad things can't possibly pay for the sins committed against Dafa during this evil drama.

The truth becomes higher at each higher level, and when you look at things from a higher level, what's arranged at the next level down to supposedly "help Dafa" is a sin, so their intention is to have even those who are manipulating be weeded out in the Fa-rectification, since they've sinned against Dafa, too, when measured with higher truths. But they don't know that those at a level higher will look at them the same way and will knock them down, too, in the same way. So, the old forces at each level are continuously eliminating the ones at a level

below. But that's not what I want. None of the beings are worthy of participating in this. Yet they have participated with their own motives. I have, however, taught them the Fa constantly and told them about these things. I treat all the different sentient beings the same. Of course, these old forces are attached to what they want to do and to what they want to gain. They are doing it stubbornly, doing it callously, and doing it under the manipulation of those above them. So in the end, the entire old forces are weeding themselves out until they're no more.

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

As Dafa disciples, we're against this persecution. And as your Master I don't acknowledge this thing, and I don't acknowledge the whole arrangement the old forces made. This has made the old forces go even madder. So sometimes it's not just the evil beings who are taking part in the persecution, but even some high-level beings

of the old forces are participating in it. During the Fa-rectification all beings are choosing for themselves the paths ahead. What all lives are facing is indeed that they themselves are choosing their future.

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

A little while back a lot of students were thinking: The CCP is going to hold its 16th Congress soon. If that head demon in China, that wretch of humanity, steps down, then won't our Dafa be redressed? Who'd want to carry that burden for it, and who'd be as stupid as it is? This kind of thinking isn't wrong in the ordinary society, but

it's not right for a cultivator. With this Dafa, and with so many magnificent future Gods forged through Dafa cultivation, magnificent Dafa disciples, how could we place hope on some ordinary person? Isn't that an insult to ourselves? Could human beings control Gods? But a lot of our Dafa disciples were thinking this way. It's not a big deal if one person thinks this way, and it's not a big deal if two people think this way, either—that's an issue of their personal cultivation. But if everybody thinks this way, then what kind of phenomenon is it among the larger group of Dafa disciples? A major disturbance, a strong attachment. This won't do. I saw it, and the old forces saw it, too. The old forces thought, "What's happening here?" So they made the outcome of the CCP's 16th Congress even worse.

As I've said, actually everything that happens today in ordinary society is brought about by Dafa disciples' thoughts. Even though the old forces do exist, if you don't have those thoughts they'll have no way to do anything. When your righteous thoughts are strong enough the old forces have no way to do a thing. If someone in ordinary society really did restore our Dafa's name, think about it, while human beings could perhaps do this, have you thought about it: How high a position would I have to place that person? Isn't this the case? You're cultivators, and all changes come in the process of your cultivation and the Fa-rectification; everything that you yourselves validate and enlighten to and everything that you'll receive comes from this path you are walking on. Never think that the old forces would do us any favor, or that ordinary society would help us with anything. You are

the ones saving ordinary society, and you are the ones saving sentient beings!

Whether you've been persecuted or been under pressure in ordinary society, your human attachments inevitably have an effect, so some ordinary people's thoughts might surface, but don't think too much of it. Fa-rectification disciples, the persecution has already come to this stage, and Dafa has already come to this stage in the Fa-rectification: What's there for you to still be afraid of? Haven't you already seen your future clearly? So when it comes to those evil beings and their arrangements, as long as your righteous thoughts are strong enough you can reject them, repel them, so they will have no effect. But you are among ordinary people, and in facing these things, although you've had different takes on things, and there might even be more of you who've had different understandings and displayed some human thoughts, it's not all that surprising. That's because in cultivation, in the process of your improvement, your path of validating Dafa, of saving sentient beings, and of moving toward final Consummation is going to be bumpy. Walk well every step ahead once you come to a clear understanding; this is critical.

As I've said, if no beings had persecuted Dafa they could all have a benevolent solution. But I knew that if beings in this cosmos were all that good then there wouldn't be Fa-rectification. They were sure to surface, only with different forms. So that created a test for our Dafa disciples. That's all. This is a kind of natural manifestation. But this type of arrangement by the old forces, such a thorough arrangement, this really systematic arrangement that

goes from top to bottom, that's a first. And this massive tribulation really is enormous. What you experience and perceive is just the manifestation in human society, but what I see is utterly shocking to beings in the entire cosmos. Maybe mankind can't understand what I'm saying. But when mankind sees the display of the cosmic bodies going through re-creation arrive at the surface of our Milky Way, then they'll believe everything. *(Applause)*

Like I just said, during the entire Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples have done really well as a whole, and Dafa disciples have become more and more mature through the tempering. In validating the Fa, no matter what form Dafa disciples use to save sentient beings, and no matter how you contribute, or what methods you use, you are validating the Fa, and you are forging ahead on the path of clarifying the facts. You're doing better and better, too, and becoming more and more rational. You're cooperating better and better with each other as Dafa disciples. In the past a lot of students may have had the experience that when our Dafa disciples wanted to do something, arguments would occur, and they could be quite heated sometimes, even to the point of affecting your major task of validating the Fa when the human thoughts came out. As your understanding of the Fa improves and your human thoughts are whittled away, this behavior becomes less and less intense. So why do arguments happen? It's in fact because that little bit of stuff not yet removed at your human surface is at work. But when your righteous thoughts are very strong it will not have an effect. You all know that the Fa is good, that you should safeguard the Fa, that you have to do things, and that you have to

go save sentient beings and validate the Fa. When your righteous thoughts aren't up to par your human thoughts get mixed in. You then get agitated like an ordinary person gets, and some people even feel they've just got to insist on their own ideas, and this, along with other factors, has resulted in some situations that shouldn't happen among Dafa disciples. You've done fairly well recently, because you are becoming more and more mature.

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

start arguing wouldn't that be a mess? This kind of thing doesn't exist where they are.

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

As Dafa disciples, in your cultivation in the ordinary human world, you all have a clear understanding based on the Fa's principles, namely, not to be attached to the gain and loss of ordinary people. This includes things in your validating the Fa, there too you shouldn't insist on offering "my ideas" or on having it "my way," so that you can establish mighty virtue in the cosmos. It is not so. If you've got a good idea, you came up with it, you're being responsible to the Fa, and it's not important whether your idea is adopted and your method is used. If another

person's idea can achieve the same effect and you aren't attached to your own idea and instead you go along with his, then whether you've shared your method or not, Gods will all see this and think, "Look, he isn't attached, and he's able to be so broadminded and tolerant." What do Gods look at? Isn't this what they look at? When you're attached to emphasizing yourself you are digging into a bull's horn and the Gods watching above can't stand it. Even though you keep claiming it's for the good of Dafa, and that "my method is good" and can reach such and such goal—and maybe that really is the case—still, we shouldn't be attached too much like ordinary people. If you can really do this, all the Gods will say, "This person is truly remarkable." It's not that Gods see that your idea worked and so they raise your level. Instead, they only raise your level when they see that your understanding of it has improved. This is a truth in the righteous Fa. If you're thinking, "I'll be able to have XYZ if I gain such and such amount of merit," well, that's how it works for an ordinary person, and it might be what's looked at as far as certain facets of the cosmos' Fa-truths go or in a particular situation. But true improvement is to let go, not to gain. (*Loud applause*)

We have a lot of students who've really been improving fast as they continue to cultivate. And you've especially done better and better as a whole in improving together, and in cooperating with each other. Now it's a matter of how you can do even better and more carefully the things that now need to be done. As Dafa disciples, you shouldn't put your hopes in so-called natural changes, external changes, changes in the ordinary society, or in

favors that someone might do for us. You are actually Gods, and you are actually the future rulers of different cosmoses, so who would you count on? All the beings are counting on you! (*Applause*) This is truly how it is. The cosmos's truth will be revealed in the near future, and at that time whether we have done well or poorly will be set, settled just the way it goes. As long as this affair hasn't ended there's still an opportunity. Each one of us is walking his own path, and consummating his own Attainment Status. On the path of validating the Fa and saving sentient beings, you will be able to see everything in the future—whether you've done well as Dafa disciples, including even the little things in your entire process of Fa-rectification, which you will see very clearly. Of course, the evil and the bad beings can't see the future. The sentient beings that you've saved, and those sentient beings who have come, understand what's going on as you clarify the truth, they too will soon witness the magnificent scene of your Consummation. (*Applause*) And that will definitely be open and dignified.

Of course, recently some things have happened among our Dafa disciples. There are a lot of things Master can't really tell you about, especially during this particular period of time, I cannot tell you. The reason being, the old forces think that if I tell you, they'll make things even harder for you. That's why I didn't tell you until now about even the issue of your cooperating with each other. Because you've already done well and are able to handle things, and gradually come to a clear understanding—only then do I talk about it.

Some students say with their lips, "I reject the old

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

During the course of their cultivation in the past, a lot of disciples were sent by the old forces to come interfere with things and play a negative role. But, they rejected that, they developed righteous thoughts through cultivation, they do not want to do that, and they've become Dafa disciples. There are some, however, who have acted a bit poorly, and so they've been led by the old forces, making a lot of things go unexpectedly. What I want to talk about here isn't this group. What I'm going to talk about are our true Dafa disciples who have recently come across some problems. Of course, those are isolated cases, but you all

know about them and you've been thinking about them. The truth is that some of you have reincarnated time and time again over the course of history, and while you were in human society, in dark delusion, you might very well have signed some kind of pact with the old forces, like for example, "During the Fa-rectification I will do such and such or take such and such path on a certain day." At that time, seen from the laws of the old Fa it was absolutely correct, so a few of you students have signed that type of pact, and that's why from time to time some things happen among our Dafa disciples. The goal behind those problems is this: the old forces think that some students believe that once they cultivate Dafa they have nothing to worry about. "As long as I'm a Dafa disciple I won't be in any kind of danger." So they saw this and thought: "This wouldn't do. Isn't this like getting some kind of insurance? Once they learn Dafa they're not worried about anything. Isn't that a huge attachment in and of itself?" So those old forces caused trouble in Dafa. That's how these things came about. But when they caused trouble why didn't the countless Law Bodies Master has and the countless righteous Gods who safeguard the Fa do anything about it? It's because some of our Dafa disciples signed some sort of pact with the old forces back in history, and so the old forces have latched onto this fact with a death grip and won't let go.

But it's not that you can't get rid of it. As I just said, even if you did sign some kind of pact in the past, if today your righteous thoughts are very strong, you don't recognize it, and you insist on not wanting it, then you will be able to reject it. But it is a bit hard for you to handle in

a case like this. What's hard is that the old forces won't let you go that easily, they'll try to take advantage of your gaps, and when you're just a little bit off they'll seize the opportunity. So when your righteous thoughts are very strong they can't take advantage of you, and this is because in Fa-rectification Dafa doesn't acknowledge the old forces' arrangements, and I, as your Master, don't acknowledge them either. Of course, each one of our Dafa disciples says that we don't recognize the old forces' arrangements, but that's not something you just say—you have to follow the requirements of Dafa and the Fa-rectification. "I absolutely will not acknowledge any of those things you old forces arranged in the past. I don't even acknowledge you old forces." When your righteous thoughts are very strong you can repel it and you can reject their arrangements. (*Applause*) And that's because we absolutely cannot acknowledge them.

How could the beings in the cosmos arrange their own futures? That's absolutely not allowed. You'll know this law in the future. How did the cosmos come about? It came about from just one thought of the Enlightened Being of Dafa. (*Applause*) The single thought of each of the great enlightened beings at different levels created cosmoses at different levels. Those Great Enlightened Beings—those Gods who created the beings—they absolutely imagine if after that one thought created the cosmos the beings inside it were to say, "Don't create me in this way, you should create me in such and such way." Is it up to them? It's not. Those beings are really insignificant in the eyes of that God whose one thought created them. But they must meet the standard for a God, meet the Fa's

standard, and have great mercy and compassion. So the cosmoses they created are bound to be wonderful, and the thoughts they produce are pure and wonderful. Therefore a being must meet the standard for the cosmos's beings at various levels, and this is considered extremely crucial. So in other words, we can't acknowledge the arrangements that the old forces made for us, no matter what they did, because they, too, are candidates to be saved, only that they've chosen to be weeded out. How could someone who's to be saved choose how he's saved? It's like he falls into water and someone tries to save him, but he says: "You can't save me directly with your hands. You have to save me with a boat that I like." How could that be?

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

That's all I'm going to say, because two days ago when those students who are working on the TV project had a meeting I said a lot to them. They asked a lot of questions that are representative, so today I won't answer questions for you. I plan to ask them to process the audio recording from that day, and after I revise it I'll publish it. The

questions they asked that day are common among you; they were all questions that you want to know about and resolve. That's all I'll say. Thank you! (*Applause*)

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

Teaching the Fa at the Conference in Vancouver, Canada, in 2003

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(Long applause) I just saw some of you in the audience at the last Fa conference. It seems like our Fa conferences are held more often around summertime. The Fa conferences in different regions all want me to attend. Actually, every time I see you it's because I have things to say to you. Usually when different regions hold Fa conferences they all want Master to attend and say a few words. But, sometimes you haven't fully grasped the requirements I laid out for you in the previous lecture, and then if I say more it will easily dilute your understanding from the previous lecture and the things you need to do. So I can't attend Fa conferences that often. Actually, today I don't have anything in particular to talk about, but I promised the students in Vancouver a long time ago that I would

come when they held a Fa conference, so I came this time.
(*Warm applause*)

You've been working hard. I've seen what you've done clarifying the facts and going to the consulates and embassies to validate the Fa. At this Fa conference there are some inconveniences with students' meals and lodging. When I got here I saw you walking around in the streets. No matter how trying it is, your goal is clear: in difficult situations we are able to save sentient beings and succeed in cultivating ourselves; in this cultivation process we constantly temper ourselves and become purer and purer and more and more able to meet higher standards, and meanwhile, this evil persecution has made you more and more rational and come to know better and better how to confront the evil drama and this persecution. So, no matter how agonizing it is or how hard it is, as Dafa disciples, we aren't going after anything among ordinary people, and all of us are clear about our ultimate goal: we just want to achieve the Consummation of a cultivator. What we want to obtain is something ordinary people could never obtain. Therefore in this process you start from an ordinary person and reach a level that completely transcends ordinary people, and on top of that, you're cultivating in the ordinary society, and you have to meet higher standards—standards that transcend human society—and accomplish things that all cultivators throughout history have wanted to but never could accomplish. For Dafa disciples this is both significant and serious. So the things you do to validate the Fa and save sentient beings encompass how you improve yourselves, how you eliminate areas where you have gaps

and attachments, as well as all types of shortcomings. This way, no matter what forms you use from ordinary society in validating the Fa, you're cultivating, no matter what you do you're improving, and no matter what you do you should do it with a cultivator's state of mind and not from the base of an ordinary person.

It's clear what our starting point is. As a cultivator, the essence of what you are doing is improving yourself and cultivating yourself, and, amid this persecution exposing the evil, bringing the persecution to an end, and rejecting the old forces' arrangements. So a lot of the things you do look like what ordinary people do, but their essence is different. The fundamental difference is that our ultimate goal and our starting point are different from theirs. We're only utilizing some ordinary means in ordinary society. Ordinary society, too, is a level that the Fa has created for humankind, so at this level we validate the Fa by making use of the culture that the Fa created for ordinary people and the various forms in which it can exist. I think there's nothing wrong with these things.

You know, good and evil coexist in human society. But Dafa cultivators act completely out of goodness, and this has a positive effect on humankind; on society; on people's thinking, behavior, and moral values; and on us cultivators. The spread of Dafa has in fact achieved a huge, positive effect—a very good effect—on society, human beings, and cultivators themselves, and everything that's manifest has been positive. We're clear about this, and so are ordinary people in society. Under the evil persecution, some people were used and controlled by evil beings back then, and they said things that weren't from their hearts,

things that appeared to mean something but didn't really, and things that didn't come from their own thinking—that was caused by the evil's manipulation. Today when human beings say something about Dafa they have to be responsible to themselves. Before, people could say that those words weren't their own intentions, since people were controlled and deceived by external evil beings. But, when the circumstance is that the external beings have been cleared away and people say something, then that's truly people speaking on their own, and so they have to take responsibility for it.

I am being merciful and compassionate. I can disregard the bad things people have done to, or have said about, Dafa disciples and me during this persecution, as well as the things they've done to make the situation worse. Of course, that excludes those who've caused great damage to Dafa—those ones aren't savable. The Fa can indeed save everything, and you've heard Master tell you that I can turn everything, however bad, into the best. I can do all that; Dafa can do that. But some malicious people have committed such sins for themselves during this persecution that they no longer deserve to hear what Dafa disciples have to say and no longer deserve for Dafa to save them. In other words, in this persecution they've already positioned themselves for their futures and lost the chance to be saved. These people, then, aren't included. I've said that no matter how bad a being had become throughout history, he'd still have a chance. Whether he's in the human dimension or any other dimension of any level, as long as he hasn't sinned against Dafa during this persecution, then no matter how huge his sins were

during the course of history in the ordinary society or in any other dimension of any level, I can save him. And I've said this to you before: I disregard the past wrongs of any being in history. That's because even the cosmos is no longer good, and beings can no longer be compared to beings during the stage of formation and stasis, so when everything is no longer good I don't want to compare and pick which ones are relatively better. I just want to save everyone, and as long as they don't sin against the Fa-rectification itself, I can still save them. I've been holding fast to this principle to do things. (*Applause*)

There are often students who ask me about those people who want to learn Dafa but who've acted as spies for the evil that persecutes Dafa, and who've persecuted the Fa-rectification. These people have sinned against Dafa, but they are still among Dafa students. In terms of their knowing sides they don't want to leave Dafa, yet in terms of their human sides they've been driven by their human notions and human attachments and done some things that have harmed Dafa disciples and the Fa-rectification. So with these people, whom I still call "students," the problems are really serious and grave. But it's not that they can't be rescued, nor that they can't be saved. They're still different from other beings. Right now the Fa-rectification hasn't ended, and there's still a chance to validate the Fa. In other words, then, there's still a chance to make up for it. I look at a being comprehensively from his entire history. If somebody is truly a Dafa disciple, if he was truly a very good being in the past but did something wrong momentarily in this environment, then he's still different from an ordinary

person who has sinned against Dafa. After they make up for the loss they can still make it, and if they do well, there will be greater mighty virtue awaiting them all the same. *(Applause)*

I've said before that in ordinary society, it does not matter what your position is or what your job is, even if you work as a spy, a special agent. You have special jobs or tasks, so you are called a special agent, with special missions. Nonetheless, as a being, you shouldn't truly miss this extremely rare and precious opportunity just because your job is special; you can't ruin the chance that beings have been waiting tens of thousands of years for just because of your line of work. That's how I look at beings. Of course, back when I was teaching the Fa the door to salvation was left wide open—I didn't choose you based on any social class, occupation, or status. I don't look at those things at all. There is no difference between rich and poor, no distinction between social classes, no separation whether you're smart or not, and no discrimination based on education and ethnicity—I don't make any distinctions. I don't look at any of the distinctions that human beings draw, and I have none of these distinctions. I treat everyone the same; that's how I do it. And that certainly includes those special agents, and those who even take on spy work in order to find out more about Dafa.

Of course, as you may recall, I, your Master, have been treating sentient beings with the greatest mercy. So if despite all of this I still can't save you, then there have to be consequences in store for such people. You know, a lot of students want to see me, and a lot of ordinary people

want to see me. Upon seeing me some people get excited without knowing why, and once they see me some people feel especially warm and close. Some people feel so moved that they want to cry. That's because their knowing sides all know that whoever sees me, I will help him, *(Applause)* and I can reduce the sins and karma he made throughout history. *(Applause)* So no matter what your job is or what you do, as long as you see me, I'll have your kind thoughts emerge, and as long as you see me I'll reduce your sins and your karma amid your kind thoughts. *(Applause)* In fact, everyone in the world has a knowing side, and they're aware. Or to put it another way, it doesn't matter what you've done or what you do, I will treat you this way. *(Applause)* Maybe this is the "greatest mercy" that people talk about. Of course, that's how it manifests among the beings at this level. I treat people like this, and I treat the world's people like this. If under this kind of mercy and under a tolerance completely surpassing how ordinary people treat beings, still people are harming Dafa and letting down the Dafa disciples who are trying to save them, then Buddha Fa has its dignity. If they still don't do well under such mercy, then there's absolutely no hope for their existence.

You know about SARS in China, well, back in the past the old forces decided that eight million people in China would be eliminated. Instead of being repentant they're still hiding the facts there. Out of compassion for human beings, [Master] wants to give human beings more chances and doesn't want to have so many people die. But instead of being repentant, they're even using SARS to persecute Dafa disciples and they're covering

up the facts. The people in power are ordinary people too, and they too are subject to divine punishment. Gods are warning the world's people, and yet people still want to cover things up and prevent the world's people from learning their lessons. Then just wait until even worse punishment comes from the heavens! In other words, while I'm treating all beings with the greatest mercy, if some beings still can't come through, then I'll leave you alone, and there will of course be other ways to deal with you. To put it another way, the Buddha Fa is merciful, and it also has the dignified nature of Gods, and people aren't allowed to just do whatever they want and not take Gods' mercy seriously. That's an act of blasphemy toward Gods.

When I taught the Fa last time I brought up how some students have made mistakes that they shouldn't have. Actually, as long as you're steadfast in studying the Fa well, and as long as you can correct yourself and conduct yourself well again, you're still a Dafa disciple. Just start anew and do well, that's all, and don't dwell on it too heavily. If in your mind you take it to be so grave it'll create another situation where you feel pressured by regret and worry, and then you will sink into the attachment and you won't be able to break out of it. The whole cultivation process of a Dafa disciple is a process of removing human attachments. No matter what it is you've experienced, once you realize the problem just correct it immediately; if you fall, just get up and continue to do what a Dafa disciple should do. In that case the mistake you made will just be counted as a test you didn't handle well during your cultivation, you can try to get through it again, and there will be more opportunities for you to pass the test

again. That's all. Master can't count these things you do during your cultivation as a big deal. For those who can't pull out of their situations or who repeat the mistakes, it's a different story, then. You can't develop new attachments because you've made a mistake.

Before when I taught the Fa I didn't use to put things too strongly, the reason being, I didn't want to create mental burdens for you or cause other attachments. And it's for this reason that I rarely teach the Fa to a student individually. Once I teach the Fa to a person and point out his shortcomings, just think about it, his mind will be really burdened since the words came from my mouth. That's why I rarely teach the Fa to somebody one-on-one. When I teach the Fa I talk about widely applicable things and speak in a broad sense. And when it comes to problems that are minor, that are off to the side, or that are isolated issues, and when they don't interfere with Dafa students as a whole, then there's no need for me to bring them up. That's because during the cultivation process the students will see those things among themselves and they'll point them out to those people, pointing out the shortcomings. And even if those people can't realize it at the moment since they have attachments, they'll gradually come to realize it. Only when problems arise in the body at large or that have to do with Dafa's overall situation, or when there's a problem with the situation of your validating Dafa, only then do I talk about it. For example, right now in a few regions of mainland China there are still people spreading fake scriptures, and some people are so attached that they're even memorizing them, and they don't just memorize them, they even go around

promoting them among students. What attachment is driving them to do this? They're doing that because the fake scriptures contain things they're attached to and things that fit with their human attachments. You say they are intentionally damaging the Fa, but I don't feel that way. It's because they have attachments and have human thoughts that they're doing this; they've done things that the evil wants to do, interfering with Dafa disciples' validating the Fa.

I've actually attended Fa conferences in Canada several times now. *(Applause)* There are three main ones, which impressed you deeply. The first time, as you know, was before "July 20" was about to occur. The second time was when the suppression and persecution were really severe. That one was held in Ottawa and I went there. This time, it's when the evil is being completely eliminated on a large scale, and Fa-rectification is moving at a torrid pace, eliminating the evil at a very fast speed and breaking through the human dimension. It's at this time that I'm here to meet with you. So these three Fa conferences in Canada are quite telling. *(Long applause)*

The Canadian students, I should say, have done a great job, and this is reflected in a lot of different things. The key is that you are cooperating well, and there haven't been many cases where you let personal attachments affect your validating Dafa. And there haven't been too many cases among you where you insist on your own opinions to the point that you can't let go. There hasn't been much friction among the students. You've cooperated with each other fairly well, so you are able to create such a good situation in terms of validating the Fa. And of course,

Canada is a special place. The Canadian government and people have given a lot of support and sympathy to Dafa and the Dafa disciples, for which we should thank the Canadian people and government. *(Warm applause)*

So looking at these three Fa conferences and thinking back, we can see clearly the differences in the situation. I've met with the students in Canada three times, and the changes in the situation in between those three times have been enormous. You've all seen it. When the persecution first started the pressure was quite intense. When I taught the Fa in Canada before July 20, 1999, a lot of what I said was actually to hint at things to the world's people—I was telling the world's people something. A person has a knowing side. While teaching the Fa I'm not just speaking to human beings, the layers upon layers of me's are speaking to beings at different levels. Since anything that happens at this human place isn't isolated, it's a reflection of cosmic changes at the lowest level. It's just like what I've said before: truths are different at different levels. From a higher level the truths at lower levels are wrong, but truths are truths at their own respective levels. One thing has different states, manifestations, and standards at different levels; the higher the level the closer to the truth. But overall the truths are running through the levels, manifesting at different levels as truths of different levels. Beings at each level, then, have different states and different understandings of the truths. The lower it gets, the lower the requirements and the poorer the conduct of beings. When it gets to this lowest level of human beings, this is how beings behave, and it's close to the worst. The old forces made very specific arrangements

for this evil persecution. I'm restraining the evil here, and those righteous, Fa-Guardian Gods are doing that, too. The old forces have their arrangements, but in fact the evil is being restrained, too. When the evil puts its evilness to work, it acts like it is terribly domineering, but when it gets to the actual effects it's very weak. Of course, when the wicked humans act on the evil's behalf, as long as the Dafa disciples' righteous thoughts don't have omissions and are strong, then the wicked people will become timid and they'll even be subdued by the righteous thoughts. This is the situation. Overall the evil cannot accomplish whatever it wants to, and that's because Gods have been in control after all. While the old forces have their arrangements, they're just trying to bring about the situation that they need, and the old forces haven't been able to do whatever they want at will either, because what I want to do and the righteous Gods' restraints on them prevent the old forces from succeeding in the many things they set out to do.

The old cosmos has old truths. Any being, before he's rectified by the Fa, he can't see anything that's post Fa-rectification, and he can't see the true manifestation of the new Fa since he isn't worthy. When a being can truly see the manifestation of the new Fa and the new cosmos, then he's equivalent to a new being, and he'll naturally do things accordingly. They can't see those things because they are beings that belong to the cosmos of the past, and so they can't see the future that doesn't belong to the cosmos of the past. And this future isn't the things that were arranged during the historical period of the old cosmos, where there are fast and slow times and

differences among different dimensions, and which are things the Gods of the old cosmos can see. Inside this different, new cosmos, everything's been rearranged—the time, the dimensions, the beings, the mechanisms, or the Fa. It's not connected to anything of the old cosmos, and the beings of the old cosmos can't see it. If they could they would surpass the abilities of all Gods. So they're going by the old Fa, following the order of the old cosmos, and doing what they want to do. A lot of things are indeed hard to change. Sometimes I ask them to do certain things and they think it's groundless, so they don't dare to do them. They're just beings of this time period, so they think that that is the right way to do things. When they don't do anything at all, they are already behaving well.

Actually, the ones who've been interfering with the Fa-rectification are the gang of old forces. Relatively more beings in the gigantic cosmos haven't taken part in it, and their state is one of observation. But, once the overall, immense current of Fa-rectification arrives, whether they've been observing it or taking part in it, they will all be resolved in the Fa-rectification; those who should be assimilated will be assimilated, those who should be benevolently resolved will be benevolently resolved, and with those who can't be assimilated or benevolently resolved, if their levels should be lowered their levels will be lowered, and those who've committed crimes and should be cast down will be cast down. I'd say it's not easy for a being to enter the future, it's no easy thing, and that's because the future doesn't belong to the beings of this cycle. If you look at it from the perspective of the old understandings, for beings of this cycle to enter the future,

for them to enter the next cycle of cosmic bodies that don't belong to them, that was quite impossible. During this Fa-rectification I have been treating everything and all beings with the greatest mercy, and so I wanted to assimilate these beings and get them over there from this old cosmos, and that's why I set out to do Fa-rectification of the cosmos. If this weren't the case, there wouldn't be any opportunities at all for the beings of this cycle to go to the future. The future doesn't belong to them; it doesn't belong to these beings of the present. So if someone wants to go to the future he has to meet the requirements of the future.

Of course, for a being at the present time that's not achievable, and it's really hard for him to conform to it. But there's one point: my Fa is being spread, and layer upon layer of sentient beings all know it, and a lot of beings are learning it and reading it. There's Zhuan Falun at every level, the truths at each level are different, and the words inside appear different, and they're all the truth of the new cosmos at different levels. A lot of beings are reading it and assimilating themselves to it. The reason is, this is something that's never happened before since extremely remote times, since the creation of Heaven and Earth in the cosmos, and it's something sentient beings never dared to think about, that is, being able to cross such a large span in history, since that history doesn't belong to any of the beings in the present cosmos. Everything in this history and all beings in the cosmos are living in this environment—this history has enabled beings to perform their role of existence in this environment. To truly enter the future that doesn't belong to this history, it actually has nothing to do with them. It's unlike this old cosmos,

where when the cosmic bodies at different levels become no longer good they get destroyed and then new ones are created. That process sounds the same as the creation of the new and destruction of the old universes by sentient beings at different levels in the colossal firmament, but it's in fact completely different. Regardless of how the different cosmic bodies in the cosmos are destroyed and recreated, they're still the result of the one thought and the ability of a higher being in this cosmos at a high level. In other words, this being still follows the old cosmos's standards and arrangements. That's because for a larger being, the cosmic bodies beneath him are all part of his body, and when a certain cell is eliminated during the metabolic process, the cell is still recreated according to his own mechanisms, his own characteristics, and the things of his own universe—everything is done by him. But when the entire cosmos is truly gone, it's just like this being has died, and later on, at a certain time, when a being is recreated, it has nothing to do with the being that died. What I'm talking about here isn't like what I said about how when the soul leaves the flesh body it's like taking off his clothes and changing into other clothes; it's not this type of connection, and it has no relationship to the past.

All of the three parts of a being dissolves and ceases to exist, and no matter how high the being is, nothing's left. This concept, in terms of the end of this firmament, is an empty one for all beings of this cosmos; they're all baffled by it and don't understand it; it's something beyond their comprehension. Even if their imagination is expanded it's still limited to what a being can think or know about in this cosmos within the extent of wisdom produced

by the beings of this cycle. The Fa-rectification, as major as it is, means nothing to them. And what's more, the sentient beings are all taken by surprise when faced with all the things in Fa-rectification. They all know that the truths I taught are good, but the old truths are there, and they were created during the degeneration and destruction periods by the old truths. That's why the Fa-rectification's requirement for these beings is that they don't do anything.

The most fortunate ones are those who haven't made a move during the Fa-rectification period—they've just been quietly observing. This is because I want to save them all; I'll make all these beings assimilate to and go over to the new cosmos. But the old forces saw that many beings had committed numerous sins in history, they thought that those beings shouldn't be saved and shouldn't be kept, and they felt certain that they're in control of my Fa-rectification, so they arranged for the weeding out of these beings during my Fa-rectification. So why do they, when it comes to the beings in this world, make those vicious policemen so cruel, violent, and fierce, and why do they make those low-level evil things do evil? Their goal is to eliminate certain people of the world and Dafa students that they don't think highly of, making both those evildoers and their victims commit such huge sins. Those whose levels are a bit higher don't do these things directly. They think that since they're Gods, they are holy and pure and they don't want to stick their hands in a pile of garbage to directly stir things around, and that's because once they come here they'll fall down. So they have beings at each level control beings

immediately below theirs. The old forces at different levels are doing things that interfere with Fa-rectification at each level, and that's why when it gets to the human world the evil beings act more viciously. Never before has Fa-rectification been done in history. No matter how perilous the situation gets, Fa-rectification remains an unprecedented opportunity for all sentient beings. The Fa has existed for a long time; I came with this almighty, this harmonizing, this unprecedented, and this best Fa. (*Warm applause*)

But for Dafa disciples who came to validate the Fa and for beings in the entire cosmos, they are simply fulfilling the concrete realization of the Fa's salvation. In other words, this Fa was here long ago, and it's just a question of how sentient beings act according to this Fa, or as I put it, how they assimilate over—it just involves this process, that's all. I've said before that nobody can damage this Fa. It's not that I'm creating some Fa while I'm doing things. The Fa has existed since a very long time ago. It's just a matter of how sentient beings are assimilated to the Fa, that's all. The more wisdom a being has the more highly he thinks of himself, but there are realities that even a being with a great deal of wisdom can't see at his level. Any thought he has toward the Fa-rectification affects him a great deal. One thought of his can make layer after layer of sentient beings sin against the Fa-rectification, and then he'd have sinned against the Fa-rectification. No matter how gigantic a being is, he will still face this issue, because no being of this cosmos belongs to the future cosmos, and no matter how much of the true situation they can see they still can't see what's ultimate.

So even for the final, last beings of the cosmos this could be a huge catastrophe—once their thought emerges, they can't escape the catastrophe. I'm using human words to describe things this way and calling it a catastrophe. Without Fa-rectification there wouldn't be saving sentient beings, and everything that's recreated would not include anything in the old cosmos. So this is in fact the greatest mercy toward the beings in the cosmos. (*Applause*)

You know, beings of different levels of the cosmos, different cosmic bodies, different firmaments, and different colossal firmaments are created by the single thought of a high-level God. Even as I was just saying this, there are some beings sitting up there feeling quite pleased with themselves. They think that everything was created by one single thought of theirs. But those who are above them are laughing at them—"All of it was created by a single thought of mine." And those who are at even higher levels are thinking this way, too. This is because none of them know that there are even more gigantic Lords above them. But the one who truly sees how laughable they are is me. (*Applause*) This Fa-rectification is the biggest opportunity for them and the greatest mercy toward them, yet they all want to control all of this. They think that what they have in their control is the best and that they're helping me with Fa-rectification. They even forcefully push their best things on me. Think about it, when they push things on me, how much of an impediment, how big an obstacle, are they making for me? And when you don't want their things they think that you're rejecting the best things, and so it's the same as your destroying this cosmos, it's the same as your

destroying the future. That's how they see it, because they only have that much wisdom and they can understand only that much.

Almost all of the levels upon levels of beings within the old forces' system think and act this way, and that's what caused the obstructions in the Fa-rectification. When that one thought of theirs manifests at the cosmos' lowest level it brings about the worst effects. The lower and worse the beings are, the worse and more wicked the things they do. That's in fact how this whole persecution came about. Actually, the levels upon levels of beings that I just talked about—just now I wasn't talking about the beings inside those immense cosmic bodies anymore; I was talking about those main bodies, Kings, bigger main bodies, and Kings of Kings of different, immense cosmic bodies. I was talking about those beings. Think about how many levels upon levels, countless, boundless, measureless Gods, Buddhas, Daos, and sentient beings there are in the firmament. There's no point in talking about them, as what they do, or what they're doing specifically, is all caused by what their main bodies do.

The cosmos is just so immense, so once Master talks about it, it will get to very broad and high levels, because what I face now are all issues like these, and what I'm dealing with right now are all issues like these. And what's reflected in the world of ordinary people all comes from what beings at those high levels have done. I don't teach the Fa casually; I also teach them the truth, and I teach specifically regarding these things. It sounds very high to those down below, but those of you sitting here are all Dafa disciples, so, after all, I'm not teaching something to

ordinary people. The things I'm talking about today are in fact hard for ordinary people to understand. But people can sense my compassion, they can sense energy, and they can sense that it's good for them. Yet those who truly understand what I'm teaching are only Dafa disciples. *(Applause)*

You haven't had lunch yet, so I don't want to say more. *(Long, enthusiastic applause asking Master to stay)*

Actually, no matter how much I say, you still have to cultivate through practice—that is what's first and foremost. Don't underestimate your Fa conference, as it's part of Dafa disciples' overall cultivation process. *(Applause)* So while you want to hear me teach even higher and about more things, and to go into more specifics, in fact, during cultivation you still have to proceed one step at a time. So before the Fa-rectification is over you should seize the time that's left and solidly do well in every thing that a Dafa disciple should do. That's how you should proceed on this path toward the future and toward what's the most magnificent; you can't miss any single opportunity, or go awry with any step.

It's really hard even just trying your best to walk your path well. During cultivation you're in fact constantly stumbling and falling and then picking yourself up to keep on going. But this society that you're facing that has been forged by this human science, this reality, is very enticing. So, when you're faced with this ordinary society, it's really hard to balance the relationship between a cultivator and an ordinary person, and it's hard to break out of all kinds of attachments. But no matter what, as Dafa disciples, you just keep righteous thoughts in your minds and try your

best to do well what you should do. You're cultivating while conforming to ordinary people to the maximum extent. You don't need to become monks or be like those people who've left the secular world behind. In fact, this is already the most convenient in terms of form. But when it comes to elevating your xinxing, there can be absolutely no compromise. Some people can detect it, and some might not be able to detect it, and you might not even detect that strongly your elevation and your improvement. But those things are absolutely strict. Whenever a part is fully cultivated it'll be immediately assimilated to the other side, and so on this side of yours you always feel as if you haven't improved much. The reason is, the changes at the surface are very small, whereas the changes at the core are huge. So in this state it's guaranteed that you can cultivate, guaranteed that you can improve, and guaranteed that in the cultivation process even when you slip and fall inadvertently it won't result in your dropping in level. That's because the side that has been fully cultivated was separated. Once separated, the side that's been fully cultivated won't make mistakes when the human body does, and so you won't easily drop in levels. This is in terms of normal cultivation. But as for those people who go to the opposite side at critical times or do things to persecute Dafa and Dafa disciples, it's a different matter. For cultivators, though, when it comes to raising the requirement on your xinxing and letting go of your attachments, there's absolutely no wiggle room, and the standard can absolutely not be lowered, because we need to be responsible to the future, and to the cosmos and the sentient beings of the future. Many Dafa disciples

will achieve the status of gigantic beings in the future, and they will encompass many sentient beings, even boundless beings. So if your standard is lowered, then that level of the cosmos won't last long and that level of the firmament won't last long, so you have to meet the standard.

However, don't get anxious because Master said that. I've never forced you into anything. You can cultivate while conforming to the ordinary society as much as possible. But as a cultivator, you need to know how you should act. Try your best to do well, and try your best to measure up to the standard for a cultivator. I'm very much against your immediately getting anxious as soon as you hear Master say something, and once you get anxious you immediately go to extremes and stop doing anything, thinking "I'll do only Fa-rectification things." You can't do that, because the path Dafa disciples take today will be the cultivation path of people in the future.

You've seen the effect religion has on society when human morality is on the wane. Not only can it not save people, but it also corrupts people's righteous faith. As for clergymen, monks, and cultivators, ordinary people have placed their trust and faith in Gods on them; they've placed their hopes on these people. So when those people don't do well, it's not just about an individual not doing well. When a cultivation group or a religion doesn't walk an upright path, it's not just a matter of it itself not walking an upright path. It will cause the entire society to degenerate and it'll cause problems for large groups of people. And at the same time, these people's disbelief in Gods is the most pitiable and the saddest thing for sentient beings, for those sentient beings that believe

in Gods. So in the future it's quite likely that there will be no such form as religion. Perhaps the textbooks that mankind studies in the future will have elements of Fa permeating them, and perhaps those who can do well, or do even better, in their social activities are in fact cultivating. Dafa disciples, when you recall everything that you're doing today, isn't it like this? Dafa doesn't have any tangible form in the world that makes it some kind of politics in society.

I'll have everything of the future go down the most righteous path. So, the people of the future will be blessed. As this human society will remain in the future, so it's a blessing for the beings in the future, for the sentient beings at different levels in the future, because it's an opportunity, and it's a part of Dafa's harmonizing and perfecting beings. So in comparison, the human society of the future will have great changes and differences from today's human society. Haven't a lot of people said that the people of the future would be blessed? For the cultivators of the past, cultivating was hard. Many people who wanted to cultivate thought of a way: to suffer and cultivate through suffering. Cultivating through suffering can indeed reduce karma, because you're cultivating, after all, so you can elevate. But even when they gave it all they had, their levels were still limited, and most of them couldn't go beyond the Three Realms. The reason was, there wasn't Fa to guide their cultivation, and they didn't know the Fa's standards and requirements at different levels. And it's hard for beings at various levels to be responsible for them. It's not that Gods weren't merciful to them, it's the law of mutual-generation and mutual-

inhibition at work in the cosmos. Whenever somebody has a thought, it produces different elements that are from both the positive and the negative sides. When you have a thought of goodness, evil emerges as well, and when you have an evil thought, it too has an effect. That's why many cultivators have said that "one thought generates good and evil." But who really knows the truth behind those words? Gods can't act rashly. Saving people isn't a trivial thing. Why was it that when Jesus saved people and was doing such a huge good deed, the beings in the Heavens controlled things like that? And why'd they even have him crucified? It appeared that he was suffering for humans' sins, but why would a God have to suffer for mankind's sins? Why didn't higher Gods intervene? Why couldn't Gods directly reduce humans' sins? In the past, these were laws in the cosmos, and everything was like that. From my perspective the old cosmos' Fa lacks wisdom in this regard, so next time it won't be like this. In the future a lot of huge changes will take place, so for sentient beings it will be wonderful all around, and such wickedness won't exist.

But, even though relatively speaking the law of mutual-generation and mutual-inhibition won't be absolute anymore in the future, it will still exist, and positive and negative beings will still exist. So when it comes to the worst, lowest level, even though it won't be as wicked as the lowest level before, the lowest level still won't be good. The people of the future will be blessed, but only compared to today's people. There will be the issue of creating karma, as well as suffering to eliminate mankind's karma, so there will be wars, plagues, and there will be disasters. It'll

definitely be this way. Otherwise, if mankind's sins became too much and they weren't eliminated and paid for through suffering, mankind would be annihilated. If a human being had no suffering he wouldn't know what happiness is; this human place can't possibly become heaven. Exactly because it has suffering, a person can cultivate here, and when he doesn't do well he can make karma. So human society will always be a special environment.

The greatest blessing given to mankind is that the future mankind won't have standards as low as the present mankind, and that is the greatest mercy. (*Applause*) When everything's no longer so wicked the environment will be elevated, relatively speaking. The suffering won't be so low, and everything will be maintained at a foundation that has a higher standard than the current mankind, and where everything will be evaluated by the Fa at this level. So as for the future people, those who are able to step into the future are blessed. And why is that? It's because Dafa was spread here, this place was created for Dafa, the beings here made their sacrifices, and they are credited for history's progression to this point today. So blessings will be given to the future beings and to the future mankind.

Of course, this isn't a simple issue. Everything in the cosmos correlates with each other, they are interconnected, and they harmonize with each other, and there are other factors and reasons at work, too. So in other words, when such changes happen in the world, in fact the different dimensions and levels in the entire cosmos correspondingly elevate their realms, too. Every level ... when the standard at this place of the Three Realms has elevated, then think about it, you can't

elevate to a level where you're together with Gods, so the places where Gods are have to elevate, too. And you can't have one level of Gods elevated to where another level of Gods is, either, so that level of Gods has to elevate, too. In other words, the standard at every level elevates. So in other words, the environment at every level will be better. Of course, to achieve these things, the firmament's mechanisms and such, and the Fa's wisdom and abilities have to reach that point, and as such, the way beings exist and every facet of things are made more wonderful.

What Dafa disciples are facing is establishing the best beings of the future. And that's why for all of you, when it comes to xinxing requirements, or the standard that you as cultivators can achieve, you don't have any wiggle room—you must reach the standard.

The Fa requires you to conform as much as possible to this ordinary society's way of life, so in order that you are able to live here, you can't have people regarding you as some kind of strange or odd person. Although a lot of monks and nuns are cultivating among us, religion is in fact just another form of human society's current condition. So in this way the paths that you take are in fact establishing the foundation for future beings. All of this isn't about using you as an experiment. The Fa has existed for a long time, and you're realizing it in action; it's just a process like this. The Fa-rectification is bound to succeed. You might have heard from various prophecies or people with abilities that mankind will meet with such and such a catastrophe. But nobody dares to say that this Fa-rectification won't succeed, because it will certainly succeed. The reason being, it doesn't matter whether

beings can realize in action the Fa's requirements for them, Fa-rectification will certainly succeed. That's because if the human race couldn't make it through in validating the Fa, the Fa would create all beings anew—the Fa has whatever is lacking, because everything is readily available. Speaking of mercy, it is my intention to have the beings of the old cycle assimilated and become part of the beings of the new cycle. That's what I want to do.

Over the course of history people have heard beings at different levels talking about such-and-such mercy, and even Gods at very high levels talk about mercy. But their ideas of mercy are limited to certain standards, and all of them are confined by their understandings and realms. This great mercy in the Fa-rectification, however, is unprecedented for beings in the entire cosmos. What's meant by "the Buddha's boundless grace"? (*Warm applause*) Of course, the beings of the future will see the Dafa disciples' saving of sentient beings. When you've succeeded in cultivation the beings of the future will know about your infinite Buddha's grace. But the people of the future won't know about me; only you can know about me, and that's because with sentient beings, they don't need to know—and actually they are not worthy to know—and it's enough for them to know you. Originally no one knew about me anyway, and in the future they still won't know. (*Master laughs*) (*Warm applause*)

Beings are complicated. The truth is, I've already realized in action the process of a human becoming a God. My flesh body is already governing the Falun Paradise, and in the future you'll see many me's of the past and, at that time, you might mistake them for me. In

fact, the essence of the true me's main body, the true Main Me, is hard for beings to know. But I know everything about you. (*Master laughs*) (*Long applause*)

When I came, I went through the process of descending level by level. Gods at very high levels have a unity of beings. At different levels there are different concepts and understandings of these beings. At very high levels where there are physical forms, unity of these beings is the composition of True Body, True Spirit, and Thought—that's it. That's how it is at very high levels. At even higher levels it's no longer the case, though—there, thought and body are one, there's no distinction. Now I'll just speak from the levels where Gods have forms, and the unity of those beings is of True Body, True Spirit, and Thought.

When I came down to the level that has physical forms, I began to assume a True Body, and then I descended step by step into the colossal firmament. Each time, I had the True Body descend alone. In other words, the real me is the True Body. I've said to you all along that I am at the most surface level, and this True Skin is me. That's because at any level I always assumed what's at the most surface level; I always assumed the True Body, so having arrived at this place of humans the True Body exists this time inside the flesh body. (*Applause*) Therefore, at different levels and in the past history I left quite a few of my True Spirits. They are all my True Spirits of the past at different levels. Over the remote ages, some of them thought that I wouldn't be able to return again, so they fashioned another body, all of which have my exact appearance at those times. So what this means is, in the universes of the future you'll see many of the past

me's. All of them can enter the new cosmos of the future after they are assimilated, because it's their mighty virtue and blessing to have been me. Each time I descended with the True Body—each time the body was about to descend—the True Spirit would not want me to descend, as they all knew that going down would entail a lot of hardship and would be no different from being destroyed. No matter how high a level a God comes from, in the eyes of Gods, when he eventually reaches this human place he has basically died. So as I descended level by level, from the outset on to the end, I always assumed the True Body. But even though this True Body has gone through numerous different levels over the course of a long history, where did this skin ultimately come from, and who is he? No being can know or understand. This time, I also descended to the human world along with a human body, and have resided on the outermost surface of a human form. What's different is that the True Body is inside my flesh body, but no being can find out or see my ultimate origin. When just now I said that it would be hard for beings in the future to know about me, that's what I meant.

I'd say that what I talked about today is pretty high-level. (*Applause*) But all the same, as Dafa disciples, after you hear what you've heard, just take it easy and don't form some kind of attachment. Gradually, as you go through the cultivation process, you will come to know some of it, and some of you might come to know all of it after you eventually reach Consummation.

Speaking of Consummation, your Consummation doesn't happen suddenly in one fell swoop, like with those

who cultivated dan in the past, where dan was blasted open all at once—it's not like that. So how does a Dafa disciple reach Consummation? That side that you've fully cultivated knows everything; it's all you. When this little bit of your most surface part also goes over, it'll be as if you naturally woke up from a slumber. That's how it will be, and there's no tremor. *(Applause)*

During your cultivation, when you see different truths of the Fa from the books, those are only the little bit of understanding you get here on the human side. You know, the real Buddha truths can't be completely unfolded right before a cultivator who still has a surface human body, so you only have a general understanding on this side, while the side that's fully cultivated already has a complete understanding in that realm. So to put it another way, while you're cultivating, whatever level you're supposed to be at, your fully cultivated part knows everything at each of the levels below you in that realm of the cosmos, and everything is completely before your eyes. This is true for all of your fully cultivated parts, all the way until the last part of you is fully cultivated, and you'll know everything as if it's very natural. On the surface it will be like you're waking up from sleep—"Aha"—and you'll just go about doing whatever you're supposed to do. This is how it is. *(Applause)*

Your thought at that time won't have this human way of thinking or structure, that is, the thought structure of your fully cultivated part will have been shaped according to a God's best standard. That way, the way of thinking won't enter into a low-level way of thinking, but you'll know everything at lower levels. Actually, you know, be it

Buddha Sakyamuni or some other God or Buddha, they know the thoughts of even cattle and horses, and they know the thoughts of even lower beings; they know it all, but they won't go inside there. They just know everything, that's all. In the future when you finish your cultivation as Dafa disciples, you'll see clearly everything that's below you, and you'll know everything. But your way of thinking won't be the same as theirs, you won't go inside there, and your thinking will be completely in your realm. So when you reach Consummation in the future, maybe it'll be like waking up from sleep, and you'll naturally come to know everything. That's because the part of you that's been fully cultivated has been over on the other side for a long time now—and time over there isn't the same as space-time in the human world—that side of you has spent a long time there and is familiar with everything, so when the last little part of you here on this side goes over, it too will become aware of everything. *(Applause)*

I've told you before that when cultivators in the past became enlightened they would explode their dan, and when the dan exploded, the explosion occurred in dimensions of every level, so it would have a huge impact on the earth; there'd be landslides and tidal waves; there would be tremendous shaking. All of that would happen. Now there are so many Dafa disciples, and their cultivation levels are high. Wow!—it'd be too massive; wouldn't that bring enormous disasters to human society? So it won't happen that way. Everything will be really natural. So in terms of this Fa, back when I first started to do this undertaking I took everything into consideration. Everything in this Fa is the most encompassing and

perfect, and the best.

Also, a lot of our students are concerned about many things, all kinds of stuff. In fact, once you think about those things you have dropped in your realm. Don't think about anything, and don't worry about anything. Master is compassionate, and will definitely arrange for you what's the best. (*Applause*) You don't need to think, "That's Master being merciful to us," because it's what you've achieved through cultivation, and it results from your own mighty virtue. That's why Master does it for you.

That's all I'll say. (*Warm applause*)

Those who haven't done well: hurry up and get diligent. We'll resume our Fa conference. Take every step well. The better the times get, I'm going to tell you, the fewer the predestined opportunities, so you should try your best to do well the things Dafa disciples should do. But you can't go to extremes—you can't go to any extreme. Once you go to an extreme, you've undermined the path I arranged for you and Fa's requirements for you. You should do the things you should do in a normal way. If tomorrow is Consummation, today you still won't know it, and suppose you say you want to start a business, then just go ahead and do it. But I'll harmonize everything for you. Don't think about anything! Just do whatever you're supposed to do. (*Warm applause*)

I'll end by wishing our Vancouver Fa Conference success. Thank you all. (*Long applause*)