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Teaching the Fa at the Metropolitan New York Fa Conference

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Hello everyone! (*Applause*)

You've been working hard! (*Applause*) You may have seen recently that, through Dafa disciples' constant efforts, through clarifying the facts, and by way of sending forth righteous thoughts, studying the Fa, and cultivating yourselves, you have caused significant changes in the state of things before the entire, enormous force of Fa-rectification arrives. The evil beings in different dimensions are indeed very few now, so they're not able to form persecution and interference on a large scale anymore. But, as long as they still exist, they're going to interfere with students in places where there's inadequate understanding and attachments in the mind. Don't let them take advantage of the gaps in your xinxing anymore.

At present some friction has appeared among the students, and you all need to watch out—you can't let these minor things affect the important things that Dafa disciples are supposed to do. Let me tell you that no matter what kinds of conflicts arise, or what kinds of situations emerge, it's bound to be that we have gaps in ourselves. That's for sure. If there weren't a gap nobody could exploit it. When there's a xinxing friction among our students or disharmony when you're cooperating with each other, and it doesn't matter if it's something big or small, I'm telling you, it's definitely demons exploiting the gaps. Because you're Dafa disciples, the part of you that has completed cultivation fully meets the standards of the Gods, but your surface is still cultivating in Dafa. Basically, as Dafa disciples, you should display the state of a Dafa disciple in every respect. So when some friction sometimes shows up that tries your xinxing, that's also caused by having attachments in your understanding or in your xinxing. Although these things are small, they can easily be taken advantage of by messy, bad beings in the different dimensions. Pay attention to these things! After going through this evil test, you should understand everything.

In the audience there are people from Europe, from Asia, from Australia, and from South America, and there are also those from many other regions. It's not easy for all of you to gather here to sit together. There's something I said before. I said: Although you're together now, when you reach Consummation none of you will be able to find each other. (*Laughing*) As you know, this cosmos is incredibly vast. It was because of the Fa-rectification that the Three Realms were created, and it was because of

the Fa-rectification that the human society was created, so high-level beings from many colossal firmaments came here in the past. At the time, they didn't come in large numbers—they were of a representative nature, arriving in different time periods to cooperate to do these final things. Which is to say, a large portion of the Dafa disciples came with those cosmic bodies, and everybody formed karmic relationships. Once you reach Consummation and return, if you want to see each other again, it will be almost impossible for you to do so. So, you should treasure this part of your karmic relationship. And what's more, these karmic relationships of yours are all interwoven with each other with different karmic relationships formed in each and every lifetime—it hasn't been easy. So, coordinate well when you work on things; each Dafa disciple's issue is everyone's issue. Don't create a big rift between you over some little, trivial thing. That wouldn't do; you need to cherish it. And also, in doing Dafa things you need to cooperate; you need to do a better job of cooperating.

For Dafa disciples there are just three things right now. One is clarifying the facts. One is sending forth righteous thoughts—sending forth righteous thoughts makes an impact on your own bodies as well as on the external situation. And the other one is cultivating yourselves and studying the Fa well. All of these three things are of the utmost importance. Now you're all clear on the purpose of clarifying the facts, which is to expose the evil persecution and let the world's people know and let the beings in the cosmos know. While you're speaking here, layers upon layers of your bodies that have completed

cultivation are also speaking on different cosmic bodies at many different levels. You have to expose this persecution and this evil drama and let the world's people see it clearly; this is also suppressing it and eliminating it. Clarifying the truth is most powerful and is an act of grand compassion because this persecution is completely based on lies and deception. So you're all clear on the purpose of Dafa disciples' sending forth righteous thoughts: It's done mainly to clean out the evil beings that control the human race to make it do evil against Dafa and persecute Dafa disciples and persecute the world's people, to save humankind and sentient beings, and to clear out things that are obstacles to Fa-rectification. And so it's of utmost importance. No Dafa disciple can neglect this, nor can you use any excuse to neglect sending forth righteous thoughts because if you don't cleanse yourself well your actual self won't be able to do well, and if you don't cleanse yourself well you'll also interfere with others. The third thing is studying the Fa well. If you don't study this Dafa well, your own Consummation won't be guaranteed. What's more, all the important Dafa things you do will be like ordinary people going about their business, using ordinary-person ways of thinking and doing things from an ordinary person's starting point—then that's just ordinary people; at best that's just ordinary people doing good deeds for Dafa. Since you're Dafa disciples you can't dissociate yourselves from the Fa when you do things. You are still continually changing this part at the very surface that has yet to undergo a change, so you cannot go without studying the Fa. You must study the Fa well. In the process of studying the Fa you'll be able to keep

clearing away bad elements in yourself, changing this last bit of stuff you have that has yet to be changed. In the past, why did I always keep emphasizing that everyone must study the Fa, study the Fa, study the Fa well? It is of the utmost importance.

As you already know, Dafa disciples have gone through the process of Consummation, and history today has bestowed upon Dafa disciples an even greater responsibility, not your own liberation and Consummation, but saving more sentient beings, and that's why you are worthy of being Dafa disciples. So today, history has bestowed upon all of you such a great responsibility, and it has also brought the corresponding glory to you. I haven't said who I am, but in any case, I am rectifying the Fa. Then, as Dafa disciples, for you to be able to rectify the Fa together with Master, I think that as far as what's in store for you in the future—I've never told you specifically before but today I'll give you a hint—it's going to be the most supreme, unprecedented glory! (*Applause*) Have you thought about this before? Whoever has persecuted Dafa, whoever has persecuted Dafa disciples, however high the involved being is, an equivalence between that being and you has formed. No matter how high it is, it becomes equal to you. But, what's involved are Lords of very high colossal firmaments, Lords of boundless colossal firmaments, and even higher beings, and yet now those highest places of different colossal firmaments that have done bad things against Dafa have formed an equivalence with different Dafa disciples of mine. Think about it everyone, what does that mean? I can also tell you that although a lot of my Dafa disciples

have been killed by the persecution, the Fa has been set: Their beings will switch positions with those highest beings that persecuted them! (*Applause*)

That's how it is. Why have such high-level Gods gotten involved in this? Why have such high-level Gods influenced the beings below to have them persecute Dafa disciples? Even though they didn't do things directly, it was their factors that caused it, so how could they not be held responsible for it? They participated, so they must be held responsible for that interference. That's a law of the cosmos. Otherwise it would have nothing to do with them. As long as there's a little bit of connection with them they have to be held responsible. When they no longer deserve to be sitting there, Dafa disciples will be allowed to cultivate up and sit there. That's the principle.

Actually, there are many things here that ordinary people can't even imagine. It all seems quite mundane, but all the things Dafa disciples do are the most magnificent things that are unprecedented in all of history. You see, this persecution against Dafa disciples is evil to the extreme and has caused a huge uproar, and the Dafa of the cosmos is providing salvation to people in the human world—such a grand Fa is being spread in the human world—but why are so many of the world's people indifferent and unmoved? They're in fact being restrained by the old forces, and they've been tightly sealed off. The old forces think that cultivating in the Fa-rectification period and validating the Fa are Dafa disciples' things and that other people aren't worthy of participating. Under these circumstances it's hard for the world's people to recognize the sacredness of Dafa's

Fa-truths and of the Fa itself. However, when it comes to people, to what today's people call the trampling of human rights and the trampling of the freedom of belief, these things they are able to recognize. So when clarifying the truth, your words should revolve around those topics, and then people will be able to understand and they will also be supportive. As long as someone still has a sense of justice, still has a good side, and can still be saved, he will be supportive. So when you speak at too high of a level, the effect will actually be bad. That's because those who obtain the Fa at this time are Dafa disciples, and when you want to turn ordinary people into Dafa disciples right away as you clarify the facts, you're overanxious for results. Anybody who talks too high when he clarifies the facts is being irrational and doing harm. And if he doesn't listen to words of caution and is too attached, he might do even worse bad things and be taken advantage of by demons. If you've really committed a sin in this regard, demons might take you down.

So none of these things are minor; you need to handle them well. Your path is, and I think you've all seen this now, actually very narrow. If you deviate just a little bit, you won't measure up to the standard of a Dafa disciple. There is only one very righteous path we can walk on, and we can't deviate even by a little bit because this is required by history and required by the lives of the sentient beings in the future cosmos. The cosmos in the future can't have even a tiny deviation appear due to all of you having omissions during the Fa-rectification, so it's important for you yourself to walk each and every step well during your validation of the Fa. It only looks mundane. Don't

leave any stain or regret on the path that you walk when you validate the Fa and during this period in which you are establishing your mighty virtue; those can never be erased. Of course, whether it's cultivation, validating the Fa, or clearing away the persecution with righteous thoughts, this affair hasn't ended yet. And before it has ended, it's an opportunity for those who haven't done well. If in the end you still don't handle things well, when the end comes you will have failed. When the persecution first began, the students in mainland China and outside the mainland alike indeed didn't do well with a lot of things. When they didn't do well at that time you could say that they lacked experience, that they hadn't ever run into something like that, so they didn't know what to do. Now that a few years have flashed by, you can't say that anymore. Now you should very clearheadedly and rationally know how to handle things, so you should do even better, and those kinds of things that occurred in the past should no longer happen again.

If you do well in cultivating yourselves, it will have a bearing on major things in the future cosmos. The process of Dafa disciples' personal Consummation is over, but as my disciple, as a Dafa disciple, the responsibility that history has bestowed upon you today doesn't end with your achieving personal Consummation—it asks you to do even greater things, and wants to establish for you even greater mighty virtue. Of course, that means an even higher Fruition Status is awaiting you, and the cosmos has even greater responsibilities awaiting you. This is the relationship. I said before that Dafa disciples should continue their efforts as long as they haven't done

well enough. Although you've gone through that process of cultivation, you still need to cultivate yourselves to be even better and cultivate well this last remaining bit at the surface that hasn't been fully cultivated, so reading the books and studying the Fa is of utmost importance.

You know something? In the past, I discussed the Fa of "ascending in broad daylight," which is to say that once it's fully cultivated, the surface body will be able to ascend in broad daylight. But do you know what kinds of people ascended in broad daylight in the past? None of those who ascended in broad daylight left the Three Realms. That's because in the eyes of the Gods in the heavens, human flesh bodies are the filthiest and absolutely can't be brought up to the heavens. So no matter how well you cultivated, you couldn't have made it. You wouldn't have had the kind of purity and sacredness they do in the heavens, and you wouldn't have been able to reach that state. What I'm doing today isn't just making changes to your body at the surface, nor is it just about making it truly possible for people in the human world to cultivate into Gods beyond the Three Realms in the future. Rather, it is to harmonize the entire cosmic system. In the past almost nobody was able to cultivate into a God outside of the Three Realms. Like I just said, even though they ascended during broad daylight, they were all becoming Gods within the Three Realms. They didn't leave the Three Realms, but they were also Gods. Yet what I want to do today and the cultivation method I've conferred on Dafa disciples are to establish in the cosmos an unprecedented, higher wisdom. The goal is to make it possible for beings that drop down in the future to return

from here—at the very least they'll have such a chance. This is part of the cosmos being able to harmonize itself. Why do I emphasize this often? Today, the ability of Dafa disciples to make it to that final step is to forge the path for human beings to become Gods. Never before in history has that happened. In the past, those who truly left the Three Realms were all assistant souls. Within the Three Realms, some succeeded in cultivation with their bodies, and they were all Gods within the Three Realms. This time, not only will Dafa disciples cultivate their bodies out of the Three Realms, I will have you cultivate to different levels, up to Kings and Lords of extremely high levels. This is also validating the wisdom of the new cosmos; it will be one of the forms of harmonizing that future beings will need to reach, so this is no minor thing. As the surface body changes, in the end it will need to achieve the highest purity. Reaching such a high level of achievement is something that's never been done by the Gods, something no God ever dared to consider, because in the eyes of the Gods everything down below is unbearably filthy. This time I've done such a thing. Dafa disciples' Consummation is setting the precedent, and it has created this path for the future. We're saying forge, but in reality the Fa had the wisdom long ago and it's merely being implemented now.

Why is it necessary to do it this way? As I just said, it's because the cosmos needs to be harmonized. Actually, there are many, many factors. If this path is blazed, one of the biggest problems will be resolved—something no God in the cosmos dared to imagine. Do you know how Gods exist? Those of you who've been to the middle

part of the United States may have seen that some of the barren mountains and exposed rocks in the U.S. resemble human beings, particularly those in the South and the southern part of the Midwest. And they look a lot like Gods. Some of those rocks resemble Bodhisattvas and Buddhas, and some look like other Gods. Why are they like that? Actually they correspond to the Gods; they're the lowest part of Gods. The Gods of the past had a kind of correlation with the surface planets. They all have a life-circulation system. The Gods make sure that the rocks don't decay, and the existence of the rocks also guarantees the lives of the Gods; once the rocks have decayed, the divine bodies will disintegrate, and some Gods would then drop down. It's this kind of relationship. It is actually controlled by higher Gods. Yet this kind of corresponding relationship is not a particles-forming-particles process whereby small particles form large particles, and large particles form a layer of even larger particles. Rather, it's the material nature becoming less and less; that is, the matter fades away more and more until it fades to the standard of a divine body. In fact, the matter also gets lighter and lighter until it reaches the Gods of different levels, the highest Gods. Of course, the more it has faded, the purer it is. I've said before that when Dafa disciples come from Europe to attend a Fa conference by airplane, it looks like they've traveled quite far, but in the eyes of the Gods, this particle Earth is just like a small grain of sand, so tiny, so the distance you moved is like not having moved at all. That's how it is for humans. Actually the Gods also have their own limits. The movement of the Gods of the past was within their range, and the

limits resulted from the correspondence with the rocks on Earth. They couldn't dissociate from, nor could they take with them, the rocks on the surface planets of the cosmos. Once they lost that corresponding rock it would be as though they lost their roots, lost what guaranteed their lives, and they would disintegrate and be destroyed. This is something I've never told you before. (*Applause*)

The reason I've revealed this to you today is to let you know that this problem has been resolved. Why have I said that the Gods of the future and the new cosmos of the future will be incredibly wonderful? It would take a very long Fa lecture to explain clearly each and every wonderful thing. As I see it, the Gods of the future will truly be God-like—they won't need to correspond to these kinds of rocks on Earth anymore. And Gods of other systems won't need to correspond to the rocks and matter on the surface particles in their own systems, either. The reason is, in the past, if Gods didn't have the correspondence to the lowest and largest matter, they would lose the circulation system of physical matter, and their lives wouldn't be assured—there was this relationship. Then have you thought about this before? Rocks are made of molecules, which is to say, human bodies are, too. So if and when you succeed in cultivating the most surface, physical human body, won't you be bringing with you this fundamental assurance? Wherever you go, you won't be limited by this anymore. But you have to achieve the purity and holiness required by that level. I can tell you all, during the Fa-rectification I've already turned the worst into the best and most perfect state. (*Applause*)

Gods of different levels all in fact have their own range of limitations at different levels, the limits of beings at those levels. As far as human beings are concerned, nobody's ever told them what kind of state Gods are in, nor would it be allowed to tell people. The old cosmos would have completely disintegrated; everything would be over. What I talked about all had to do with the past. The future won't be that way; it will be really wonderful. The Gods of the future will have completely broken away from those deficiencies of the Gods of the past and will become even more wonderful, more noble, and more God-like. So, rectifying the Fa in the cosmic bodies isn't just about rectifying the order in the cosmos because it's no longer good enough, or rectifying the Fa of the past because it's no longer good enough. It's not just that. If it were, then think about it, it actually wouldn't have to be done by me. It was only because there were many, many problems that needed to be resolved on a fundamental level that I came. (*Applause*) Like you, no matter what Master says, this surface body of Master's looks the same as yours; here we have a human appearance. But as you know, you're cultivators, so you're nonetheless fundamentally different from human beings. Of course, there's another difference between you and me, and since I've discussed that with you before I won't talk about it here.

What I'm saying is, during the course of your cultivation, you have to seize the day and cultivate yourselves well. No matter how busy you are or how many things you have to do, you mustn't neglect your own Fa study and cultivation practice. It's the fundamental guarantee that you'll do well in validating the Fa and also what will guarantee

that you'll be able to make it to the end. Many, many things appear to be mundane, yet infinitely wonderful and great special honors are contained in them. If you can do the three things well, then everything is covered, everything is encompassed. There's not much time left for you to be able to validate the Fa. Just take a look—the evil is about to fall apart. Those of you in the audience have all made it through since July 20, 1999. You've seen how things were then and now. No matter how rampant the evil still is in some parts of China, it's not what it was. The same goes for the whole world. People are becoming more and more clear about this evil persecution. The world's people are all awakening. Changes like this only come about when the evil has been eliminated to that extent; only when the evil is purged can people awaken. To put it another way, the evil persecution can't hold up anymore; the time that was given to the evil is running out. If, before the enormous force of Fa-rectification arrives, the old forces think they can no longer test the Dafa disciples and establish mighty virtue for this Fa, then the old forces will make them get off the stage of history and enter the gate of no life, and this situation will be over. So you've got to make good use of your time; during this last period of time before it ends, you really don't want to let yourselves down, and you should do the final things well. Now, Master is not leading you to stir up a revolution, (*People laugh*) Master is not leading you to seize everyday people's political power; Master is leading you to practice cultivation. (*Applause*) What you expose is the evil, what you're exposing is the wickedness of this scoundrel regime, and the purpose is to restrain the evil,

to eliminate the evil, and to clear away the persecution of Dafa disciples and of Dafa. (*Applause*) It isn't because you wish to gain some ordinary people's things out in the ordinary world. So when you do things you have to do them from the standpoint of a Dafa disciple. You need to have ordinary people understand the things you do, and don't let ordinary people think we're after some ordinary thing—we absolutely are not! Of course, as of today, that which doesn't understand is just the human surface; the people of the world actually do understand. Why do I say that they understand? Because every being has a side that understands; they all know what Dafa is about. Things were how they were a while ago because evil elements separated the human surface from the side of people that understands and they were controlling the human surface side that doesn't understand. Now those elements are being gradually cleared away, more and more are being eliminated, what's left is becoming less and less, and so the world's people are becoming ever more awake.

You have seen the epidemic that has appeared in China recently, right? Isn't this a huge pandemic descending? To put it in human terms, it's the heavens punishing people. As for what it's targeting, we Dafa disciples know full well: It's targeting the segment of those who don't deserve to be saved, who cannot be saved when Dafa disciples clarify the truth, and who aren't useful to the evil rotten spirits. This is the first round of cleansing. Heaven is punishing the evil, yet China is still lying and covering up the death toll; let me tell you, it's a huge number, and it hasn't even peaked yet. Although people find it terrifying, in fact, the true horror has not yet begun. This isn't even the real, big

cleansing that will begin when the Fa starts rectifying the human world. When that big cleansing arrives it'll be even more terrifying, and that will be directed at the entire world. When the vicious people go berserk, they don't fear anything between Heaven and Earth, but when the calamity actually descends upon them, they'll be aghast. Wait and see, this is going to be an eventful year; a lot is going to happen.

Many students came in a hurry from other regions and they may have a lot of things they want to ask me. I won't talk for too long as I don't want to take too much of everyone's time. If you feel you have questions you have to ask Master, then write them on slips of paper and pass them up here and I'll answer them for you. *(Long applause)*

I'd also like to talk to everyone about something in passing. Master is treating sentient beings with the greatest compassion, and this is the case in every situation. At every Dafa conference, as long as it was one I attended, I've always referred to you as Dafa disciples. All of the students who met me, when in a public setting, I've always referred to you as Dafa disciples. *(Applause)* But among you, there are some who did not form karmic relationships with me in the course of history but only came in during the spreading of Dafa this time, and relatively speaking they have more tribulations. There are these kinds of students whether in mainland China or overseas. The tribulations manifest differently for you, but in regards to removing human attachments and in terms of the pressure on your mind, none of it is easy. But no matter what your situation, Master will definitely treat everyone equally. As long as you are among the disciples of

Dafa, Master will guide you as a Dafa disciple. (*Applause*) Nonetheless, you yourselves must do well. (*Applause*) It looks to me like the persecution and your validating the Fa while you are being persecuted have come to the latter stages. Time is running out. Those of you who haven't done well should think about it—you should really take a hard look at yourselves. This is the first time I've given this kind of warning to Dafa disciples. (*Applause*) Whether or not you can Consummate is up to you.

There are some people who are still doing some shameful, filthy things, things that are a disservice to Dafa, and things that are undeserving of the title of Dafa disciple, yet I haven't looked upon you any differently. In the end, when you can't make it to Consummation, you will have to be responsible for yourself! Master isn't trying to scare anyone. Whoever misses out on this historic opportunity, whoever misses out on this chance, when you realize what you've missed out on, you won't even want to go on living even if you are allowed to! Don't think that since Master is always merciful you can take Master's mercy for granted! There are standards for Dafa disciples, and the Fa has standards. It's not like everyone can just goof around together and then be able to pass muster. Every person's spirit is being hit upon, every person is genuinely cultivating himself, and every person is thinking about how to be responsible to his own existence! Why is it that some of you are not able to?! Looking at you, Master is so worried! Looking at you, Master is so worried! Master's words today might be harsh, but maybe it wouldn't work if I didn't use a heavy hammer. If I'm not able to save you it will be my greatest

regret. It would be great if you could be as worried as I am.

All right, next I'll answer your questions. *(Applause)*

Disciple: All of the Jinan Dafa disciples pass on their greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you. *(Applause)*

Disciple: Austrian Dafa disciples send Master their greetings. Dafa disciples from Urumqi, Xinjiang send their greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you. *(Applause)*

Disciple: Whenever some calamities befall humankind, such as "9/11," the current SARS virus, and the mad persecution against Dafa disciples, or for instance the mass arrest of Dafa disciples on Tiananmen Square on October 1, 2000, my body will suddenly have strong karma-elimination reactions. But I can get over them quickly. Is it because I am enduring karma for people in the world or are there other reasons?

MASTER: Each and every one of you is in the process of cultivating, so it's still too early to talk about bearing anything for others. Maybe the old forces just happened to create a kind of situation at those times. The arrangements the old forces made in the past were quite meticulous. It's hard for all of you to even bear what's your own, let alone bearing things for others. *(Laughs)* However, this doesn't rule out cases where you fail to pass tests well or where you have attachments or do something wrong but haven't realized it and the old forces or evil beings interfere and cause a kind of discomfort in your body. Earlier on those kinds of things happened a lot.

Disciple: In the solemn and tragic long river of history, why did most people play roles that they didn't want to play?

MASTER: This is very simple. It was just as if everybody was acting in a play; the old forces absolutely would not let you act it out according to your own wishes. They would definitely arrange all of it, as though there were a script. In other words, in different historic periods what kind of state this drama would reach, what human beings would be equipped with, and what would happen after a period of history was over, all the way till obtaining the Fa in the end and how it would be useful in obtaining the Fa—this is how they arranged things, and that's why a lot of things didn't turn out the way people hoped.

Disciple: Why had the idea of formation, stability, degeneration, and disintegration been around for so long before harmonization without disintegration was thought of?

MASTER: You're thinking about all this as a human. How do you know it took "so long"? It's that different times exist within different levels of the cosmos, and this results in different lengths of time for the beings that are constrained by times at different levels. Ultimately, how long does the universe last? To you it looks like I've been doing Fa-rectification for so long, but actually it's been just an instant. During this instant, in some places a dozen years or several decades have passed, in some places it's almost concurrent, and in some places tens of millions of years or hundreds of millions of years have passed; that is caused by the times defined for the beings within different dimensions. You can't think about these issues from the standpoint of human time.

Disciple: Master, please shed light on two questions I have. What's the difference between a cultivator's looking inward and an ordinary person's self-examining?

MASTER: I think this question is... *(People laugh)* You all know what I want to say, but I'll say it anyway: It seems like this was raised by someone who's just started. When you cultivate in Dafa, and when every disciple clarifies the facts among ordinary people, in what way does it look different from ordinary people going about their business? You're all cultivators now; how are cultivators different from ordinary people? You eat, and ordinary people eat, too? The fundamental nature is different, the ultimate goal and starting point are different, the goal in life that you're trying to achieve is different, and the fundamental changes in the bodies are different. When the human race pursues things, it is constantly accumulating karma; when Dafa disciples continually cultivate, they are eliminating karma and constantly transforming their bodies into divine bodies. Could these be the same? They may look the same. *(Applause)*

Disciple: When discussing China's dynasties and reincarnation, Master mentioned that the United States was the Great Qing Dynasty, (MASTER: I didn't say the United States was the Great Qing, did I?) (People laugh) Australia was the Xia Dynasty. But France is a country with a long history, so is this a misprint or is there some other inner meaning?

MASTER: Alas, *(People laugh)* since you call me Master, I'll answer it for you. *(People laugh, applaud)* Actually, I didn't say that the United States was the Great Qing.

What I said was the United States is the Great Ming (*People laugh*)—France is the Qing. Of course, this is speaking in general, broad terms. It doesn't apply to every single person in those nations because in the past there was a large number of people who came and reincarnated on their own, and that happened in different regions. France is a nation with several hundred years of history, and it's the country that has best preserved the fine arts of this human civilization. There wasn't any misprint in the book.

Disciple: I obtained the Fa after July 20. When the phenomenon of sickness karma occurs, if I regard it as sickness karma and acknowledge it, would I be acknowledging the old forces' arrangements? Should I send forth righteous thoughts?

MASTER: I've talked about this in Zhuan Falun. Eliminating karma doesn't simply involve eliminating karma. Although you're cultivating now, you can't think like: "I won't pay off any more karma; I'll just destroy all of it and I'll be done." That won't do. You created karma all because you did bad things in history and you did bad things in ordinary society, and so you produced karma. It won't do to not pay off the debts you owe, and that's why all of you will suffer as you pay off your karma in the course of cultivation. If you didn't suffer, you wouldn't feel anything when the karma is being removed; it would be just a nice cool breeze. You know, when you were in the seminars back in the old days—some of you attended seminars held by Master—when Master waved his hand, and when you walked out of the class without any illnesses, you felt light all over, your whole body was as light as a feather, and the feeling of being sick was gone;

wasn't it like that? (*Applause*) But you can't ask Master to endure it all for you, so you must cultivate yourselves. When you really get to that realm, the Gods would take a look and say: "All of your karma was taken away? You didn't cultivate your way up here?" Would that do? No, it wouldn't." When you're eliminating karma, it is painful, and that's why you can upgrade. That's the relationship.

As to whether there are old forces interfering, when you're changing your own most surface bodies, there is a portion that you need to endure yourselves. But relatively speaking, it isn't much, and it won't have too much of an impact on validating the Fa. When big hardships come along, that has to be the evil interfering, and you have to send forth righteous thoughts to eliminate it! Today what Dafa disciples are doing are things that validate the Fa, and they're the most sacred and most magnificent things. If you say you're doing Dafa things and something happens during a critical time for saving sentient beings, then it must be interference. You need to assess it rationally. Don't get stuck on: "Whenever I suffer or don't feel well, I immediately think it must be interference. I can't accept it if I'm suffering or don't feel well, so I have to send forth righteous thoughts." Of course, it's okay for you to send forth righteous thoughts. The gong you send out will take care of the things it's supposed to take care of, and when it comes to things it's not supposed to take care of, the gong will act according to the Fa because that gong was cultivated by your cultivating according to the Fa's standard. (*People laugh*) So, what I think is, everyone should just do things rationally.

Disciple: Do karmic relationships exist between the main souls and assistant souls?

MASTER: Some have karmic relationships; some don't have karmic relationships. I'm talking about ordinary people, not Dafa disciples. With the people in the world, I often find that a person was so-and-so in history, but then at a different place I'd discover that another person was also so-and-so in history. Even in the U.S., so far away and separated by the ocean, I still find this phenomenon. Why? It's just to say that people have their main souls, assistant souls, and other elements. I've also said that people have elements of the human flesh body, too. So it's possible for several persons living at the same time in the world to have been the same person in history. There are a lot of phenomena like this.

Disciple: Dafa disciples from Harbin send greetings to esteemed Master.

MASTER: Thank you all. (*Applause*)

Disciple: No matter how harsh and perilous the environment or how rampant the evil, we will definitely follow Master and walk our final path well. Master, please rest assured.

MASTER: Thank you. (*Applause*) I believe it; I now truly believe it. When the evil persecution first began on July 20, 1999, I could only watch and see whether you could make it. (*Laughs*) Do you remember something I said in the past, before July 20, 1999? I said that even if I could successfully save just one person, the things I've done wouldn't have been done in vain. (*Applause*) I'll tell all of you, at that time I was unsure—I didn't know if in the

future you would actually be able to make it through at critical moments. Of course, if there really was only one person who succeeded in cultivation, I would make him the cosmos, and he would have everything. (*Applause*) Of course, (*Laughing*) now there's not just one person. All of you have seen it, too, and today I truly believe it. Dafa disciples' righteous thoughts can't be undermined by anyone. Whether they can make it is a question of Dafa disciples' accomplishment during the Fa-rectification period, it's a question of whether those people in the world with karmic relationships can be saved, whereas the Fa-rectification in the cosmic body is bound to succeed.

Disciple: On behalf of Beijing Dafa disciples, I pass on greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you everyone. (*Applause*)

Disciple: I have another question, which is about whether a certain individual is a spy and if he has been brainwashed. Can we ask Master such questions?

MASTER: Here's how I look at it. Whether someone has been brainwashed or not is just a human thing; what I look at is a being's fundamentals. Anyone who doesn't walk his path well will leave a stain on his own history and bring irreparable damage and loss to his own future. However, in order to save sentient beings, Master offers the grandest compassion. Like I've said in my past lectures, I don't care whether you're a spy or what kind of work you do, I treat you as a human being. You're all human beings first and foremost—it's just that your line of work is different. Don't overlook this extremely rare

opportunity just because your line of work is different; you need to be responsible to your own being. I can't deny you salvation just because your line of work is different. But, on the other hand, I can't have you Consummate and stay on in the future just because your work is special and so you've done things that damage Dafa, or when you've done a disservice to Dafa and to Dafa disciples. That's how it works. Of course, there are still chances since the persecution hasn't ended, but time is running out fast. What to do and how to make amends are up to you. Seize the day!

Disciple: Some people can't give up Dafa but also can't let go of their humanness. On the surface they are cultivating and doing a few Fa-rectification things, but they are in fact stirring up trouble and creating disturbances, with some even committing suicide or being homosexual. What will become of these people? Will they take a demonic path? And what will happen to those who stick up for them?

MASTER: I know about all of that. Unless I have absolutely no choice, I don't want to expel them, so I'm observing and watching these things. It's best that these people, if they want to do themselves justice, wake up quickly—wake up quickly. If you're determined, then tell Dafa disciples about the things you've done, and that could help. Time waits for no one. I'm really worried for all of you. Don't take Master's mercy so lightly. The Fa has standards.

Disciple: How can we better help our fellow cultivators so that we can improve as a whole?

MASTER: Actually, when it comes to these specific things, you still need to do them yourselves. Mighty virtue is to be established by you yourselves, and this path of cultivation has to be walked by you yourselves. If I were to tell you how to do every little thing, you'd lose the opportunity to establish mighty virtue. On this path of Fa-rectification, and on this path of cultivation, there are bound to be tribulations, there are bound to be all kinds of disagreements, and there are bound to be the type of people mentioned just now by that student. It's because the old forces think, "If your Dafa disciples are so pure and have no interference, then how are they going to get rid of some of those attachments that are hard to remove? How can you prove that your Dafa has emerged from such a complicated environment and established mighty virtue?" So that's why they want to do things and arrange certain people and situations—it was the old forces that wanted to do those things. I don't acknowledge any of it. So why don't I get rid of those people, then? As I just said, I am sending forth the greatest compassion toward them; I'm waiting for them to change themselves, and I'm waiting for they themselves to not lose this karmic opportunity. That's how I think about it. (*Applause*)

Disciple: How can we better improve as a whole and elevate as a whole?

MASTER: If you cooperate with each other well then you can do it. Everyone's realm is different, and I'm telling you now, Master has seen that the disparity between certain students is growing. It wasn't apparent before, but now it's getting wider, and the closer it gets to the end the

greater the disparity. So there are bound to be differences in people's understandings. The key is how you cooperate better and how you coordinate better amongst yourselves.

Disciple: What is Latin America's role in the Fa-rectification? How should we do better in Latin America?

MASTER: The students in some regions are affected by their environments, their immigration status, and even their financial situations, and that makes validating the Fa really tough for them. Master knows about all that. But no matter what, you are the hope for the beings there! In the future you'll see this. (*Applause*) If, at present, an ethnic group or a country doesn't have Dafa disciples, it will bring them great difficulty—and that's at the very minimum. So no matter how few Dafa disciples there are in a certain place, for that ethnic group, that is their hope.

One time a student asked me what Buddha's infinite grace means. How can human beings understand it? They say that Buddha having grand mercy and saving people from suffering and hardship is Buddha's infinite grace—that's how shallow people's understanding is. Think about it, no matter where you are, no matter which ethnic group, which region, or which country you're in, you just look like an average, ordinary person, and you're just another being, but in reality, there are always people who have karmic relationships with you. Not only that, I have often told you all in the past that particles at the infinitely microcosmic levels form particles at the next level up, and the particles at the next level up form particles at the next higher level, continually forming larger particles in this way. And in each layer of particles

there's an infinite number of living beings. If you were to magnify a small particle, you would see that there are, just like on Earth and the planets, countless living beings on it. Think about it, how many particles make up a human body? And that's just within your own scope. A human being is also a being that exists in the scope of this environment, just like a sponge being soaked in water. This worldly realm is just like water; the microcosmic beings and matter are so numerous that the density is like that of water. No matter where you are, within your scope there are pretty huge, gigantic microcosmic beings that correspond to your body. So when a person is in the process of cultivating, you haven't just cultivated the layers upon layers of your own body; the cells of the layers upon layers of your particles are all in your image. And have you thought about this before: After you magnify a cell of those particles, aren't there still countless beings on that? And could there be living beings that are in the image of man? So how many cells like that are there? Actually, to microcosmic beings, your cell is their planet. And it's not just cells—how many microcosmic particles make up a cell? A cell or a microcosmic particle in your image is the King of all beings in that particle, and all the countless beings in there are governed by it. If you don't cultivate yourself well, your cells won't be well-cultivated; if you have cultivated yourself well, your cells are well-cultivated, and the beings that are under your cells' jurisdiction are well-cultivated. Then think about it, when one being succeeds in cultivation, how many beings are successfully cultivated as a result?

In the eyes of Gods, it's not that beings are precious

when they're large and beings aren't precious when they're small. You know, there are Buddhas even in worlds that are so small that they're quite microcosmic. A being's size doesn't matter—big or small, they're the same; there's no difference in structure. It's just that the particles that compose them determine the size of their bodies. Beings are equal. Think about it, if this one person is saved and succeeds in cultivation, how many measureless, countless beings will have been successfully cultivated? And saved?! But during the process of cultivating successfully, it takes so much wisdom and so much thinking and care to reconcile every single being that's in the groups of beings in the countless microcosms and macrocosms! It's just like with saving you: Their issues have to be resolved just the same. What does Buddha's infinite grace mean? Think about it, when saving a person, how much effort will the Buddha who saves him have to put in? For all those sentient beings in the infinite microcosms who correspond to the person, he has to—just like what's done during your cultivation process—adjust their bodies at the beginning, allow them to obtain the Fa, allow them to be able to handle it, and even resolve their karma. What a huge, involved task that is! Could that possibly be achieved without compassion? So how could everyday people understand those few small words: Buddha's infinite grace? Think about it everyone, when one person succeeds in cultivation it means that a gigantic, immense system has been successfully cultivated. I said just now, and it sounded like I was kidding, that if only one person succeeded in cultivation, then I would have that person become the cosmos. No matter how big his cosmic body

was, I would have all the structures of the cosmos exist within the scope of his body. Having said that, don't dwell on it. Master is able to do that—that's the idea. So as Dafa disciples, no matter where you are, you are bringing boundless blessings to the beings there, and you are laying for them a foundation for the future, a foundation to be saved in the future. That's how it is. (*Applause*)

Disciple: Could Master please talk about how, in the Fa-rectification period, Dafa disciples can walk a righteous path in terms of spending money and using material things?

MASTER: Yes, in the Fa-rectification period there's been a special change in circumstances. A line has already been drawn for the part of your history when you did personal cultivation. During that period it was just cultivation practice, and everyone had to do it that way. But today's situation in society is different from the situation in society before. As you've all seen, today's science has brought about a lot of modern transportation vehicles and mass media tools. So think about it, especially with these mass media outlets, when one person speaks in one location, the whole world can immediately know about it, hear it, and see it at the same time. The impact is tremendous. For the old forces, the evil beings are using these things to carry out the persecution and to lie. When Dafa disciples only rely on their own mouths to talk to people, sometimes they feel it's very hard to save more people. Of course, one of you is a match for ten or a hundred people. But after all, you're exposing the lies and the evil produced by an entire nation's propaganda machine—it's still pretty difficult. So when you make use

of these everyday people's media tools to validate the Fa, expose the evil, and save sentient beings, it's not wrong in principle. Since today's science has already brought about a special society like this, in the course of validating the Fa you need some financial resources to do those things. But despite that, to this day, when all of this is about to end, we haven't received a single penny from any country, any government, any organization, or any corporation. Everything we've done has been funded by Dafa disciples using their own salaries, incomes, and earnings.

The old forces are suppressing things; they think that only by doing that will you be remarkable. You're able to validate the Fa under such difficult circumstances, so you're remarkable, and you've established mighty virtue. So the old forces are maliciously interfering with my rectifying the Fa, interfering with Dafa disciples validating the Fa, and they've affected people's support of Dafa, tightly blocking off sources of funding from society. In the course of validating the Fa, Dafa disciples have always had a very hard time financially. Some students have even had a hard time making ends meet. Under these circumstances, for all of you to be validating the Fa and doing what Dafa disciples should do, that's of course remarkable. But I don't acknowledge the old forces' arrangements. This is such a serious matter—the entire cosmos is undergoing Fa-rectification, the future of the new cosmos is being created! The Fa has long existed, and I've come with this all-encompassing and all-harmonizing Dafa. I don't need the layers and layers of sentient beings to lay any foundation for the Fa, I don't need further layers upon layers of beings or everyday people to give anything

to Dafa. Those are concepts and factors the old forces formed in history; they're using those truths of the old Fa of the degeneration and disintegration phases to interfere with Fa-rectification, and the impact they've had has all been damaging.

Even though that's the case, I'm telling all of you that you nonetheless cannot raise funds from students who depend on their salaries to get by. The principle is we can't gather funds from amongst students, and I've said this long ago. Among Dafa disciples there are those who run their own businesses and who have a little more money, and if they voluntarily contribute to do some things, that's alright, but pay attention to what's appropriate. When our regular students use their own incomes to do things while validating the Fa, that's no problem in principle, and there's nothing wrong with it, because using your own income to validate the Fa and save sentient beings is mighty virtue. When Dafa disciples do some things together in special situations—like for example, say some of you want to start a media company or what not—and you pool some money together to do that, there's nothing wrong with that in principle, either, because it's not Dafa that is doing something, it's a company that Dafa disciples are starting on their own in society, and that's a type of work in society. It's something that Dafa disciples are initiating and forming themselves; it's not Dafa itself that's doing it. Of course, Dafa disciples are creating favorable conditions for clarifying the truth. But even so, I'm telling all of you, you can't just casually go raising funds from our regular students—that's already set in stone. As for those who are a bit more affluent and whose daily lives won't be

affected in any way, if they contribute a little to do Dafa things, that's not included in the situation I talked about since those are isolated cases, after all. I've never told you to collect any membership dues or to beg for alms like religions do. You cannot do any of those things.

Disciple: With regard to the cultivation of kindness, I think our inability to do many things well is due to our insufficient cultivation of kindness?

MASTER: It should be put this way: When it comes to the world's people, we should try our best to save them and we should be kind. Not only should we be kind, we need to compassionately save sentient beings. In this persecution, actually the ones who have been harmed the most deeply are the world's people. These evil beings had wanted to use this persecution to end the lives of the future people. And so we need to be compassionate towards the world's people, we need to explain the truth to them and save them, and not let them be eradicated at the moment the Fa rectifies the human world.

But when you're sending forth righteous thoughts, the vast majority of those that you're dealing with are the worst beings in each dimension, including the unsalvageable, wicked policemen of this world. So when it comes to those ones, especially those messed up beings in other dimensions that are harming the human race, I think we can't be lenient towards them, nor do we need to be kind to them. But we shouldn't be bad toward them either, let alone use wickedness to subdue the wicked. Those that harm the world's people, harm sentient beings, and interfere with Dafa just can't exist anymore, and

we just have to erect our palms and get rid of them. Of course, as Dafa disciples, you cultivate kindness, and you don't have a wicked side, but when it comes to things that need to be eliminated, you just have to eliminate them. No need to be angry, either—you don't need to be mean or vicious toward them. We stay compassionate and send forth righteous thoughts to clear out those things that shouldn't exist. That's how it should be.

Disciple: We're from Canada. Our lawsuit has lasted for two years now, and it's progressing too slowly. Is it because we have done poorly?

MASTER: You've done pretty well. I often say that we don't seek any worldly gain, right? When it comes to doing things, I consider the process most important because during the process you can let people recognize the truth, during the process you can save the people in the world, and during the process you can reveal the truth. Even if you eventually get them sentenced and stuff them into prisons, you still need to see whether you've achieved the best effect in saving the world's people and exposing the evil, and whether you've allowed people to see the consequences of doing evil and have thereby shocked and subdued the evil. Of course, if they're found to be in the wrong by ordinary people, then it proves to the world's people that we're right. And of course that's great. If you achieve that effect, that's even better, and Master agrees. But you often emphasize the results and don't pay attention to fully explaining to them the facts that you should explain during that process. Only when all people know the truth that they should know are you

really validating the Fa and clarifying the facts. Wherever a problem surfaces, go tell people the facts; you shouldn't be doing it just to push the lawsuit forward but to tell them the facts. However, if the lawsuit is stuck somewhere, then that must be where it needs you to clarify the facts, and then maybe the lawsuit will naturally go forward. If during the process everyone comes to realize the truth and the world's people are saved, and even those people have learned the consequences of being used and the evil nature of the ones that used them, and they're willing to admit their wrongdoing, then I think it's good even if we don't pursue the lawsuit any further—it's not that we have to punish them or something. If they come to realize their wrongdoing and make up for it, and the world's people also know about it, then that's good enough. Nevertheless, even though the main goal of Dafa disciples is to save the world's people, when it comes to those very evil ones, you really can't let them off. I was talking about it from the angle of compassionately saving sentient beings. The key is to pay attention to doing well the things that you are supposed to do during the process, and the result will be whatever it will be.

Disciple: I have been interfered with by illness karma for a long time, particularly when I meditate and send forth righteous thoughts—when I'm concentrating—it gets especially severe. Sometimes I have difficulty breathing or have pain.

MASTER: When teaching the Fa, Master can't direct it at an individual, and my words won't be entirely directed at your case. Some of our students have indeed experienced

situations that aren't quite right. But I'll tell you, in most cases it can be attributed to two reasons. One has to do with new students: That part of your cultivation practice process has been merged with this part of your Fa-validation process, and in order for you to catch up, your personal cultivation accompanies your validating the Fa, and both of them progress simultaneously. The other reason is that you're being interfered with. When you're interfered with you can't always think, "I have to destroy whoever is interfering with me, no one can interfere with me." (*People laugh*) Why don't you stop and think about it: Why is it interfering with you? Why is it able to interfere with you? Is it that you yourself have some attachment? Something you can't let go of? Why don't you take a look at yourself? The real reason lies with you yourself, and that's the only way it can exploit your gap! Don't you have Master watching over you? Even if an ordinary person were to shout out "Falun Dafa is good" today, Master would protect him; since he has shouted this phrase, amidst the evil, it wouldn't do for me to not protect him, let alone you who are practicing cultivation! There are some individual students who really did come down with terminal diseases. But think about it, so many people who had severe health problems or incurable diseases before they learned the Fa became well after learning Dafa, so why is it that some students on the other hand can't make it? Is it that Dafa differentiates between sentient beings? Is it that I, your Master, treat students differently? I really have to ask you all: Are you truly cultivating? Have you truly done things in accordance with the requirements of Dafa?! Are you clarifying the facts with the human

mindset of being upset with the persecution of Falun Gong, or are you validating the Fa and saving sentient beings truly from the standpoint of a Dafa disciple? Yes, the old forces did arrange for some people to get in, but why is it that most people can make it but you can't? Isn't my Fa being taught to you?!

When problems arise, when something doesn't feel right, you have to look at yourself! Look at where you were wrong and allowed the evil to exploit your gaps. If you were wrong, you should recognize it and do better. Don't forget, Fa-rectification period Dafa disciples: You came here to validate the Fa! Cultivation is hard, and the evil is more evil while you are validating Dafa. Those who can make it through are bound to be Kings of sentient beings.

Disciple: During the first five minutes of sending forth righteous thoughts, could we do the purging with the formula Master taught us?

MASTER: When you send forth righteous thoughts you shouldn't keep reciting the formula. You just need to recite it once and it'll work, unless it's a special situation. If you feel that you can't become tranquil and you readjust your righteous thoughts, that's okay, but still it's just for that moment. Actually, when you can truly become tranquil, that one thought is more than enough to shake Heaven and Earth and there's nothing that it can't do; it's as though it instantaneously immobilizes and restrains everything covered within your domain. You're like a mountain, and you instantly restrain them. You shouldn't always have an unsteady mind. You can't achieve that when your mind is unsteady.

Disciple: Could we intersperse scriptures such as “When the Fa is Right” and “Tathagata” within some relevant FGM television programs and broadcast them to everyday people?

MASTER: I don’t think there should be any problem. My books are being sold in public, so there shouldn’t be any problem. As for how to do those things specifically—how much you should broadcast or how much you should include—those are all things for you to figure out. Master can only say that it’s not a problem. But don’t take a few words from Master and force them upon students who have a different opinion from you—“Master said so, so we have to do it in such and such way.” No, that won’t do. Since you’re working as part of the media, you should think about how to arrange things well and cooperate and work together to adjust things well.

Disciple: One day when I was giving out truth-clarifying materials, a man in a tour group from Beijing asked me to send his greetings to you for him when I see you. I’d also like to convey greetings to you, Master, on behalf of the Dafa disciples in Nongan, Changchun.

MASTER: Thank you all. (*Applause*) More and more people are aware of the truth now, and that’s why that happened. Back when I was in Beijing, people all over Beijing knew about me—whether they cultivated or not they all knew about a Grandmaster Li. (*Laughs*) Even though the persecution has been severe, people all know in their hearts. While clarifying the facts, students have allowed people who didn’t know much about Dafa to become aware of the truth; students both inside and outside of China have done this. This has made people

see more clearly the evil nature of the persecution, and it has led the world's people to develop an admiration for Dafa and a respect for Dafa disciples. That's inevitable.

Disciple: Some students have devoted themselves entirely to Fa-rectification. They neglect eating, they neglect sleeping, and they rarely do the exercises. As a result, some students who aren't very busy don't do the exercises either. In their eyes, it seems doing the exercises isn't really important.

MASTER: Those of you sitting here, listen up. Did you all hear that? You must do well the three things that Dafa disciples should do well. You need to do the exercises. As long as the day of Consummation hasn't arrived, you need to do the exercises, you need to study, and you need to do the Dafa disciples' three things. That is for sure.

Disciple: Can we print and publish your poems and give them to children to read? And can we use the drawings and movements done by students as illustrations?

MASTER: It's fine to give them to children to read. If the students are professional artists there shouldn't be any problem. If the drawings are done by everyday people, though, then Dafa disciples have to be the gatekeepers. Yes, all of you sitting here, I do call each of you Dafa disciple, but how you have acted really isn't like a Dafa disciple, so if you're asked to be the gatekeeper that would really be tough. *(People laugh)* Then for these things, I'd say let's still have the local Dafa Associations be the gatekeepers.

Disciple: In clarifying the facts, I often feel I lack wisdom. Is

it because my cultivation state isn't good enough?

MASTER: When you lack wisdom it's often caused by your being anxious, being anxious in your mind that you want to do something, giving it too much importance, and thereby developing a different type of attachment. Actually, with a lot of things, if you go and talk calmly and gently, if you approach it rationally, you'll find that your wisdom will flow forth like a spring and every sentence of yours will get right to the point, every sentence will speak the truth. If you become attached or anxious, though, or you have some very strong intention, the wisdom will be gone, and that's because at that time you've come over to the human side again, right? You should try your best to use righteous thoughts and try your best to be in the state of a cultivator, and the results will be excellent.

Actually, it's the same when you do other things. With righteous thoughts your mind isn't limited, your thinking will be vast and broad, and your wisdom won't be restricted.

Disciple: You mentioned earlier that this will be an eventful year. Should our media increase its vigor and do better in helping to clarify the facts?

MASTER: Yes, this persecution is founded on lies. Right now, with that big epidemic in China, they want to cover it up with lies, and the world's people have seen this. So you can go ahead and expose the lies. The persecution of Falun Gong is done in the same way.

Disciple: During the Hong Kong Fa Conference in February this year, more than seventy Taiwan students were deported

by the Hong Kong government. Taiwan and Hong Kong students are going through legal channels and suing the Hong Kong government for violating the law. Master, how could we do better in this?

MASTER: Actually, this incident itself has already caused quite a stir in the world; it should be said that you've done very well. As far as how you should do it specifically, well, since you've sued them in court, then you should do it with all seriousness. Wherever a problem arises, that's where you need to clarify the facts. No matter what the end result is, through doing this you will have chances to interact with more people and you'll clarify the facts on a large scale. Under normal circumstances you don't have the opportunity—if you just pull someone over to tell them the facts you might feel a bit awkward, right? Now that you have something to do, go and speak to them.

Don't be afraid that the consulates or the special agents will stir up trouble. As soon as they do that you should use the opportunity to let more people know about the truth. *(Strong applause)* Actually, as Dafa disciples, you would almost prefer that they stir up some trouble. *(People laugh)* When they stir up trouble you'll have an opportunity to clarify the facts and expose the evil, right? "As soon as you evil beings come near, I'll grab you and I'll let the world's people know"—that's the perfect time to expose them.

Disciple: How can we improve our clarifying the facts to the governments and media in Europe?

MASTER: Right now Europe already has a pretty clear understanding of this persecution. It's just that there's one

reason. What is it? The Chinese government reached an agreement with many Western countries after the June 4 incident, namely, “You can criticize my human rights problems, but don’t do it publicly. We can talk about it in private.” They reached that kind of agreement with many nations. Many European countries have indeed talked to them about the Falun Gong issue, but the world’s people don’t know. And without pressure from the international community, the wicked regime doesn’t care. So in the absence of pressure from public opinion, the persecution of Falun Gong has gotten even more rampant and out of control. So the world’s people don’t know the evilness of the persecution, and some countries’ governments intentionally hold back the media from reporting on it. And yet their closed-door talks have been a total failure—they’re absolutely useless. They’ve been fooled by the evil regime, and they’ve fallen right into the trap. That is the most evil scoundrel gang there’s ever been in history, and it absolutely cannot be trusted. I think the world’s people should see this clearly now and should know what’s been happening. Gods won’t just turn a blind eye to what humans do.

Disciple: How can we make the PureInsight website better during this period?

MASTER: (*Laughs*) As far as how you should specifically do something, that’s actually all up to you. When you’re able to correctly approach what you do, your wisdom will be brought into full play. Those of you students who are involved in the PureInsight website work are walking your own path, too. I don’t get involved in any specific matters,

and my not talking about things directly is to leave you with an opportunity to establish your own mighty virtue in the process of validating the Fa. If I were to rush to tell you everything, you'd lose your opportunities. The more difficult something is, the more mighty virtue is established. Of course, when you really have problems that you can't resolve, or when you really can't do well, then I'll say something. But right now that's not the case. There have definitely been achievements, and it should be said that you're running it better and better.

Disciple: Could you enlighten us as to how much effort we should spend on the U.S. State Department's position toward that head of the evil in China?

MASTER: These, too, are among the things Dafa disciples do to validate the Fa. When it comes to how certain things need to be done, I'll tell you in special situations. Actually, as for suing it in the U.S. court system, the U.S. is no longer isolated internationally—hasn't a lawsuit been filed in Europe as well? Also, hasn't the head of the 610 Office been sued in France? And besides, it is no longer a head of state, so it no longer has the immunity granted to a head of state. Our students have said it pretty well: The U.S.'s relationship with China does not equate to the relationship with it. I think that was said very well.

Disciple: Hong Kong is facing a series of issues, from Article 23 to the epidemic. The students have some questions. Would you please tell us what we should do to better fulfill our historic mission as Dafa disciples?

MASTER: (*Laughs*) If you really need to talk to me about

specific matters, then find a time to tell me about them in detail. Let's not talk about them here.

Disciple: Greetings to Master from Dafa disciples on Qinhuang Island, Shanhaiguan, Dandong, Nanchang, and Dalian.

MASTER: Thank you all. *(Applause)*

Disciple: Venerable Master, would you please say a few more words to the Dafa disciples in Australia?

MASTER: It should be said that after I talked to the Australian students last year, the changes in Australia should have been big, but I don't think it's been enough. In the past it was supposed to be in this order: They do very well here in the U.S., with Canada being next, then Australia, and then Europe. Now I think that in some regards Europe has surpassed Australia. But Master isn't criticizing—since you asked me to say something, *(People laugh)* then I'd say that you should do even better, really. Problems still come up from time to time. Wherever you run into difficulties, you can't dodge them. Wherever there's a problem, that's where you need to go to resolve things and where you need to go to clarify the facts. You must remember this point! Once a problem comes up somewhere, that's where you need to go clarify the facts. Don't avoid it, no matter how evil it comes across.

Disciple: It appears there's quite a large gap between the understandings of the Fa at different levels by students in different regions.

MASTER: Maybe that's how it is. Since the environments

are different and they have different numbers of students, that might have a certain impact on the students' sharing amongst themselves and on their Fa-study. I can only put it that way. But I think that as long as you seriously read the book and seriously study it, when you don't understand something, Master's fashen will give you hints and have you understand. But there's one thing: When you study the Fa, don't study it while holding on to attachments. You must calm your mind and be truly studying the Fa. Don't study with some goal in mind. When you study the Fa, you can't let your mind wander or think about other things while studying the Fa. That wouldn't do; you'll learn nothing. Fa study is just Fa study. No interference should be able to affect your Fa study.

Disciple: The students in mainland China who have been sentenced or kept in labor camps are not allowed to study the Fa or do the exercises by the evil beings, which is to say they don't have the conditions for practicing cultivation. How can they reach Consummation?

MASTER: I often see students like this: "You don't let me do the exercises, but I insist on doing them. You don't let me study, but I insist on studying. I just won't listen to you evil beings. All you can do is threaten me with death, right?" Of course, Master is saying that here to you who are cultivators. And yet Master isn't really willing to say it because everyday people who hear it won't be able to understand. What I'm telling you is that when you're truly able to let go of life and death, you can do anything!
(Applause)

In the eyes of the Gods, the same is true for the old

forces' arrangements. You hold on tightly to humanness with one hand and you hold on tightly to Buddhahood with the other hand— which one do you actually want?! When you can truly let go, the situation will definitely be different. The students in regions that have been severely persecuted, in places that have been seriously damaged, should really think about it: What's really going on? Some students say the persecution has gone on for so long that even those who did pretty well before are falling short now. I don't think that's the way it is. Real gold will reveal itself more and more, isn't that the case? If you can truly let go of life and death and no attachments remain, would there be any issue of falling short? Would there be any issue of you being transformed? Would there be any issue of having you do this or that? If hundreds or even a thousand people in a labor camp can all achieve that, see if the labor camp still dares to keep you! We say this, and it seems easy to say it when we're not in that environment, so when Master is teaching the Fa over here, I'm not willing to talk about the situation over there. It is really tough over there, but no matter how tough it is, have you thought about what your future will be? Have you thought of the fact that your future Fruition Status needs to be founded upon magnificent mighty virtue? Have you thought about the fact that what you'll receive is the Righteous Fruition of a God or Buddha who has validated the Fa? Have you truly let go of all humanness as a result?! Have you truly become unshakable and solid like diamond, with no attachments and no omission?! If you are truly like that, then take another look and see what the environment is like.

The Minghui website published an article about a student who told people the facts about Dafa and shouted “Dafa is good” wherever she went. “No matter where I am taken, I’m not going to listen to anything the vicious policemen say, and no matter how violently you beat me or how terribly you swear at me, this is just the way I am.” The labor camp was so scared that they sent her back in a hurry: “We don’t want her.” It’s because they figured, “We won’t be able to transform her, and on top of that she’ll influence a large number of people.” (*People laugh*) And they wouldn’t be able to get a bonus, either. (*Applause*) They had no way to handle it; where could the local police station keep her? They had no way to handle it, so they sent her home.

On the surface it looks like human conduct, but in fact it’s not. It was because she had cultivated to that point and had truly achieved that realm—“Since I’ve been captured and brought here, I haven’t thought at all about going back. Now that I’m here, then I’ve come to validate the Fa.” So the evil was scared. Also, the number of evil beings is quite small now. The more we eliminate them the less there are.

Disciple: How should disciples who obtained the Fa after July 20 deal with improving as one body versus their own cultivation?

MASTER: In cultivation practice, just cultivate according to the requirements in Zhuan Falun; there’s no problem there. Just cultivate normally. It’s just that the tribulations you encounter might be merged with the present Fa-validation. Since Dafa disciples are all

validating the Fa, in the process of validating the Fa, there will be the phenomenon of karma-elimination, and these tribulations will appear. Which is to say, those of you who obtained the Fa after July 20 should try your best to do well. Actually, you haven't put in more of an effort than others because the disciples who obtained the Fa before July 20 had already given of themselves and had already gone through that process. It's cultivation practice, so don't be intimidated by difficulties. No matter what, no matter how hard it is, the path Master has given you is definitely one that you can get through. *(Applause)* As long as your xinxing is raised up, you can make it through.

Disciple: Some disciples said that when we do the exercises by the Chinese consulates, our divine sides will naturally eliminate the evil. Is this understanding correct?

MASTER: That's right in principle; it is like this and it's fine. When a Dafa disciple sits down there, isn't the cultivated, divine side also sitting there? That's fine. But whatever you do, you can't be attached to that little bit and be content with it. *(Laughs)*

Disciple: Even now I still find that it's hard to handle and balance well having compassion for all beings and safeguarding Dafa's dignity. Master, would you please help and guide me on this?

MASTER: Your intention to safeguard Dafa's dignity is correct, but how do you safeguard it? Do you shut their mouths? Do you debate with them? I'm telling you, just treat sentient beings with compassion, just clarify the facts to people with compassion, and you will be

safeguarding Dafa's dignity. In this way, you'll be able to safeguard Dafa's dignity. (*Enthusiastic applause*)

Dafa's dignity can't be safeguarded with the means of everyday people. It's demonstrated by each of our Dafa disciples exhibiting true compassion and kindness. It's not created; it's not created by human conduct or human means. It's born out of compassion and it's manifested in saving sentient beings and in your cultivation. When you all cultivate well as a whole, the world's people will say that Dafa is good and will all respect Dafa. In the past, I have talked about this to our persons in charge. I said in Dafa the persons in charge don't rely on ordinary ways of management but rather on your heart for Dafa and being responsible about cultivation practice. You achieve it by cultivating yourself well; people will admire and respect you. If you don't admit it when you're wrong, and you act like you're not wrong in order to have people think that you're not wrong, then no one will respect you, because that's an everyday person's approach. The same goes for how the world's people view our Dafa. If someone says that it's not good and you debate with him using everyday people's ways, or you try to silence him or the like, that will worsen the disagreement. We should just conduct ourselves well and handle everything with compassion. You don't need to argue or debate with them. People have a side of them that's aware, and they'll be moved on the human surface too. They'll naturally say that you're good. But the student's feelings are understandable—whenever someone does damage to Dafa it upsets him. Then whenever someone has done damage to Dafa, you

should go talk to him. There will be people who can't be saved. You don't need to worry about people who can no longer be saved, you don't need to stubbornly debate with anyone, and you don't need to try to silence them either, because there are ways to deal with those who are really unsalvageable. The epidemic that's come along in China is dealing with those people. Those who cannot be saved will be weeded out. It's not me who's doing that—it's the old forces weeding people out. And of course, there are also righteous Gods who are weeding out evil people. When it comes to something this significant, of course, if I didn't agree to it the old forces wouldn't dare do it.

Disciple: Currently in clarifying the facts we incorporate things that have happened among everyday people, like the news on the epidemic, for example, as part of the contents we use for truth-clarification, and we provide them to Chinese people in large quantities to remind them.

MASTER: It's okay to remind them. When you talk about certain things publicly through the media everyday people can't understand it. You can talk about those things while you clarify the facts, you can remind them—there's no problem with that. In this science-wrought society a lot of people don't believe in Gods—today's medical sciences in particular are part of modern science—so when you talk about those things people might not be able to understand, and, as a result, the evil will even seize the opportunity to fabricate lies. So you don't need to talk about those things in public. You can point out these issues to people while clarifying the facts.

Disciple: You've said that we are currently selecting the cream of the crop of the future cultivators. My question is, I've found that some of the friends around me who support Dafa feel that when they do certain good things for Dafa they run into some difficulties. Is it because we are attached? Because my fellow cultivators have said that "When there's trouble, it must be because you have a problem." I feel quite uneasy in my heart. Or is it the result of the old forces' persecution?

MASTER: It's hard for someone to enter Dafa right now unless he's extremely steadfast. For example, some people have learned the exercises, and you want them to immediately become Dafa disciples. After they come in, you bring them with you to do some Fa-validation things, and the old forces will interfere. And the old forces have a strong excuse, namely, "There's not enough time, and the wish he's demonstrated isn't that strong." They're saying that his wish to become a Dafa disciple isn't that strong. That's why it's hard to get in. If you ask them to do Dafa work like a Dafa disciple the old forces will interfere. That's the situation. But in some cases it's not entirely like that—there's that phenomenon, too. Also, some everyday people want to support Dafa, and from the depths of their hearts they want to do some things for Dafa. Those people aren't interfered with. So what I'm saying is, there's a line drawn between Dafa disciples and the cultivators of the future.

Disciple: In Touring North America to Teach the Fa it was mentioned that even the last being is no longer pure. What does that refer to?

MASTER: Yes, even the last being is no longer pure.

That's true. But this cosmos is just too vast, and human language is unable to describe it. When I talked about the last being, that was also just a figurative description. If I were really able to talk about that last being using human language I'd be directly insulting him. You know, when it gets to a certain level, "the last" changes—its meaning changes. Some students asked me whether "One plus one equals two" is a truth in the heavens. Human thinking and human logic don't exist in the heavens. Its meaning eventually changes and it's not like that anymore. How large is the cosmos? How large is the cosmic body? And how large is the ultimate colossal body? If all those things have degenerated, then the reason has to lie in him. Even to the extent that I just talked about, although my thoughts have reached him, it seemed that the human language still didn't reach him, so he was completely aloof and indifferent—even though he's fully aware he pretends to not understand. He's thinking, "Your words didn't reach me at all." And that's because the concepts contained in the human language are limited.

For example, Daoists talk about nothingness. They believe that according to Daoist theory, Non-Being generates the Supreme Ultimate, the Supreme Ultimate generates the Two Polarities, the Two Polarities generate the Four Phases, and the Four Phases generate the Eight Trigrams. They think that when it gets to Non-Being that's the highest, that it's in the state of chaos, and that in the state of chaos nothing remains. However, there are also Daoists with a higher understanding that say even chaos doesn't exist, that it's empty, and that is the

highest with nothing left. Think about it, these words seem to have reached the end, right? But they haven't reached the end. And why not? If there's nothing left, how can you talk about it? So it's called "There's nothing left," right? Or it's called emptiness, or it's called nothingness, right? (*People laugh*) Isn't that the idea? So, when there's nothing left at all, if you trace further into the microcosm, into the infinite microcosm, you'll find that something is there again. But those beings' forms of existence are quite different from the existence of the elements of the matter in the cosmic bodies down below, and the principles are different, too; it's as if they're a totally different matter from each other. But there's something there again. Despite that, at a certain point it's gone again, then at a certain point, as you trace further you'll discover that it's there again and that it's even more microcosmic. So if you use human language to describe or understand it, you can't understand it. When it gets to a certain larger range, the differences are even greater, and it's even more of a different matter altogether. So what do you call that state? That really can't be described using human language. When even the last being is no longer pure it means that everything is no longer good enough, and that's why Fa-rectification has to be done.

Disciple: We are considering a concert that's related to stopping the persecution, with participation by non-practitioner musicians. Master, what's your opinion on having everyday people take part in this type of concert?

MASTER: I have no opinion. If everyday people want to come and say that Falun Dafa is good, you can't say don't

allow them to do that. That's no problem. But if they come to exhibit some everyday people's things, then you need to be a bit careful: Can certain things share the same stage with us in a concert held by Dafa disciples? Of course, there's not much of a problem with classical music. But with contemporary music it's hard to say.

Disciple: Venerable Teacher, would you please talk about what we should do with the Dafa materials discarded by everyday people, since they contain sacred words and symbols?

MASTER: Actually, in everything you do, your intention needs to be to save sentient beings, and that includes the truth-clarifying materials. When you hand out flyers you should consider the possibility that people might discard them. When it comes to this, you treasure them, since you're Dafa disciples, but don't get angry with everyday people. You should still treat them with compassion. If a person discards a flyer we can only say that he missed the opportunity. But when that person is really no good and is unsalvageable, Gods will regard what he did as a sin. Master has said this: I don't keep track of all the sins that sentient beings have committed throughout history; I only look at the being's attitude toward Dafa during the Fa-rectification. I treat all beings at all levels this way. But when a being has really persecuted Dafa disciples or has really been bad to Dafa, his new debts and old debts are all tallied together in hell. And that's because for beings that can't be saved, they can't not pay for the sins they owed before, and so for them their new debts and old debts are all tallied together. Dafa disciples cultivate Zhen-Shan-

Ren, so they have compassion for all beings. You can't just have compassion for those who read the materials, and have no compassion for those who don't—you can't do that. (*Laughs*) In saving people, you have to be patient, and that's why it's Dafa disciples' mercy.

Disciple: Would you please tell us, in the Fa-rectification what state are the factors in the cosmos that surpass the last being of the old forces in? Did they not think of saving themselves before the Fa-rectification of the cosmos, or are there other reasons?

MASTER: The ultimate factor of the old forces is evil toward the Fa-rectification itself, is selfish, and is an enormous tribulation for the cosmos that was planted for the Fa-rectification itself. The Gods of the old forces that are all throughout have their own specific arrangements for what they want at different specific levels. So at each level they arranged for the success of the Fa-rectification. But from the perspective of the Fa's mighty virtue, the old forces at higher levels are eliminating the ones at the next level down, because they know that whoever takes part in the Fa-rectification will have to be eliminated—this is the Dafa of the cosmos after all, so no being at any level is worthy of influencing it. The reason I say the ultimate old forces are evil is that when the Fa-rectification proceeds to the end it's found that they are no more than an enormous tribulation planted for the Fa-rectification; they're nothing more than that.

Before the Fa-rectification of the cosmos began they had their plans, which were self-serving. I find that once

I start talking about certain things it gets really involved and will take a long time. If I were to answer any of your questions in detail it could take days, because when it comes to the process that's involved, the higher the level, the more the Fa that I teach transcends the truths below, and so it becomes hard to understand if I don't talk about the process in the middle. Even though it's all-encompassing and all-harmonizing... you know, there are small Faluns, large Faluns, and larger Faluns, and like the cosmos, Faluns are all-encompassing and all-harmonizing, but in larger cosmic bodies there are Faluns as well, and in larger and larger cosmic bodies there still are, and in larger and larger and larger cosmic bodies there still are. However large a cosmic body is, that's how large the Faluns are. When it gets to the upper-level cosmic bodies there are greater truths there. But overall the truths in the colossal firmament are connected, all-encompassing, and all-harmonizing, so as changes occur from level to level the Fa's truths in the cosmic bodies change significantly.

*Disciple: In Taiwan can we sue that head of the evil in China?
(People laugh)*

MASTER: If it has persecuted you, you can sue it—there's no reason why not. *(Applause)* As long as the court accepts the case you can sue it.

Disciple: I have read Zhuan Falun from cover to cover repeatedly, but I still don't feel I can grasp the inner meanings that have to do with Fa-rectification. Is it because my enlightenment quality is too poor?

MASTER: If you wish to see what I'm telling you to do today regarding Fa-rectification just from the words in Zhuan Falun, you'll never see them. As a cultivating Dafa disciple, a Dafa disciple of the Fa-rectification period, when it comes to what you should do, you can come to understand that from Zhuan Falun and you can grasp it from the Fa principles. Not only can you understand things to that extent, regarding what to do specifically and how you can do them well, as you continue to read the book more you'll be able to even see the things of the next stage—it can still point those things out to you. Not only that, it can even point things out to you to the final stage. No matter how high a level you cultivate to, everything is there. What a Dafa disciple should do is all in there. But if you look for the words at the surface, you won't be able to find them.

Disciple: Master, what you said today is about "Attaining an immortal human body is a Buddha,"¹ right? Greetings to you, Master, with a Heshi.

MASTER: Thank you all. Don't give the Fa that I teach some kind of a definition. I didn't tell you which level of Fa I am teaching. That's because when I teach the Fa, my bodies at all the levels, all the way to infinity, are all lecturing, so which level would you say it belongs to? No matter at which level you understood the Fa I taught, it's only what you understood at that level. But it's not limited to that. Including what I just said about the correspondence to human bodies—that's by no means about becoming a Buddha—that's about how the entire cosmic system, the cosmic body's system, and the colossal

1 From Hong Yin.

firmament system are integrated and harmonized. And it corrected the problem of the Gods in the old cosmos being constrained in the past by the forms of lives; it's quite a major issue. So when you see something, don't go, "Oh, it's that!" Or when you enlighten to something, don't go, "Oh, it's that!" It's not; that's just something you realized based on where you are now.

Disciple: We encourage fellow cultivators to come out and share experiences on different occasions. But some fellow cultivators think they won't have time to study the Fa if they come out frequently and that they can clarify the facts from their homes just the same, and can do even better and more there.

MASTER: If a Dafa disciple can truly achieve the state that's required of today's Fa-rectification disciples, then go ahead and do that. But if you can't achieve that, then that's just an excuse. Of course, [events] like this experience sharing conference that you're holding are in fact still quite necessary. However, I don't want them to be held too frequently since our students would be running around from place to place, and that would interfere with other Fa-validation things. That said, though, it's still necessary to hold experience sharing conferences—just don't hold them too often. Also, there are certain Fa-validation group activities that you need to go do, that require you to cooperate with each other and coordinate with each other. You may say you're doing things quite well at home, but when it comes to certain things that require cooperation and everybody's effort, you won't have done them.

Disciple: Sometimes I see certain things that are about to happen, including disasters in the human world. Is it okay for me to write them down to shock the world's people? Or is what I saw the arrangement of the old cosmos?

MASTER: For the sake of saving sentient beings, you can do it strategically and with wisdom. Don't alarm the world's people; you need to save sentient beings. What our students see involves two scenarios. One is: The body that I just told you about, your body that's in the range of your own bodily system—and the parts of our Dafa disciples that have been completely cultivated, in particular—the bigger your body is, the more numerous the beings in the cosmos that it encompasses and corresponds to. Then the things that occur inside are in fact also things that occur within a portion of the cosmos. What a lot of students have seen are actually things that occurred inside their own bodies, but those are things that occurred in the cosmos, too. That's because with our Dafa disciples, if each person cultivates well, with every person corresponding to a cosmic body, then the entire cosmos will be covered. That's why your sending forth righteous thoughts is so critical. So, if that's the case, what you see is in fact just the state you're in during cultivation, and it's only what's manifesting during your cultivation of yourself; that's all it is. Of course, it will, in various forms, be reflected over here where you are so you can see it, so sometimes it's not easy to distinguish what's inside and outside.

Of course, there are also some students who've seen certain things that will occur in the Three Realms overall. But there are very few cases lately, because this history has all been rearranged. Many prophecies, for

example—no matter whether they are accurate or not regarding the later stage—can shock and frighten the evil, give the world’s people hints, and warn and wake up the world’s people. So they can have certain positive effects. Dafa disciples should not do things according to some prophecy, though; you should do things in accordance with Dafa! You should do things according to what Dafa disciples should do! And you shouldn’t do things by following something else. In the course of clarifying the truth, weren’t many of the prophecies actually things that you assembled for ordinary people to read? You did it to have ordinary people learn the lessons of history—even ancient people talked about these things—that is, to caution the people of the world. Those things weren’t for Dafa disciples to read and use as a reference for their own cultivation! If Dafa disciples hadn’t encountered today’s persecution, I wouldn’t have let you dig up those prophecies. You see the rationale, right? Dafa disciples should just do things according to Dafa. You all are creating history, you are creating the future, and anything arranged by anyone else doesn’t count. Whatever anyone has seen is from the past and has already changed. Even if a few events happen to be the same, those were only arranged as needed by the overall arrangement, that’s all.

Disciple: We’re disciples who obtained the Fa after July 20, and we were recently involved in a massive car accident, but nothing happened to us and we were safe. Ordinary people said it was a miracle. We would like to thank Master for giving us a second life. When something like that happens in the Fa-rectification period, is it because we have gaps and let

the evil take advantage of us, or does it involve the element of repaying lives?

MASTER: I think there are two reasons. One is: Was it caused because some students haven't conducted themselves well? Another reason is: Were there new students involved? Of course, new students have tribulations, but these kinds of situations are relatively rare, and even if they have tribulations there usually aren't any major problems. No matter what, don't think of these things as a big deal. No matter whether something bad happened or not, in any case, for a person who is cultivating, there will always be inevitable factors involved.

Disciple: Several disciples have been suffering from major tribulations of sickness karma, and for quite some time now. Is it okay for us to send forth righteous thoughts as a group to help them?

MASTER: Of course it's okay; I already talked about this problem last time. But some students should look inside and think about how well they've really done. As such a magnificent being during the Fa-rectification period, how well have you really done? Don't say, "How could this thing happen to a Dafa disciple?" whenever a problem comes up.

For a long time now some students just haven't gotten rid of those fundamental attachments! And as things have piled up, at the end they aren't able to overcome them and the tribulations are huge. When problems occur, they don't search for problems in their xinxing, they don't fundamentally improve themselves and truly let go of the matter and make it through in an open and dignified

manner from another angle. Instead, they focus on the thing at hand: “Goodness... why is it that I still haven’t overcome this thing? I’ve done a little better today, so it should be a bit better. Tomorrow I’ll do even better, so it should improve some more.” He can never let go of that thing. On the surface it appears that he’s letting it go: “Look, I’m doing well now.” You’re doing well but you are doing well for its sake! You aren’t doing it for the purpose of doing things the way a true Dafa disciple should do things!

There is indeed a portion of students who really should take a good look at themselves and how they’ve done. How well have you really done? Have you really made it through like the students in mainland China who are validating the Fa even in such an evil environment and who are even able to let go of life and death while their lives are on the line? If you were really placed in that situation, would you be able to handle it? Of course, I’m not saying that every one of you has to go through that process. But isn’t what you are encountering right now the same thing? Can you truly make it through? Our students belong to three different categories as I’ve said before and they’re not the same, so they are bound to act differently during their cultivation. Don’t think that other people are having no trouble at all and they’re doing quite well in Fa-rectification. They’re different. Their fundamental situations are different, and there are no references or comparisons to draw. As I’ve already said, in cultivation there’s no reference and there are no models to follow. However others are doing, I’ll just learn from them? They aren’t the same. The situation you have won’t appear for him.

As a matter of fact, for many students it's been so long now, and especially after going through July 20, 1999, you should really take a good look at a lot of things on a fundamental level. You should calm down and truly think things over. Don't think, "Now that I'm a Dafa disciple I should have nothing bad happen to me. If anything happens then it's not right." And don't think that you should go through whatever other people go through. Every person's situation is different. The key is how well you yourselves really do. What you're attached to in your mind all day long are all ordinary people's things, you're even befuddled head-over-heels by feelings, and yet when tribulations come you say, "I'm a Dafa disciple who's suffered from tribulations for a long time." (*People laugh*) (*Sigh*)... Sometimes I don't want my words to be too harsh, but if they're too soft you don't want to think it over and enlighten from it. It's about to end. You should think for yourselves now. Time waits for no one!

When the day of Consummation really arrives, let me tell you, Dafa disciples really will ascend in broad daylight, and the whole world will be able to see it. (*Applause*) Those who aren't able to Consummate, when that day comes, you can just sit there and sob! For the ones who haven't cultivated well, I'd say it'll be too late to cry.

Disciple: Recently there has been an instance around us of a man and a woman having an affair...

MASTER: I think I talked about it just now; I've already discussed this issue. The things certain people have done make them undeserving of even the title "Dafa student"! They don't even deserve to be called "human beings." Yet

you still call yourself a “Dafa disciple”?! I am waiting for you—do you not realize that?!

Sometimes when I as your Master see the things that you do, it really makes me sad. Yet if I were to really give up on you, that would really pain me, too. I really don’t want to abandon you just like that. But you just don’t know to strive for improvement! You just don’t know to work hard! And you’re even tarnishing the reputation of Dafa, doing things that are even undeserving of the title of “human being,” yet you still say you’re a Dafa disciple! Let me put it this way, what I said just now is for all of those who have done things that are undeserving of the status of Dafa disciples: It would be best if you told people about those things publicly. That way, many things of yours will be eliminated, and at the same time it will make you really strengthen your resolve. I’m telling you that for you time is now really limited. For all of you who’ve done those bad things—and I’m not including those who’ve already corrected themselves—I’m talking about those who are still doing the bad things, and those who are providing information to China’s evil communist scoundrel gang—the moment I truly give up on you is the moment you go down to hell! I’m really not just trying to scare you. Because as long as it hasn’t ended yet, it is still an opportunity for all beings. Master has been waiting for you over and over again!

Disciple: Is there anything that we need to pay special attention to when teaching new students to send forth righteous thoughts during the nine-day lecture class?

MASTER: Actually, you don’t need to have new students

send forth righteous thoughts, (*Laughs*) since at that time their abilities aren't yet that great. That's because they have just begun to learn the Fa after all, and they need to go through a process. Don't be too eager to have them send forth righteous thoughts.

Disciple: My understanding is that the individual cultivation of a Dafa disciple is directly related to the cosmic body that's connected to him. When the Fa rectifies the colossal firmament, will the cultivators of the future be responsible for the cosmic bodies that correspond to them, or will they have already been rectified by the Fa?

MASTER: During the course of your cultivation, the cosmic body that corresponds to your body, no matter how big it is, is rectified as you achieve success in your cultivation—that's for sure. But if you don't cultivate well they can't be rectified. Of course, there is another factor at play, namely, the Fa-rectification—when my immense force of Fa-rectification arrives, the good will be kept and the bad will be dealt with. So the time before the Fa-rectification arrives is the best opportunity for you to save sentient beings. When the time comes, it will wait for no one. As soon as the immense force of Fa-rectification arrives, whatever it should be will be.

Disciple: All the students in Israel send greetings to esteemed Master!

MASTER: Thank you! (*Applause*)

Disciple: Esteemed Master, please tell us the connection between Moses, Israel, and Fa-rectification.

MASTER: Moses has nothing to do with the Fa-rectification. But I'll tell you something, and you shouldn't casually tell it to everyday people, as it'd be hard for everyday people to understand. The truth is, Moses was in fact the God who was saving the believers of Judaism. After the Jews left Egypt, the God that took care of them was actually Moses. They called out to Yahweh, but actually Yahweh didn't save people since Yahweh is a higher God; the God who saved people was Moses. Moses, Jesus, and St. Mary are all on the plane of Gods who save human beings. So Moses was the one who truly oversaw the Jewish faith. These are things people don't know much about. What I'm talking about is the real situation. The Jewish race was created by Gods, too, so they are also a group we should try to save in the Fa-rectification.

Having come to this topic, let me tell you a few things you'll enjoy hearing. *(Everyone laughs) (Applause)*

Just now I talked about the Israelite ethnicity. The Bible says it was Yahweh who created the Israelites. Actually, this small universe of ours, the small universe that I've always referred to, what's this small universe called? It's Pan Gu from Chinese legends who created Heaven and Earth. He's not Chinese, nor is he a human being of any other race on Earth. He is a God in the heavens; he is the universe. Pan Gu's creation of Heaven and Earth came about during the process after the small universe of the last period was destroyed and the small universe was re-created. His body is the process of this small universe's formation, stability, degeneration, and disintegration cycle, but his being isn't. Haven't I talked about the trinity of Gods before? He has a divine body and he has

a true spirit. That true spirit of his isn't it, but this body of his is actually the small universe I am talking about. In historical legends, people talk about how he came to life in this way: A shape was gradually formed out of the state of chaos, and then he was formed; he separated Heaven from Earth, and then he stood up and held up Heaven. That's people humanizing him more and more in the legends and attaching more human feelings to him. People's likes and dislikes have distorted the reality.

As you know, the human body is actually a small universe with layers upon layers of sentient beings. When the Pan Gu universe was initially being formed, just like a human embryo in the mother's womb, the small universe was only a particle within a more gigantic cosmic body. The cosmic body contains the elements that can produce all life. When the small universe of the last period ended amidst the cycle of formation, stability, degeneration, and disintegration, the cosmic body was already preparing for the formation of a new small universe. Amidst the state of chaos after the small universe of the last period exploded, this new small universe was gradually formed, and the true spirit of Pan Gu entered into it. During the process of formation, layers upon layers of matter inside of it formed the layers upon layers of Heaven and Earth, and at the same time formed the myriad things between the layers upon layers of Heaven and Earth, including Gods just like the true spirit of Pan Gu as well as layers upon layers of sentient beings. The small universe was thus formed. The human body is formed by small particles forming large particles and large particles forming even larger particles. His body is like this, too—small particles form large

particles, and large particles form even larger particles. It's just like what people know whereby molecules are formed by atoms, and naturally, these molecules can, in turn, form planets; those planets form the Milky Way and different planetary systems, and different planetary systems can form even larger universes of the cosmic body. That's how it's structured. Human beings, today's scientists, have seen particles, but they haven't seen the connections between particles. All particles are linked together organically. So as for this Pan Gu, after he was formed, just like all sentient beings in the cosmos, he, too, has a process of formation, stability, degeneration, and disintegration. What people described in legends was his formation process. Actually, now he has already reached the final phase, the process of degeneration and disintegration, or in other words, he has begun the process of aging and weakening. Today is the period of time of degeneration after aging and weakening, and it's already at the very end... Using human language to talk about Gods isn't pleasant to the ear. Let's just say that it's now a time period when it's almost over, and so it was during this time that the Fa-rectification began.

The moment he formed, different levels of particles came to exist in the cosmos, and during the process of his formation these particles were also producing beings. Our Earth is a part of his body; it is a portion of the cells within his body. Planets that have beings on them like our Earth are scattered all over this small universe, only they don't have beings like today's humans. And that's because those lives are beings at the most surface level, and also the lowest level, of the cosmos; they do not have

the image of the Gods. Originally there was no division of the Three Realms. The reason there is a Three Realms is that Dafa was to be imparted at the surface level of the small universe, and for that reason, this span was chosen as a unique realm for three large levels of lives, and it formed its own system. Pan Gu is a God, and what's inside of Pan Gu's body is the small universe. So there are different levels of Gods and sentient beings in the Three Realms inside of all the cosmic bodies of the entire small universe, but it's only when one reaches the surface dimensions that the beings have a lowly, ugly, strange, and wicked appearance. Thus, back then it was out of necessity for Fa-rectification that the Three Realms was created, so within the scope of the Three Realms the solar system and the Earth were also created. Of course, the lifespan of Earth can't be compared with that of the universe. Originally there were different planets at this position where Earth is located. The beings on the previous Earths all had the appearance of aliens, and their natural habitat and environment were extremely harsh. That's because when one gets to the worst place, it's not permitted to be in the image of the Gods. Because human beings have the image of the Gods, all those on the previous Earths had the ugly appearance of aliens. To have Fa-rectification things take place here and make it possible for all sentient beings in the entire cosmos to be saved—even sentient beings at the most surface level—the Three Realms and human beings were created here. Why were human beings created, rather than have beings like aliens listen to the Fa? It's because if those kinds of beings were to listen to the Fa of the cosmos and become my disciples,

that would be the same as insulting the cosmos and all Gods. So after the new Earth was created, some of the Gods from the heavens came, and they created human beings on Earth in their own images.

In ancient China it was said that Nü Wa created human beings. The Gods use their divine abilities to do things; they don't need to use their hands to do things. Moreover, the structure of the human body is very complex—it's not something you could mold with your hands, and it can't be done with the clumsy means of human beings—so Gods do it with their Fa power. The gong of Gods is present from the microcosm on up to the most surface level, so at the same time that a God does something, it's done immediately, it's done instantly. And he doesn't do things within the time of humans, he transcends the time in the human dimension, so when you look at it from the human time here, he's finished his creation in an instant.

At the time, several types of Gods were sent down. One was the Yahweh that the Jews speak of. Yahweh created the people of the Jewish race. This type of people includes a portion of the people of southern Europe; they all belong to this race. A portion of Caucasians in northern Europe were created by other Gods. Four types of Caucasian Gods created four types of Caucasians. Actually, Arabs used to be Caucasians too, and Arabs used to live in the northern regions of the Earth—I'm not referring to the present continental plates; the previous continental plates had already changed nine thousand years ago. They are people who lived in the northern regions of the past, and it was the shifting of the land masses that moved them to where they are now. In recent history, before Genghis

Khan occupied the Arab region, Arabs had exactly the same skin color as Caucasians and their appearance was like today's Europeans, only they had dark black hair and dark black eyes. After Genghis Khan's massive Mongol army arrived, the locals came to have mixed blood, so their skin color is similar to that of Chinese, and they show signs of Chinese looks as well as European looks. Originally they were also created by a separate God.

The Indian race was created by Buddhas, and that's why the dancing of Indians, the way they carry themselves, and their hand gestures are very similar to those of Buddhas. Indians really are a race created by Buddhas. As far as Orientals go, a portion of them were created by Nü Wa, while another portion were created by Daos. Actually, to put it more precisely, the earliest race in the early days of North America and South America was the yellow race. They're now called people of the red race, but they're in fact of the yellow race—they were tanned by the sun. (*Everyone laughs*) The true red race was the ancient Egyptians. Maybe one cannot find them now, since most of them have mixed their blood with blacks.

Black people, likewise, were created by Gods of blacks in the heavens, and not by just one God. So there are differences in how black people look, too. Among the Gods in the heavens, some wear clothing while some wrap themselves in pieces of cloth. Daos wear clothing. Many Gods in the heavens wrap themselves with a large piece of cloth. As for Buddhas, most of them are swathed in a piece of yellow fabric; with Caucasian Gods the vast majority are swathed in a large piece of white fabric. In

Chinese, it's called one zhang² long, and it's wrapped around the body. We can see this from ancient paintings and sculptures. In the past, Europeans similarly wrapped themselves with a piece of white cloth. And the Gods of black people are swathed in a piece of bright red fabric. They are Gods, so no matter what color their skin is, they are all majestic. In order to impart the Fa here, the image of human beings needed to be created, and the Gods created human beings in whatever image they themselves had. That's why it's said that God created man in his own image, and it's true. That's how today's human beings came to be.

In the past history, before I began to impart Dafa, both the bodies and the souls of the human beings that Gods created back then were formed in the Three Realms. I have spoken to you before about the process of the human race's development, the process of gradually developing and enriching human beings. By the recent period of time, humans were already able to be quite rational, and their way of thinking had also become very logical. When it got to this point and Dafa was about to be imparted, then many Gods from the heavens came and incarnated as humans. Then what should be done with the souls of the humans? The human surface skins that were created by the Gods were taken over by beings from up above as they incarnated, while the souls of the previous humans remained in the netherworld because humans also go through reincarnation. Those skins don't go along with the humans, so the skins are reclaimed at a certain time. When a person dies after about a hundred

2 zhang: A Chinese unit measurement for length. 1 zhang = 3.33 m = 3.65 yard

years, the skin is reclaimed. The skin we see that's buried inside a grave, that decomposed skin, that's the portion that grew postnatally from the food the person ate. But the prenatal skin, on the other hand, that's the real skin. That prenatal portion has to be taken away, so whoever is about to reincarnate can put it on, (*Everyone laughs*) just like clothing. That's how people used to go through reincarnation. When it came time to impart Dafa and after these Gods arrived, you could say that the people on Earth that were created by Gods had done their share for the Fa-rectification—it wasn't easy for humans to reach this point in history—and so they've remained in another dimension, which Chinese call the netherworld, and they haven't reincarnated over here. At present, the place where they are has already been completely assimilated during the Fa-rectification. At present, the massive force of Fa-rectification has arrived at the outermost surface of this human dimension, and it has arrived at the outermost surface of the human skin.

All the way through to today, different races have been like particles under the feet of the Gods who created them; although people are able to meld together and coexist in this dimension, they don't belong to the same system. By recent times, it's different Gods from the heavens who are inside the skins of the different human races. What I discussed above was about what's going on with humans at the surface. Of course, Dafa is being imparted, and today it's not that I'm bringing salvation to Caucasians and turning them into people of the yellow race, or bringing salvation to people of the yellow race and turning them into Caucasians. (*People laugh*) Everyone

is already clear on this point. I'm making it possible for everybody to go back to wherever you came from. If you cultivate well, I'll give you an even higher Fruition Status. If you were a God, you'll still cultivate back to the God's image you originally had, and I won't do anything to it; if you were originally a Buddha, you'll still be a Buddha; if you were originally a Dao, you'll still be a Dao. What I remove are all the elements of yours that have gone bad in the postnatal universe. And at the same time, I assimilate you to the Dafa, rectify everything for you, give you even better things, and give you the state that the Gods of the future should have. *(Applause)*

The reason is, there are different lives, different sentient beings, and different Gods inside the cosmos, and they can't all be changed into the same thing. That wouldn't do, and the cosmos would no longer flourish. That's just the way it is. So as far as these beings are concerned, no matter what their outer appearance is like, they've all gone through a process in history and they're all worthy of being cherished, because that's the process of the cosmos.

I just talked about some things you'd enjoy hearing. *(Laughs)* I think you'd best not submit more question slips. There are a few remaining several slips that I'll read and then I'll call it a day since I don't want to take up too much of your time. It's an experience sharing conference, so you still need to give talks and help one another improve. Didn't a slip just ask how we could improve as a whole? This is an opportunity to improve as a whole.

Disciple: What's the relationship between a negative being and evil?

MASTER: Actually, I only mentioned negative beings when I talked about the law of mutual generation and mutual inhibition and the corresponding relationships among different beings in the cosmos. At a low level, there are humans and there are ghosts. Speaking of ghosts, the term ghost that modern people use is a generic term, and there are in fact many, many varieties, including ghosts, evil spirits, mountain spirits, forest spirits, monsters, fiends, spirits, demons, and so on. Contemporary people refer to them collectively as “ghosts.” Here in this human place there are humans and there are ghosts. Further up there are Buddhas and there are demons. And even further up, there are positive beings and there are negative beings. And why is that? Because the higher it gets, the better—the higher the level, the more wonderful it is. At very high levels there are positive and negative beings. You can’t call the negative beings “demons,” though; they’re totally different from demons. Yet they are the opposite of positive beings, and that’s why it’s a positive and a negative. Since the lower it gets the worse it is, when it gets to a certain level Fa Kings and demon Kings appear. Buddhas are Fa Kings. As for demon Kings, I can tell you that they, too, don’t have any human emotions or desires, nor do they have any human attachments. They are beings at that realm, and that’s why they can stay there. It’s just that they aren’t kind and exhibit cruelty—that’s putting it in human terms—demons are vicious, and Buddhas are kind, so they also exist in opposition to one another, and they deal with things in opposite ways.

In the past it was said that a person’s single thought can generate kindness and malice, that kindness or malice

comes from a person's single thought. In this cosmos, it's hard for anyone to do something. When a Buddha wants to do a good thing, as soon as that thought comes forth, malice will immediately follow along. However big the good thing that he does, that's how big the bad thing that follows. It's the same with humans. However big a good thing that you do, it's guaranteed that the same extent of bad thing will be dealt to you. Some manifest in this dimension; some don't manifest in this dimension—they manifest in other dimensions. For example, say you've done a major good thing for someone and that person is grateful to you. Because you've done that good thing, it may have caused some other beings to incur some losses. In other words, however big a good thing you do, that's how big a bad thing will happen. So in the past the law of mutual generation and mutual inhibition was absolute, and when a being wanted to do a certain thing, he simply couldn't do it. Those Gods... you all wonder why Gods have to wait for the right time or opportunity to come along if they're going to save somebody, and why it's said that the time or the opportunity hasn't come yet, or that the opportunity isn't ripe yet. They couldn't do it because the law of mutual generation and mutual inhibition has been pretty much absolute and was restraining all of this. A God absolutely wouldn't cause a big, bad thing to happen for the sake of doing a good thing and as a result cause himself to drop down; they absolutely wouldn't do that. Some monks used to go on and on about saving people, and I would sometimes think: "They really have no clue what boasting that is." It's not as how humans imagine it. So, it was the law of mutual generation and

mutual inhibition that caused the Gods to not dare do the things they wished to do.

Disciple: Will the mankind of post Fa-rectification of the human realm have any memory of today's mankind?

MASTER: Ah, mankind, the mankind of the future, will eulogize today's Fa-rectification, generation after generation. (*Applause*) The truth about this persecution hasn't yet been fully revealed for mankind to see. Mankind will be shocked. The Consummation of Dafa disciples, the occurrence of everything that mankind doesn't believe in, and the process of all of mankind's deviated things being rectified—these will be soul-stirring, and not just shocking but terrifying. All of those things will happen. So this segment of history will be passed down by mankind for all eternity.

Disciple: I feel very guilty because I haven't done certain things well. Even though I know full well that I shouldn't sink into too much guilt and even lose confidence in my cultivation, it's still hard for me to shake it.

MASTER: You're not determined—you don't have enough determination. As a Dafa disciple... Take a look at the persecution Dafa disciples in mainland China are suffering under. You're a Dafa disciple too, and yet you aren't able to show even a bit of determination over here. What is it you're so attached to? Isn't that what's going on? You don't have enough righteous thoughts. When you have enough righteous thoughts you'll be able to do it.

Disciple: Master, I feel that some students put a lot of

emphasis on righteous thoughts but overlook righteous action somewhat, and when sharing experiences they almost never discuss how to have righteous actions. Please tell us how to handle the relationship between righteous thoughts and righteous actions.

MASTER: That's not how to describe it. When you see someone not having righteous actions, in fact it's that he doesn't have enough righteous thoughts. That's because it's the thoughts that guide a person's actions. When you have sufficient righteous thoughts, your actions will definitely be proper; when you don't have enough righteous thoughts, the actions simply won't be proper. No matter how we discuss and talk about the issue of righteous thoughts, there are still people whose thoughts can't become righteous. However you are able to maintain your righteous thoughts, that's how your actions will surely become righteous. No matter how we talk about it, it still comes down to the issue of how all of you, as Dafa disciples, can do well.

Disciple: I am a disciple who obtained the Fa after the July 20, 1999 incident. I obtained the Fa in 2000. I'm wondering if I can have the same kind of mighty virtue as the disciples who obtained the Fa before July 20, 1999.

MASTER: In the past, before July 20, 1999, the students were doing personal cultivation, whereas now is the time for truly establishing mighty virtue. So, haven't you obtained the Fa at this time? In terms of whether someone can, it's the same for everyone. They, too, are establishing mighty virtue at this time. It's just that you have your personal cultivation joined with the matters of

clarifying the facts and saving sentient beings. None of that affects anything.

Disciple: Does the cosmos have a limit to its most microcosmic matter? If it does, is that the highest manifestation of the Fa, and the highest point of Zhen-Shan-Ren?

MASTER: “The cosmos has a limit to matter”—it sounds like this sentence has already reached the end, right? Haven’t the words reached the end? But I can tell you that when you go further into the microcosm, there isn’t any matter anymore; it’s not called matter, and it’s already completely different from the matter we speak of, but it’s still connected to the system of matter. So it can’t be expressed with human language at all, and it’s hard to reach its ultimate end with words. But I have ways to reach it with words.

Disciple: Some students think that their own assimilation to the Fa is what’s most important, so they often don’t want to make themselves too busy and they’d rather have more time to contemplate. I think the progress of Fa-rectification is very fast, so the things that ought to be done should be done immediately, and as long as we can study the Fa with a calm mind and search inward when encountering things, that counts as making diligent progress.

MASTER: Yes, that’s true. With many things you shouldn’t be constrained by human notions. You might say that you formed certain habits before, but what’s been bestowed upon Dafa disciples today is the state of Gods, and you should progress toward the state of a God. A lot of things

can be done well if they are done using righteous thoughts. Of course, contemplation is fine, and there isn't anything wrong with it. But if you often take too much time to think things over and, as a result, miss opportunities to establish your mighty virtue in Fa-rectification, then you will have lost more than you've gained.

Disciple: Within the Fa principles that Master has taught us, how can we not be trapped in the boxes created by our attachments, be able to harmonize things from all sides, and become even more diligent during the final stages of Fa-rectification? Also, when it comes to doing Dafa things and understanding Fa principles, how can we ensure that we don't focus on just one angle and are able to harmonize things from all sides?

MASTER: Sometimes when you folks think about an issue you form a type of habit: I want to do such and such, here's how I'm going to do this thing, here's how I'm going to do that thing. You ponder it and, well, you think you've really covered everything and it's really perfect. But when you get down to doing that thing, the real, actual situations can vary in a lot of ways and your plan doesn't actually work. *(Laughs)* And when it doesn't work, you start to ponder it again from scratch. That's not the way to do it. Using righteous thoughts, however you think something should be handled, just go ahead and do it, and when you run into problems you will naturally know how to solve them. If your righteous thoughts are strong, everything will go smoothly; it's guaranteed things will be done well.

Why do I want you all to do things this way? It seems

really passive, right? But it's not, and that's because the side of you that's been successfully cultivated knows everything, and no matter how you do it, it will work. No matter how you do them, these things all can be done well, so you just need to have an idea. When you know what to do, just go ahead and do it. While you are doing it, your wisdom will continually come forth because at that time the side of you that's been successfully cultivated will fuse together with the side of you here. That's a God, who's omnipotent! So of course a small issue will be resolved in no time, and your wisdom will come forth—it's different then! And if you get stuck Master will give you wisdom when the time comes. *(Laughs) (Applause)*

Disciple: Disciples in Taiwan send greetings to esteemed Master.

MASTER: Thank you! *(Applause)*

Disciple: There are students in Taiwan who translated Zhuan Falun and Essentials for Diligent Progress, among others, into Taiwanese and used "Pu Du" and "Ji Shi" as background music. Each set is sold for about five hundred Taiwan dollars.

MASTER: No music should be added to Fa lectures—not even Dafa music. Everything related to publishing my works is to be handled by the students who are in charge of it. Also, let me put it this way: There are contracts, so our students can't publish books on their own, act on their own, or use them to make money. Even if you don't make any money off them you still can't just casually do things on your own because during the Fa-rectification period there can't be any mishaps. So during this time we

need to pay attention to certain things. As for the future mankind, people's morals will have improved, everyone will be following the rules, nobody will do things like that, and everyone will be watching out for things. Right now it doesn't work like that as the evil is exploiting gaps and people's hearts aren't upright, so we can't do it that way. And it's even less acceptable if someone wants to use these books to make money.

As for translating into Taiwanese, I'm not against you translating them into Taiwanese. But no matter what you're doing, you can't just do it on your own. I've made this point crystal clear: When it comes to the things of Dafa, nobody can casually do things on his own. Of course, under the special circumstances in mainland China right now, it's okay for students there to do things to resolve the problem of books, but you have to ensure that not a single word of the original books is changed. Outside of mainland China it's not allowed.

Disciple: The deepest understanding that veteran students have of the Fa is to be steadfast in the Fa and believe in Master. I'd like to ask this: What do steadfastness and faith originate from? This issue has troubled my husband for a long time. How can we cultivate and form this type of incomparable steadfastness in the Fa?

MASTER: Whether to believe in something or not is a human's rational thought. It's not from me giving you something, and it's not a state that you can achieve through some kind of a method. Dafa disciples all have steadfast faith in Dafa; for Dafa disciples, that's a description in words. Their firm belief in Dafa arose

from a rational understanding, and it's not the result of some factors having an effect on people. At his outermost surface, a human being has three souls and seven spirits. Of the seven spirits, there is one called "belief." A person can believe what he hears when others say something—it can have this effect. But this type of belief can't be compared with righteous faith in cultivation, because it is only the outer, outermost surface of a human being and it only has the effect of providing a kind of intelligence. The righteous faith of a Dafa disciple, on the other hand, is a Godly state. It results from a rational understanding of the truth, it's the Godly state of the side that's been successfully cultivated, and it's definitely not something that external factors can have an effect on. It's not about having firm belief for the sake of having firm belief, or being steadfast for the sake of being steadfast—you can't achieve it that way. From my perspective as your Master, in regards to Dafa disciples, I don't seek anything from them. Everything that they're doing today—be it validating the Fa, saving sentient beings, or studying the Fa and cultivating themselves—I can tell you that not one of these things is done for me. In the future, Dafa disciples will see that everything Dafa disciples did was for their own sake. What are being saved are their own sentient beings, what's being consummated are their own paradises and sentient beings, and they're establishing mighty virtue for themselves—all these things are done for Dafa disciples themselves. Not a single thing you've done is for Master, and not a single thing you've done is for anybody else. (*Applause*)

So there's no need to force anything upon them. All

the students transcend from their understanding of the Fa's principles, and that's the only way they can become more diligent, and that's the only way they can become so steadfast in the Fa. This is not due to external factors, nor can it be achieved by coming up with some method. Master doesn't seek anything and will not take anything from them. I will only give to them and bear things for them. That's definitely the case! *(Applause)* That's why I tell them to study the Fa more—they're certainly not studying for Master.

Disciple: The evil Chinese Communist Party's destruction of traditional Chinese culture and its atheist propaganda since 1949 have brought major impediments to people in understanding Dafa and this persecution. I would like to clarify the facts from this angle, for example, help prompt people to think about why there were such detailed arrangements in traditional Chinese culture. Yet it seems to have nothing to do with human rights. Can I speak from this angle?

MASTER: Yes, you can. You can explore this with those who are well educated and who have their own ideas. But when it comes to the average person that you run into, if you talk to him that way, wow, even if you just talk to one person a day, it will make you pretty exhausted. *(Laughs)* It would take a lot of words. It's fine to clarify the facts from different angles. You can go ahead and talk to people that way, but you should end up talking about the persecution.

Disciple: The Dafa disciples of Fuzhou, Fushun, Guangzhou,

Kunming, Chengdu, Leshan, Nanyang of Henan Province, Chengde, and Xi'an send greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you. (*Applause*)

Disciple: The Dafa disciples of the Island of Saipan, France, Macao, Hong Kong, England, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Scotland, and Romania send greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you. (*Applause*) Since what's on this whole slip are all greetings, I'll just read them all.

Disciple: All the Dafa disciples in Huizhou of Guangdong Province, Ningbo of Zhejiang Province, the region of Chaoshan in Guangdong Province, Wuhan of Hubei Province, Nanchang of Jiangxi Province, Shiyan of Hubei Province, Tianjin, Nanjing, Hunan Province, Inner Mongolia, Yunnan Province, Shanghai, Beijing, Zhejiang Province, and Hohhot send greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you. (*Applause*) They must have combined the slips you submitted—the ones that are greetings to Master. There are more.

Disciple: All the Dafa disciples in Vancouver send greetings to Master. All the Dafa disciples in Singapore, Indonesia, Greece, and South America send greetings to Master.

MASTER: Thank you all. (*Applause*)

Disciple: Esteemed Master, please tell me which dynasty the Singapore people are reincarnated from? (People laugh)

MASTER: Don't ask questions like this in the future because some governments don't understand, and in some cases I don't want to say. Singapore is from the gang

of Li Zicheng. *(People laugh)*

Disciple: All the Dafa Disciples in No. 1 Chinese Military Medical University send greetings to Master. Dafa disciples in Thailand and Australia send greetings to Master. Disciples in Changchun send greetings to Master. We thank Master for his compassion and salvation of all beings. We will definitely do well.

MASTER: Thank you. *(Master gets up) (Audience stands, applauds for a long time)*

MASTER: Please have a seat. So with validating the Fa, you've made it through almost four years now. No matter how much longer it will take, don't dwell on it, because once you start thinking about it, it's an attachment! No matter how long it takes, all Dafa disciples are responsible for purging those evil elements, exposing the evil persecution, and saving the world's people! *(Applause)*

Whether for those who lost their lives during this persecution, or those who have suffered a great deal during this persecution, remember: Master definitely won't let you down one bit! *(Applause)*

What awaits Dafa disciples in the future are supreme and eternal glory and mighty virtue! *(Applause)*

Whether you're a student in mainland China or outside the mainland, I hope all of you will seize the final time to do well, to do even better. Especially those of you who haven't done well, you should seize the day and do well. Don't let the opportunity slip by. Once the persecution ends and once the strength of the evil is no longer sufficient, this thing will be over, and at that time it'll really be too late for regrets. If this thing hadn't happened

there wouldn't be students who don't do well. But now that it has happened, and some of the students among you haven't done well, you should make good use of the time and do well. That's because it has happened after all; if it hadn't happened, it wouldn't matter. Master is able to do anything and is able to rectify everything. But now that this has happened and it's brought you losses, you have to make up for the losses yourselves. I hope that no Dafa disciple will overemphasize the form of things. Your own cultivation, your own improvement, your validating the Fa amidst the evil, saving sentient beings, and steadfastly taking the path that you should take are what's most important. (*Applause*)

Thank you all. (*Long applause*)

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Hello everyone! (*Enthusiastic applause*)

This can really be said to be a grand occasion. (*Enthusiastic applause*) And there are quite a lot of students here. You've all seen that when you think back from July 20, 1999, all the way up until today, we've gone through a period of time that's not too long but it feels like it's been an extremely long time; during this time you've all been through so very much. All kinds of things that had never happened before have concentrated here in this tiny little human world. Everything that the old forces arranged in the cosmos to interfere with the Fa-rectification has been at work here, and all the things that have come for the Fa, formed for the Fa, and been created for the Fa have manifested during this time. The students in mainland China, in particular, have experienced unprecedented persecution, and amidst this persecution the evil has utilized all the means of persecution that have ever existed anywhere and has used all possible malicious tactics.

In looking at the current situation, even though Dafa disciples and I have experienced this period of history that was forced upon us by the old forces, it's also been advantageous for Dafa disciples; the remarkable righteous thoughts and righteous actions of many Dafa disciples

are worthy of being treasured and are truly exceptional. Even though it was forced upon us by the old forces, a lot of the Dafa disciples have, after all, conducted themselves really well amidst this persecution. While validating the Fa the Dafa disciples have established the mighty virtue of enlightened beings that are forged by Dafa, and they've created the unprecedented magnificence of Dafa disciples' validating the Fa during the Fa-rectification. (*Enthusiastic applause*)

You've experienced so much in these few years; all of you have endured tests in the form of many trials and tribulations in this persecution. The situation hasn't ended yet—you're still validating the Fa, you're still walking the path that a Dafa disciple should walk. Until the evil factors are completely cleaned out, you can't let down your guard, and you should still try even harder to completely eliminate the evil factors that persecute the Fa-rectification and Dafa disciples. Actually, the old forces are nothing more than an enormous tribulation that was set up in the cosmos for my Fa-rectification. Way back when, no being thought I could overcome it. So with that understanding, a lot of the cosmos's high-level beings took the stance of watching from the sidelines, while the beings who've taken part have been using the opportunity of the Fa-rectification to do what they want, with absolutely no second thoughts about it. But as for the matter at hand, many of the cosmos's Kings and Lords know that it is critical to the survival of the firmament; if this Fa-rectification doesn't succeed, everything will be gone. Yet they don't want change on a fundamental level. So it's precisely under the effect of this kind of

complicated state of mind that the beings of different levels have demonstrated the true realms deep inside themselves and their behavior.

Because of this complicated state of the high-level beings, the impact on the tiny little Three Realms, and especially on the human world and the sentient beings in the Three Realms, has been just huge. One single thought up there causes huge differences in the behavior of sentient beings at different levels; one single thought up there can cause earth-shaking changes down below. So when that final thing of the old forces is eliminated, that's not the boundary of the cosmic firmament, and the Fa-rectification isn't finished. But at that point the old forces cease to exist further on up, and there's no longer any factor that's related to the old forces; the appearance of the old forces in the firmament was arranged entirely from that point down. So if back when that happened I had really followed the path arranged by the old forces, when I would have reached this point in my Fa-rectification this time it would have ended without changing the status quo, everything that was done would be no different from the warped characteristics that the old cosmos had before, and as a result the Fa-rectification would have been for nothing. Those gigantic Kings in the firmament thought that no being could overcome such an enormous tribulation, and that it'd be impossible for Fa-rectification to succeed. A lot of the cosmos's Gods said to me, "I wish you success." Those words, you know, they have profound meaning. They thought that it would be absolutely impossible to overcome it, but I did. (*Long, enthusiastic applause*)

In the human world, Dafa disciples have also made it through in validating the Fa. (*Enthusiastic applause*) You've been through a lot during this process. Because you have human thinking and many, many attachments that you still haven't been able to let go of, during the process of Dafa disciples' validating the Fa, many people have taken detours on their path and have made mistakes that a Dafa disciple shouldn't make, and in your cooperation with each other there's often been discord, with people insisting on their own views. But no matter what, I'm telling you, Dafa disciples, the fact that you have come through under such difficult circumstances, that's the greatest mighty virtue that is unmatched by anything else. (*Enthusiastic applause*) Everything is inconsequential; Dafa disciples validating the Fa is the hugest thing, and you've done it! (*Enthusiastic applause*)

It's remarkable, truly remarkable! Sometimes I look back at the path Dafa disciples have traveled, and I think it's also remarkable. And why do I say that? Never in the history of mankind have cultivators validated the Fa, and in the history of the cosmos nothing like Fa-rectification has ever taken place. Even the Gods had never heard of "Fa-rectification" before, and when it comes to how to validate the Fa in the human world, it is even more true that there is no example to follow. It has all depended on Dafa disciples making their own way through this Fa-rectification path and blazing the path of validating the Fa, and they have left—for the future, for the sentient beings of the future, for the human society of the future, and for all the sentient beings in various realms of the future—they've left the way and state of

cultivation, of validating the Fa, and of beings' existence at different levels in the future. That's why it is of utmost importance. If you don't walk your path well during this Fa-rectification, it will actually result in losses for the future. The better you walk your path, the more solid and more all-harmonizing-and-never-failing is the path of life you pave for the future. That's no ordinary thing. The Earth appears to be so small, but all the beings in the entire cosmos, all the gigantic cosmic bodies, have all come down here, and this place has become the focal point of all beings, this place has become the focal point of the cosmos. So nothing that's been done here since the start of the Fa-rectification has been trivial.

Also, the beings you save when you clarify the facts and save sentient beings aren't ordinary human beings. Behind every person there are extensive and deeper cosmic ties. So what you're saving isn't that one person—it's quite possibly a gigantic group of beings, or even a gigantic group of beings at very high levels. I've said that none of what's been bestowed upon and entrusted to Dafa disciples is simple—it's all really magnificent. But under normal circumstances none of the things we do when we're validating the Fa look like miracles or divine occurrences; on the surface they are all just ordinary in form. That's why with lots of things it looks like we're doing ordinary human things. And especially when it comes to all those people who don't know much about Dafa, they think that all we're doing is ordinary human stuff. But in fact it's different, it is fundamentally different. Our starting point, our goals, and the objectives we want to achieve are all different from those of ordinary

people. We aren't trying to gain any ordinary human things among ordinary people. We aren't interested in ordinary people's money, or ordinary people's politics or political power. You are cultivators, and Dafa disciples want to achieve the Consummation of their cultivation. In this Fa-rectification it's been fully shown that what Dafa disciples do can't be done or accomplished by ordinary people. When Dafa disciples validate the Fa, how come one person can do what it would take ten people or a hundred people to do? And, while validating the Fa, you've seen that the kind of cultivators' mighty virtue that the Dafa disciples in mainland China have displayed in the face of death is something ordinary people couldn't achieve—that's not something ordinary people could do. And what's more, this persecution hasn't just gone on for a day or two—it's lasted for a few years now. To be able to make it through that kind of long-term, grueling torment—you can't compare that to enduring momentary pain or to doing something on a sudden impulse. That's why I say Dafa disciples are remarkable. Today I can tell you this: Dafa disciples are magnificent; you've established Dafa's magnificence in validating the Fa in the human world. (*Enthusiastic applause*)

Looking at the current situation, you can no longer compare it to the situation around July 20 of 1999. Around July 20, 1999, when we were most severely persecuted by that evil, we were pretty much on the defensive—the evil was persecuting us, and we were really laboring to tell the world's people about it. We were in quite a passive position. Now that's no longer the case. We can say that the evil things at low levels have been destroyed to the point that

few remain, and other than the small number of bad people they control, their ability to control the world's people at will has been pretty much eliminated. As a result, in the absence of external controls, the world's people are all waking up and are all thinking things over. This is the result you have achieved through validating the Fa. Moreover, this entire persecution was built upon lies, slander, and the most despicable means that can't bear the light of day. They don't dare to let people know, since the world's people will be shocked once they learn the facts. That's why Dafa disciples' clarifying the facts is the most powerful thing. Exposing the evil, exposing this persecution, is effectively eliminating and restraining them.

You've done very well at putting this into practice, and you have indeed had this kind of impact. So, as far as this whole persecution goes, today the situation is already pretty different from before. Especially outside of mainland China, we've now gone from being on the defensive to being on the offensive; those evil beings are on the defensive now, because there are very few evil factors now. And those people in the evil gang who were being used are changing, too. You could say that the evil's attempt to persecute Falun Gong beyond mainland China has been a complete failure. (*Enthusiastic applause*)

And in mainland China, too, the evil's persecution is failing. As you've seen, since the evil factors really are very few now, apart from using them and spreading lies through the media that the evil still controls, the public doesn't believe them anymore. By clarifying the facts inside and outside of China together, Dafa disciples have already made it possible for a huge group of people to

learn the facts of the persecution. And even those who fell behind at one time because they didn't study the Fa diligently, or weren't steadfast, or had just started studying the Fa when the persecution began, even they have stepped forward again. Before, there really were one hundred million people learning Dafa in China. Moreover, those people had a lot of family and close friends, and all of them were clarifying the facts, so that's already allowed a huge group of people to become aware of how evil the persecution is. So what this means is, there are fewer and fewer chances for the evil to control people, there are fewer and fewer people whom they can control, and fewer and fewer people believe in the evil's slanderous propaganda as they get more and more sick of it. And the evil beings themselves are shrinking in number; to the evil beings, this is already terrifying!

The Chinese Communist Party has never admitted any of its faults to the people. No matter how terrible the things they have done, no matter how terrible, they always turn around and say, "Our party is always right;" (*Audience laughs*) no matter how much of a crisis its regime is in, they always say, "The situation is totally great." (*Audience laughs*) I'm not trying to start something with the Chinese Communist Party's regime here. I brought this up because the head of the evil beings that have persecuted us claimed that, "The Chinese Communist Party will defeat Falun Gong." But I don't want to defeat you, Chinese Communist Party; it's not worth it. It's you, the Chinese Communist Party yourself that is persecuting yourself to your downfall as you persecute the people and the populace. Amidst the

persecution, you've been encouraging deceit, evil, strife, and corruption, and you've lost the hearts of the people. After learning the truth, many people are thinking things over: "This government is capable of doing something this evil, and it can fabricate any lie. Isn't this government awful?" And especially now that the world's people have learned the facts about the Tiananmen Square [self-immolation], people are reflecting on things, they're thinking everything over, like, "Has the Chinese Communist Party done this sort of thing all along in each of its political campaigns?"

Half of the Chinese population has been persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party. Before the Chinese Communist Party's political power was established, as you know, a lot of wealthy people had their homes ransacked and their property divided up and were even executed or sent off to prison. The "Campaign to Suppress Counterrevolutionaries," the "Three Oppositions and Five Oppositions," the "Campaign to Eliminate Counterrevolutionaries," the "Cultural Revolution," and many, many other movements—all of these persecuted a great number of Chinese people. So when you add it all up, more than half of the Chinese people have been subject to persecution in one way or another. The Chinese Communist Party's deliberate, deviated, soul-twisting propaganda truly caused a kind of deviation in the minds of the Chinese people, whereby the evil Chinese Communist Party and the nation of China were mixed together into one concept, and that's why in many instances, no matter how bad of a thing the Chinese Communist Party did, the people always thought the

government was right. Yet this time it's different. People are thinking it over.

So in looking at the current situation, a lot of people in mainland China are calmly and objectively considering these issues, and to the evil, that in itself is enough to pose the greatest threat. The evil elements in various dimensions want to ensure that the wicked head scoundrel in Beijing can do evil, so they sealed Beijing off the tightest. The fact that SARS could appear in Beijing, and even managed to break into Zhongnanhai and topple a few of the Politburo Standing Committee members, I'll tell you, this is not a simple matter of an infectious disease like the world's people think it is. That's the place the evil has sealed off the tightest. It's only because the evil has been annihilated to this degree, to the point that it can't even guard its home nest, that the Gods have been able to penetrate the center of the evil. (*Enthusiastic applause*) That head scoundrel took one look and saw that it was all over, so it ran away to Shanghai. It asked people to defend Shanghai with their lives, but what's it talking about? Even ordinary people thought it was irrational—how do you “defend it with your life”? A disease is precisely going after your life; it won't work if you use a gun to shoot at it, (*Audience laughs*) and even atomic bombs are useless. (*Audience laughs*) Actually, what he said was said knowingly. That's because it's not human; inside its human skin are wicked rotten spirits, and it was those spirits talking—the old nest has been lost, so it wants people to defend Shanghai to the death. Could it be defended successfully? Even the old nest that you sealed off the tightest was penetrated, could Shanghai

be defended? Immediately SARS sprung up all over Shanghai. “Cover it up!” But what it’s covering up now aren’t the figures that were collected. It doesn’t collect the numbers anymore. It told the subordinate officials, “Wherever SARS occurs, the official in charge there will be immediately dismissed.” So none of the officials dare to report it. Just like that, SARS “disappeared.” It doesn’t matter in the least to the head scoundrel how many people die as long as it can preserve its own self. Now the evil doesn’t dare stay in Shanghai either and is scurrying around from place to place. (*Audience laughs*) Then looking at it from this situation, those evil factors can’t hold up anymore, and their days are numbered.

It seems that the evil beings are running rampant, but they’re all quaking with fear and trepidation, they’re all afraid. Of course, before being completely cleaned out the evil beings will still direct wicked people to do bad things. The evil people lose all rationality when they’re being controlled by the evil, but once they calm down they’re afraid. Every phone call from our students shocks them to the point that they can’t sleep at night—they’re afraid. And that evil head scoundrel has realized its fate: “Nothing can be done about flowers falling away” — there’s nothing it can do. The constant escalation of the persecution of Falun Gong has left them with no way out. Step by step they escalated things, anxious to beat it down with one blow, so they never left a way out for themselves. The deceitful propaganda is still constantly being cranked out, and they have no way to explain themselves to the Chinese people, they have no way to explain themselves to people around the world—the Chinese government

has always been spreading lies to deceive the public, fabricating rumors, making up false news, and causing the deaths of so many people of mainstream society through persecution. It is so evil—could this regime still be allowed to exist? When they face a future society that has a robust legal system, these people will not be able to escape justice! (*Enthusiastic applause*) Are they not afraid? They are afraid.

Of course, all of this, whether it's the persecution or the evil moving towards its demise, this thing isn't over yet. So as Dafa disciples, you can't let down your guard in validating the Fa; we should do it even more diligently. Especially those of you who haven't done well or who stepped forward late, you must seize the final chance to do well because when there's really no more evil anymore, this affair will come to an end.

If this thing hadn't happened, then as far as Dafa disciples are concerned, I would have completely settled through positive means all of the past favors and resentments that Dafa disciples would have encountered during their cultivation, as well as the various troubles and different kinds of longstanding relationships and old scores from throughout the history of the sentient beings from every realm that I have encountered during the Fa-rectification. Yet the persecution did appear, and it's true that some people did poorly and acted unacceptably. Since you didn't do well, you should seize the day and make up for the losses caused by your not doing well. As Dafa disciples, if you want to do well going forward, you need to pay more attention to the importance you place on cultivation.

Each one of the three things that Dafa disciples should do is very important. Everything of your Consummation in individual cultivation is intertwined with your validating the Fa. So you have to do well, and, in the course of Fa-rectification, you have to find your shortcomings and overcome them. Why is it that the students who live in some areas cooperate well, while the students in some other areas don't cooperate so well? You can't say that it's because we have special agents here causing interference or blame it on this or that reason. Actually, I talked about this long ago: When your minds are very righteous, a special agent wouldn't dare to stay where you are. He has only two options: One is to be assimilated by the righteous field, since the pure and righteous field that Dafa disciples give off purges everything that's bad in a person's mind. The pure, righteous field would disintegrate it, disintegrate everything that's unrighteous in the person's consciousness, and that's another manifestation of salvation and compassion. When everything bad in a person's consciousness has been disintegrated and he's only left with a simple, pure mind, then that person will recognize and appreciate what's upright and good. So won't he have been assimilated? Then the other option is to run away as quickly as he can because the bad person's thought karma and bad notions are afraid of being disintegrated.

So why is it that some people are able to sneak their way in to where we are? Of course, it's really just a very few individuals, but why is it that during those times some people still provided the evil with information? It's because our field isn't pure and righteous in those places,

and it's not able to have the effect of saving sentient beings and rescuing lives. It can't shock the evil. Isn't that our own problem?! And yet some people still go on and on about so-and-so is a spy, and so on and so forth. Isn't it a problem on our part? It is. So from now on you should do better in studying the Fa, and that way your righteous thoughts will be stronger and you'll have a greater ability for saving sentient beings.

Also, we often have some students who talk irresponsibly. When there are different opinions, instead of looking at things positively and calmly, they throw out a few cold words and just shove aside what other people have to offer. Bringing out good ideas and sincerely cooperating with each other is the way to go. Especially when it comes to doing certain things as an entire group, you should cooperate with each other even better. Like bringing that evil, head scoundrel to court this time—that requires everyone's cooperation and having voices join in from all around the world. So looking at it that way, your cooperation has been quite powerful. I think it's been better recently, but there are still areas to improve upon.

What do I mean by areas to improve upon? Yesterday a student asked me, "Master, why has the United Nations Human Rights Commission turned into what it has? The U.S. brought up China's human rights problems several times but each time its efforts were voted down, and in the end nobody would even bring up the topic. Later on, even the chair position was assumed by a government that seriously violates human rights." We should think things over calmly, and sometimes we really can end up seeing things clearly. It's not that the righteous elements

have stopped working. It's that sometimes it's easy for the old forces to take advantage of the gaps in what we do. For example, when we do things a lot of us use human thinking to come up with ideas, and you've been trying everything you can to end this persecution and you want to have ordinary people end it. Some people think, "Why doesn't the U.S. use force to get rid of the evil scoundrel regime? Why doesn't it go to war?" And some think, "There are so many democratic countries in the world. Why don't they raise their voices? What's the United Nations doing now?" And that's how things look on the surface. But actually, I can tell you what that reflects: We're too dependent on human beings. If human beings were to end the persecution, what a disgrace that would be to Dafa disciples! We wouldn't have validated the Fa, we wouldn't have established mighty virtue in the persecution, and our Dafa disciples wouldn't have blazed their own path. I've said that this path is to be left for the future. Then isn't this matter critical? That's how the old forces have been able to take advantage of the gaps. You placed your hopes in ordinary people, so the old forces had the resolution that they sponsored voted down. And as you kept putting your hopes in ordinary people they made it so that your resolution couldn't even be raised and so that the U.S. was kicked out of the Human Rights Commission. You still placed your hopes in ordinary people, so they made a country that violates human rights the chair. We should become more rational by learning from these lessons. We've gone through so much, and through these lessons we should gradually get clearheaded.

As for your suing the head scoundrel this time, I've been observing and watching you. When I discovered certain problems I told some individual Dafa disciples, "We can't be too attached to ordinary people." If we truly bring it to court, if we truly manage to sue it successfully, if we're truly able to push this thing forward, then it will have been done by our Dafa disciples. Wherever there's a problem, that is where we should go clarify the facts—judges, lawyers, and all the different kinds of people involved in the suit are all people we should clarify the facts to. Once the human minds are righteous, the court will stand on the side of justice. Then won't it be our Dafa disciples doing that? Won't it result from Dafa disciples validating the Fa? Won't it be the accomplishment of Dafa disciples? In this way, you can't call it ordinary people validating the Fa; it's Dafa disciples walking their own path. That's the little bit that makes things different. (*Teacher laughs*) I've been watching this all along. Don't let the old forces take advantage of any gaps.

Actually, speaking from another angle, being able to bring the evil to court and being able to sue it, I can tell you, that's because the evil has decreased to such an extent. It no longer has the ability to handle everything. It's too preoccupied to take care of anything beyond preserving its own life. You've seen how one after another the cases you filed have been accepted and successfully litigated. That's telling. But some of you are still thinking, "What's going on?" It isn't about something going on. It's just that the evil is on its way down. July 20 of 1999 was when the evil was starting to peak, and it peaked sometime around 2000 and 2001, and now it's falling

back down, falling down toward the bottom.

Eradicating Falun Gong around the world is something the evil no longer dares to even dream about. They already know it's impossible to eradicate Falun Gong in mainland China, and what's more, people are waking up. But since things are now in motion, they can't turn back now. They keep going online and escalating things and keep piling on more and more crimes. They're standing too high up and their tactics are so outrageous that they couldn't climb down even if a ladder were set up for them. They can't climb down, but they can't keep standing either, so they're going to fall. Before this persecution, Dafa was spread by word of mouth, and it didn't have too much of an impact in the international community. But as this persecution takes place it's constantly enhancing the reputation and name recognition of Dafa, and constantly pushing it onto the international stage and toward the summit of the human world. This, too, was one of the old forces' objectives in arranging the persecution. Isn't that what's been happening? Humankind is paying more and more attention. People still have a side that is being restrained, but if the restraining elements were eliminated, then the attitude the world's people have toward Falun Gong wouldn't be like it is today. It would be similar to the state of mind you had when you first obtained the Fa, where as soon as you opened up this Fa you knew what it was. Right now the inner meaning of the Fa isn't displayed to more of the world's people, so people can't see it. That is because that's something reserved for the next stage. If the future people were to obtain the Fa, and blend and mix in with our Dafa disciples today, a lot of things would

be hard to handle, so I haven't made too much of an effort to push that forward. But a lot of people are studying the Fa, are cultivating, and are entering Dafa. That's in fact establishing a foundation for the future. They are the future cultivators, so for that reason, this, too, is an aspect of Dafa disciples' saving sentient beings.

Looking at the overall situation, that's in fact how things are at present. Don't underestimate any of the things that Dafa disciples do. Your every word, every flyer, every keystroke, every telephone call, and every letter is having a big impact. Beings that have come to understand the facts become "mobile media," and they are clarifying the facts, too. It's had a big impact on society. You, too, have seen the accomplishments and the side of yours that's powerful. So going forward, Dafa disciples should still do these three things: Cultivate yourselves well, clarify the facts, and send righteous thoughts to eliminate the evil.

There's another thing. As I just said, right now the evil elements have been destroyed to the point where very few are left. The evil elements I'm talking about are those messed up and strange beings in other dimensions. They're all really low-level, yet they come from different colossal firmament systems and have piled up here. They're there when you open up one dimension, and they're there when you open up another dimension, so when cleaning them out, it's done level by level. Sometimes you wonder, "Why are there more even after I clear them away, and why are there still more after I clear those away?" That's what they're like. Moreover, they're being destroyed as a whole, so their total number is decreasing, and those of them

in the different dimensional levels and planes are also decreasing.

There's another thing that I've never told you before because it wouldn't have been appropriate to talk about too early on; Master does these things in order. When I tell you to eliminate and oppose the old forces, I mean you should completely oppose the persecution and eliminate those elements. This we have done, and we've been clearing them out. We've also annihilated in large quantities those evil beings that were being used by the old forces. The overall Fa-rectification is getting closer and closer, annihilating the evil from top to bottom on a large scale, and you're also annihilating the evil at different levels and planes by sending forth righteous thoughts. And then there's a final type of element. What element is it? You know, I give you automatic mechanisms for increasing gong as well as the Falun and various other elements. Moreover, my fashen are personally looking after Dafa disciples, and my fashen appointed some Gods who can truly assist with Fa-rectification to help. But, the old forces have systematically arranged their elements, too, and from that, they specifically arranged everything they wanted. So this has put every student under the influence of specific arrangements by the old forces, and under the influence of those old force beings. Those beings that the old forces arranged to do specific things aren't those messed up, low-level spirit or rotten ghost kinds of beings that I've talked about. There are Buddhas, Daos, and Gods among them, though they are all of low levels, and here at this lowest level that is the human world they're doing things given to them by the

old forces. They manifest in tiny sizes, and sometimes you see them as a shiny little flash of light that darts across. The old forces arranged even more of them around me. But I've been eliminating them in large quantities.

So how do they act? They have no views of their own. It's as if their sole purpose is to complete their missions. Whatever the old forces arranged for them to do back then, that's what they will try to do to the very end. They can hear whatever Fa I teach but they refuse to change. They won't rest until they finish what they set out to do. That's because they think just like the old forces do; they think that they are doing Fa-rectification, that they're Gods, and that they need to complete the old forces' directives, and they want to keep doing that. At present, even though the old forces have been eliminated and the remaining rotten spirits at the lowest levels can no longer have that much of an impact, many forms of interference, many elements of persecution, the persecution that's manifesting in different regions in mainland China, and the deceitful propaganda—those are all the result of their controlling wicked people's minds. As your Master, I don't acknowledge them at all. They can't see all that I truly want to do, so they keep messing around and around inside before my Fa-rectification arrives, and they've come up with a set of things. Once the Fa-rectification arrives I'll completely purge them and everything they've done, and, in an instant, create anew things that are truly of the future. The old beings can't see the process that's after the Fa-rectification, and that's because they belong to the past, so they can't see the future. They can't see the things of the future cosmos, so they're stubbornly attached to

what they want, and they've been doing those things all along. So, for us to not acknowledge anything that the old forces are doing, to not acknowledge the persecution and interference with the Fa-rectification, to have the persecution end sooner, and to walk our own paths, we can't do that without purging this form of interference of theirs, for they want to complete the tasks given to them by the old forces.

From the perspective of the overall Fa-rectification, they've committed extremely grievous sins and have done great evil. Even though the old forces have been fundamentally eliminated, those that do specific things also have to be eliminated. They're the old forces' real behind-the-scenes helpers, and they're attached to everything they're doing. I've often said that the evil beings and the old forces have taken advantage of the time before the Fa-rectification arrives and the gaps created by high-level cosmic bodies coming down, and they are hurling at me karma and the rotten substances in the cosmos and the human world. They have wanted me to endure all of it and eliminate it. I tell them, "In the future, you will be held accountable for everything you're doing." They don't care. They say, "You've jumped into the dung pit, so how could your body not be smeared with dung?" What they mean is: This place is filthy, so how could you come here and not have those things happen to you? This is the greatest extent of the understanding of the old forces' wisdom, and it reflects the state of this era's cosmos—it's all this kind of understanding. Yet what they couldn't anticipate was, whatever is encountered in Fa-rectification—and this includes everything in

Fa-rectification that's not what I wanted but was done by force—that's the real obstacle to Fa-rectification, that's the final manifestation of the cosmos's formation-stability-degeneration. They say this material dimension is filthy, but this dimension's filthiness is caused by the differences between the levels of the cosmos's structure. That doesn't truly count as being filthy. So when a God comes here and can't go back, it's not because that filth can't be washed off but because the realm of his being has been lowered. It's because of the influence of various different notions and being swayed by various different beings in the cosmos that they can't go back. Which is to say, what's really polluting me, making trouble for me, creating difficulties for the Fa-rectification, and persecuting Dafa disciples is actually not those filthy elements over here themselves but it's the warped notions of the cosmos's beings manipulating those elements. Those low-level elements are the resistance that is produced under the specific effects of the old forces; they have brought about those cases of persecution and various forms of trouble—that's the real pollution. So when they say, "You've jumped into the dung pit, so how could your body not be smeared with dung?" the dung is not the difficulty or the obstacle; in actuality the real dung is precisely those old forces and all of the beings that try to force something upon the Fa-rectification. So the real impediment to the Fa-rectification is, in fact, them. It's precisely those so-called beings of high realms that have manipulated low-level beings to do their bidding that have regarded beings within the Three Realms as scum, and they are the difficult factors that have caused the beings

that came down in the past to not be able to return.

So as I told you in the past, I said that I knew that encountering difficulties in Fa-rectification would be inevitable, and I also knew to what extent it would occur. I was actually telling all of you that everything was under control. I was in fact saying that I knew they would do these things and that the old forces would show up because the cosmos is no longer good enough, so they were going to do those things. Everything that they're attached to, everything that they've arranged, and everything that they want—all that is inevitable. Righteous Gods of course wouldn't behave like the low-level, malevolent beings that recklessly do harm. They, of course, all act in a benevolent way. But that goodness is warped; there are attachments behind the goodness, and it's precisely because of their good behavior that the obstacles they've created are the most effective at deceiving both themselves and others. If it weren't for Fa-rectification, it really would be very hard to break through these things.

So to thoroughly clear out all the evil elements, from now on when Dafa disciples send forth righteous thoughts, they should completely clean out those old forces' behind-the-scenes helpers, meaning, eliminate them. They're specifically carrying out everything that the old forces want to have done. Only after they are eliminated can more sentient beings be saved, and my fashen and the righteous Gods who truly uphold Dafa will be able to look after things comprehensively. Begin completely eliminating them. Most of them are at a low level and directly control rotten spirits. It's very easy to

eliminate them since their levels are rather low, but they are all hiding inside the most surface dimension.

What I just told you is very important. From now on when we send forth righteous thoughts, the most important thing is to target them and the remaining rotten spirits that disrupt the Fa. Of course, continue sending out righteous thoughts like you did before. Now that I've talked about it, you now know that it's enough to just be clear on the objective when sending forth righteous thoughts; there's no need to think about it too specifically. Have this kind of objective in mind: Completely end the old forces' involvement. (*Enthusiastic applause*)

The reason I didn't tell you this too early on is that previously the old forces' entire system and the low-level beings had created very complicated elements, and if they were cleaned out along with all kinds of messed up beings, the situation would get really messy. Now is the time. I've also arranged righteous Gods and my fashen to completely take over and watch them fully so as to prevent them from disrupting things and to make sure nothing goes wrong.

Another thing is, a lot of people in the audience are from other countries, and many have positions of responsibility. As Dafa disciples validate the Fa, it doesn't matter which country you're from, which region you're from, or which ethnic group you belong to—as Dafa disciples, there are no such distinctions; everyone is all one body. For those of you in the audience who are of the yellow race, your original soul might not be this type of being, and if you're a Caucasian, you might not truly be a Caucasian. In other words, in the course of

cultivation you shouldn't be attached to these things; these things don't matter, so you should cooperate well with each other. These days Dafa disciples are becoming more and more clearheaded because they've experienced so much and they're becoming more and more rational, so when you work together it's much more coordinated than before. Overall, when you cooperate with each other, the more powerful it is, and the more powerful it is the greater the impact. Actually, during the persecution and as you validate the Fa, what you see in the human world is still relatively calm, but in other dimensions the effect is huge, and the impact is huge. Every time you hold an event, there's a big battle between good and evil in the heavens. Of course, the evil has become less and less now, as though they're being swept away. But of course, as long as the evil still exists, it's going to have a damaging effect. We must not let our guard down, and we still need to cooperate even better and communicate with each other often.

Walk the last leg of the Dafa disciples' journey well. More will be said in the future. I don't wish to say too many polite words or words of praise. Because you're all Dafa disciples, Master will get straight to the point in talking about anything. I won't say much more at this conference because in a little while, all of you will still need to eat lunch. (*Long, enthusiastic applause*)

Future great enlightened beings, (*Master smiles*) in this final phase of validating the Fa, build up your greatest mighty virtue! (*Long, enthusiastic applause*)