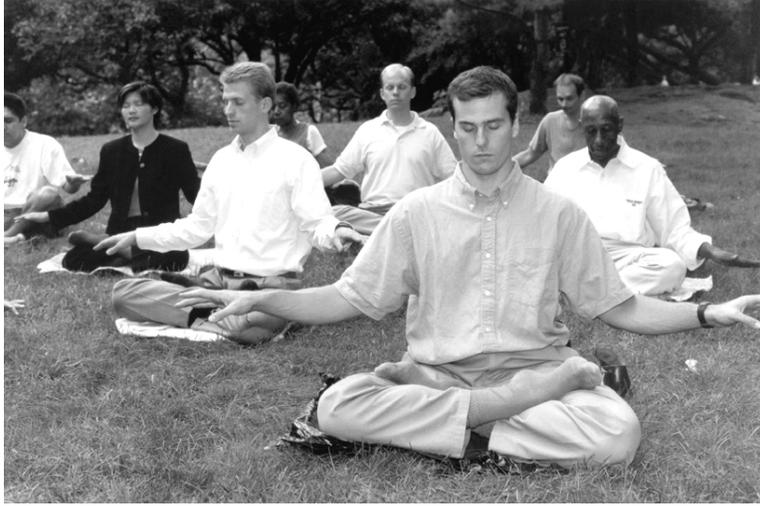


# In most nations, practicing your spiritual faith is a right.



## In China, it's a crime.

### Falun Gong - A peaceful spiritual practice under fire

In early 1999, an official report placed the number of Falun Gong practitioners in China at over 70 million – a number larger than the membership of the Chinese Communist Party. Certain members of China's top leadership began to see this peaceful, apolitical practice as a threat. In July of last year, the government began a brutal crackdown against Falun Gong.

Tens of thousands of practitioners have since been arrested, beaten, and sent to labor camps without trial. To date, 46 people have been killed while in police custody. And yet, every day, Falun Gong practitioners are going to Tiananman Square to appeal to their government, steadfast in the belief that their faith in Truthfulness, Benevolence and Forbearance is worth their sacrifice.

#### A Global Issue

China's actions threaten not only the freedoms of Falun Gong practitioners, but the right to faith for all of China's spiritually inclined citizens, including Christians and Catholics, whose beliefs are also under attack from the Chinese government.

This urgent appeal goes out to all who hold freedom of belief to be a fundamental right of humankind. We encourage you to take advantage of any and every opportunity to speak out on this issue, on behalf of these courageous Falun Gong practitioners, and help put an end to religious intolerance in China.

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**"This is in my judgment, the greatest single spiritual movement in Asia today. There is nothing that begins to compare with it in courage and importance."**

- Mark Palmer, Vice Chairman of the Board, Freedom House

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*These pictures are of Zhao Xin, a 32 year old Economics lecturer at the Beijing Technical and Business University, and a practitioner of the peaceful spiritual practice, Falun Gong.*

*On June 19th, 2000, she was arrested in the local park for doing her Falun Gong exercises.*

*Three days later, the police sent her to the hospital with lacerations and bruises on her head and back. Three vertebrae in her spine had been crushed, rendering her unable to speak, breath or move from the neck down.*

*Police deny any wrongdoing, and are forcing her family to cover all her medical expenses.*

**For daily updates on the crackdown, and to find out how you can help, visit**  
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