

Truth-Compassion-Tolerance

—A Photo Exhibit of the Journey of Falun Dafa—

Organized by Local Falun Gong Practitioners and



A NEW SONG FOR THE WORLD

A man with an unfamiliar name, Li Hongzhi,
has given the world a new song.
The composer, according to his own words,
is unimportant;
What should be remembered,
is the theme and melody of the music.
Property, prestige, controversy and materialism are not
in the lyrics of this gentle music.
Honor, virtue, Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance
constitute the refrain.

Because they cannot be directly controlled,
They are persecuted, beaten and killed, imprisoned
and declared enemies of the state
by the country of their birth.
They have never, even in the name of defense,
injured their persecutors.
They rely,
on the truth that gave them the inner strength,
on the compassion that the song had filled their heart.
Peace and tolerance for the world begin within each of them.

Therefore they persevere,
Therefore the song lasts.
The choir continues to grow and sing, in towns, cities, villages,
in over forty countries of the world,
in a voice of millions strong.
They are becoming, spiritually, the salt for the world,

Sing along, in gentle voices, this new song,
fills our heart,
with kindness, virtue, and dignity;
Sing along, with our heart, this new song,
fills our earth,
with peace, sincerity, and harmony

Part I - Mr. Li Hongzhi and Falun Dafa

Mr. Li Hongzhi



Born in 1951, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, Mr. Li is the founder and teacher of Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong), a spiritual discipline rooted in ancient Chinese culture. His teachings inform a spiritual awakening in China that has seen nearly 100 million people take well being into their own hands. In addition, people in some 47 countries now share in the practice. Li's writings and public speeches have taught that the realization of one's highest self lies in the cultivation of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance.

Mr. Li has received over 600 awards from various governments and non-governmental organizations around the world in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to humanity and society.

Mr. Li was nominated by more than 500 select professors and government officials in 14 countries, for the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize. For the second time, Mr. Li made the Norwegian Nobel Committee's short list.

Mr. Li was also nominated by over 28 members of the European Parliament for its 2001 Sakharov Award for Freedom of Thought.



Falun Gong is a traditional Chinese self-cultivation practice, which improves mental and physical wellness through a series of exercises, meditation and development of one's "Mind Nature or Moral Character" (*Xinxing*). Its gentle movements purify and open the body's energy channels, enhance energy levels, and strengthen and improve one's circulation. The movements are simple and easy to learn, yet exceptionally powerful. A tranquil, sitting meditation ends the exercise session. The exercises can be practiced with a group or alone—anytime, anywhere.

"I had looked into different philosophies and religions, different practices...but when I found Falun Dafa, I knew I had finally stumbled onto something unique and powerful. I knew I had found the Tao, the Way, and answers to the most fundamental question in life." - A. Adler, New Jersey



Falun Gong emphasizes above all the development of one's "Mind Nature or Moral Character" (*Xinxing*). The cultivation of *Xinxing* has many aspects: giving up negative behaviors, dealing with losses and gains, letting go of unhealthy attachments, and ultimately, aligning oneself with the essence of the Universe:

Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance (Zhen, Shan, Ren)

ZHEN Truth, Truthfulness, Return to One's True Self

SHAN Kindness, Benevolence, Compassion

REN Endurance, Forbearance, Tolerance

"I was introduced to Falun Dafa while I was taking an early morning walk in the park...A practitioner offered me the book Zhuan Falun by Li Hongzhi. She said the book could explain more in detail about Falun Dafa...I began going to the park every morning to practice and read Zhuan Falun. Within a month, my eight-year drug, alcohol, and cigarette addiction had completely disappeared. I couldn't believe this was happening." - Sterling Cambell, 36, Drummer for David Bowie, B-52s

Lecture in Wuhan, China in March 1993



Falun Gong was introduced to the public in May of 1992. During the following two and a half years Mr. Li lectured tirelessly by invitation in almost every major Chinese city, giving fifty-four lecture series in all; many classes consisted of as many as nine or ten consecutive sessions, with the number of attendees ranging as high as four thousand.

The 1993 and 1995 publication of *China Falun Gong* and *Zhuan Falun* allowed a much wider base of people to learn Falun Gong. By 1996, Mr. Li's *Zhuan Falun* was among the nation's best sellers. A 1999 survey by the Chinese government determined that over 70 million people were practicing Falun Gong.

Zhen Shan Ren Characters formed by practitioners in Wuhan China



Falun Gong Grows in China



Mr. Li in Sweden, 1995



In April of 1995 Mr. Li gave his first lecture series outside of China, teaching the practice in Göteborg, Sweden.

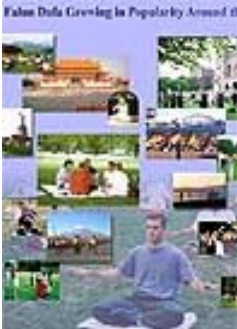
In October 1996, Mr. Li traveled to the United States where he lectured for the first time, speaking publicly in Houston and then in New York.

Lecture in UN General Assembly Hall, Geneva 1998



The year 1998 saw Mr. Li lecturing widely around the world. By this time word of the practice abroad had traveled, and audiences swelled to several thousand. That year he spoke again in New York City; Toronto, Canada; Frankfurt, Germany; Changchun, China; Singapore; and Geneva, Switzerland. All of these talks were free and open to the public, and part of larger “insight and experience sharing” conferences put together by students of the practice.

Falun Gong Growing in Popularity Around the World



Falun Gong Well-Received Around the World



Newspaper Story on Falun Gong, North Carolina



Energy Field Photographed During Group Practice in Central Park, New York



The above image shows a strong energy field photographed during a Falun Dafa group practice at the Central Park in New York City. Similar energy fields have also been photographed during Falun Gong practices in other countries including Canada, China and Ireland.

Mr. Li explained this phenomenon in *Zhuan Falun*, "While we practice, there is a field around us. What field is it? Some people call it a qi field, a magnetic field, or an electric field. In fact, it is incorrect no matter what field you call it since the matter contained in this field is extremely rich. Almost all the matter that constitutes every space of our universe can be found in this gong. It is more appropriate for us to call it an energy field, and so we normally call it an energy field. "

Children Practicing Falun Gong



Falun Gong is practiced by people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds, in more than 47 countries worldwide. Here are some pictures capturing children of different nationalities and from different countries learning and practicing Falun Gong.

Part II - Worldwide Recognition

Before the summer of 1999, the Chinese government actively supported and promoted the practice; Falun Gong was found to have significant effects on health while also improving character and morality more generally. The practice continued to grow at an explosive rate in China during the years that followed.

Mr. Li and his practice have triggered nothing short of a spiritual awakening in China. Tens of millions have, through Falun Gong, taken well-being into their own hands through traditional exercises and values. Mr. Li has taught that the ultimate goal of being is not the pursuit of material things or the fulfillment of self-interest, but instead the returning to one's original nature through self-cultivation. The teachings, at their simplest, are summarized as Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance—the primordial Great Law of the universe. That tens of millions could embrace such teachings under an atheist regime that shuns the life of the spirit is cause célèbre.

Mr. Li's practice not only offers a spiritual message with deep import, but also significant health effects. Those who take up the practice of Falun Gong typically report rapid, dramatic improvements in health. The entire spectrum of illnesses have been treated by genuine practice—allergies, digestive disorders, heart conditions, arthritis, skin conditions, and even terminal illnesses like cancer have all found relief or cure through the practice. Several surveys support this, along with the living testimonials of millions. Those who are already healthy find themselves enjoying less stress and more inner peace, improved immune function, better energy levels, more balanced emotions and better moods, improved sleep, and much more. Yet Mr. Li reminds practitioners that these are by no means the goal. They are instead but the byproduct of right living—living that accords with the laws of the universe, the path of self-cultivation, and powerful, holistic exercises. The goal is to become a better and better person, someone who brings goodness everywhere, to everything and to everyone.

Recording a Falun Gong Broadcast Program in Tianjin Radio Station, China



Honors from the Oriental Health Expo in Beijing



A Partial List of Awards and Proclamations in the New York and New England Area



Since 1995, Mr. Li has traveled to Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Canada, and the United States, among other countries, to lecture on Falun Dafa and discuss the practice with students. All lectures have been free and open to the general public without exception. Mr. Li has remained committed to bridging barriers, unconditionally offering the practice to all who have the heart for self-cultivation. His practice has transcended cultural, racial, national and political barriers to touch the human heart.

Insert a board with local awards and proclamations

Mr. Li Accepts Proclamations from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago



“As Governor of Illinois, it is my pleasure to officially commend you for the contributions your teachings of Falun Dafa have so significantly had on our nation and the world society”

- Governor George H. Ryan, State of Illinois

“Master Li's teachings are directly working towards the improvement of our society.”

- Mayor Richard M. Daley, City of Chicago

Part III - The Persecution

The April 25, 1999 Incident Near the Zhongnanhai Government Compound in Beijing



The growing popularity of Falun Gong troubled the authorities in China. The fact that the number of Falun Gong practitioners exceeded the number of registered members of the communist party generated a serious concern among a few top leaders, especially China's president, Jiang Zemin.

As a result, in 1996, the official Chinese news agencies were ordered to start a propaganda campaign to slander and discredit Falun Dafa. Additionally, the public security bureau secretly ordered the banning of Falun Gong, which allowed for the illegal search, arrest of practitioners and seizure of their property and personal assets.

On April 25, 1999, as many as 10,000 practitioners from provinces around China peacefully gathered outside the central government's compound in Beijing. They requested the right to practice Falun Gong in a non-hostile and tolerant environment. This peaceful gathering was witnessed by all to be orderly and lawful.

This event marked the largest gathering in Chinese history whereby people peacefully appealed to the government. That evening upon completion of their appeal, the practitioners picked up all the trash in the area, and left without incident.

Burning and Destruction of Falun Gong Books and Materials



The event was widely covered by the western media. The Falun Gong practitioners' peacefulness and rationality impressed the world.

However, within the PRC, the fire of animosity against Falun Gong was ignited. A plan to eradicate Falun Gong was under way.

July 20, 1999, the nationwide crackdown on Falun Gong began. The resources of the entire state were utilized in an attempt to wipe out Falun Gong. In the first 30 days, the official newspaper, The People's Daily, alone published 347 articles against Falun Gong. Over 100 official TV and radio stations were flooded with propaganda programs against Falun Gong. Citizens were organized by their local government branches and their state run workplaces to watch the programs made by the Chinese Central T.V station. Even overseas Chinese embassies were ordered to do their part by organizing local Chinese scholars to condemn Falun Gong and to distribute anti-Falun Gong materials to local governments in their host countries. President Jiang Zemin himself took the opportunity to slander Falun Gong when he attended international meetings, and handed out propaganda booklets to the heads of all countries.

Red Rose in Tiananmen Square, Beijing



There is another side to the story, equally amazing, in its heroism and goodness. The practitioners of Falun Gong have, through the guidance of Mr. Li's teachings, not succumbed to the persecution against them. They have not resorted to violence at any time or in any way, refusing to treat their oppressors as their enemies. They have not given up hope or passively accepted the injustice, and instead actively and peacefully resisted. Millions travel to Tiananmen Square to appeal, as is their constitutional right, before their government and the world. Millions print flyers and banners and post them widely in their cities and villages so the truth may stand a chance of being heard. Millions go on hunger strikes while in custody to

demand an end to their maltreatment, willingly suffering the pains of hunger and thirst. All risks are taken knowing full well the punishment likely to follow for speaking out against injustice.

Police Beating, Dragging, and Forcibly Arresting Practitioners Making Appeals



It is impossible to know exactly how many practitioners went to Beijing to appeal. But on July 21st, the sports fields of the two largest Beijing sports stadiums, Fengtai and Shijingshan, were filled to capacity with thousands of arrested practitioners. That evening, a heavy rain fell in Beijing. The practitioners, showing concern for their captors, gave their own umbrellas to the policeman guarding them. It was reported that elderly women insisted on paying the bus fare for their ride into detention on the city buses used to

transport them, rather than see the city lose the fee. Their compassion and forbearance moved even the most iron-hearted policemen.

Despite the wide spread crackdown, there has not been a single case of violence, revenge or retaliation by any Falun Gong practitioner against their abusers.

Evidence of Brutality - Blood Stained T-Shirts



The practitioners' peaceful appeal only resulted in more intensified persecution directed against them. President Jiang Zemin took Falun Gong as his personal enemy and gave orders to destroy Falun Gong by any available means.

More horrible news continues to arrive from China. To date, at least 20,000 practitioners are being held in labor camps. We have confirmed that around 750 previously healthy practitioners have been confined to mental hospitals against their will, but believe the true number is in the thousands.

In the over two years of the persecution, hundreds of thousands have endured detention at one time or another.

A Partial List of Practitioners Who Have Died From Torture While in Police Custody



The persecution of Falun Gong continues to escalate. China's leadership has declared its intention to "eradicate" the practice in the upcoming months. On June 11, it created new "laws" to more severely punish those who resisted the ban on Falun Gong, including, even, punishment by execution. More and more, we are seeing that this persecution is targeting women, children, including an 8-month old baby, and the elderly as its victims.

As of November 15, 2001, at least 311 Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted to death. This is an average of 10 deaths per month. In fact, sources inside the government place the true number at over 1,000. No one knows the exact number.

A Clandestine Press Conference in Beijing to tell the International Media



On October 28, 1999, a clandestine press conference organized by practitioners was held in Beijing. It successfully broke the news blockade imposed by the Chinese government and for the first time, the Western media had a chance to hear Falun Gong practitioners' personal stories.

Part IV - The Peaceful Appeal Worldwide

Mr. Li Interview with Newsweek, July 1999



Mr. Li Interview with CBS reporter, July 1999



In the nearly two years since Falun Gong was banned in China, Mr. Li has been constantly defamed and attacked by the Chinese state-run media, and Chinese officials have called for his arrest and extradition. Yet he has remained firm in his commitment to virtue and nonviolence, consistently calling for a dialogue with the Chinese government and a peaceful end to the persecution of his students.

On July 20, 1999, Mr. Li published a statement in response to the crackdown. "Falun Gong is simply a popular qigong activity. It does not have any particular organizational structure, let alone any political objective. We have never been involved in any anti-government activities"

"We are not against the government now, nor will we be in the future. Other people may treat us badly, but we do not treat others badly, nor do we treat people as enemies."

Cuiying Zhang, Australian Citizen



*Because of the truth I spoke--- Falun Dafa is righteous
I was imprisoned for 8 months
I went through hardship just to attain justice
I am not afraid of my blood being spilled or other sacrifice
My righteous mind was displayed in the prison
China suppressed
Falun Gong
Which is unforgivable
- Zhang Cuiying*

This poem was written by Zhang Cuiying, an Australian citizen and Falun Gong practitioner, who was imprisoned for eight months simply because she went to China to appeal to the Government for their wrong decision to persecute Falun Gong. However, she was not given any opportunity to present her appeal and instead was jailed. In order to express her feelings, she wrote down her true experiences on paper while in her cell. However, the authorities would not let her write and confiscated any materials, which could be used to record her experiences. Nevertheless, these measures did not stop her from expressing herself. On the day she was released, when she walked out from the prison, she took off her jacket and displayed the T-shirt upon which she wrote the above poem.

A Mother's Appeal



Mrs. Ningfang Chen, formerly a member of the Central Philharmonic Orchestra, China's most prestigious orchestra, and a mother of two. She and her husband were both detained, each for 30 days. Her husband was expelled from the Communist party.

She was detained twice for that length of time. One of the times she was taken away at 1:00 am, when over a dozen policemen stormed their home and dragged her and her son from their beds. They then ransacked their home and confiscated all Falun Gong related materials, including their computer.

Her son, Gang, had been sentenced to a year in a forced labor camp, without trial, where he was tortured. His term was arbitrarily extended for six months, most likely because he refused to renounce his belief in

Falun Gong.

"My son is a very good person. As parents, nothing pains us more than not knowing what is happening to him. Recently, the number of Falun Gong practitioners who have died due to torture and abuse in labor camps has increased dramatically, but the Public Security Bureau has simply alleged that those people have committed suicide. We're very worried about our son's safety. We miss him and want him released as soon as possible. We are waiting for him to come home." – Mrs. Chen

Part V - International Support

US Congressional Human Rights Caucus Hearing on Persecution of Falun Gong



"As we have come to know the work of Falun Gong, our respect has grown, and we find this brutal, ruthless and bloody suppression of Falun Gong practitioners in China appalling, unacceptable, reprehensible, and we will want to do everything in our power to provide the maximum amount of information to the American People concerning the work you do and the preposterous treatment you are subjected to in China."

- Congressman Tom Lantos, CA, Co-Chair of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus

Support from the Canadian Parliament Members



"What we are witnessing today in China is the criminalization of innocence. They have taken a spiritual meditation exercise group, outlawed it and declared it illegal, then subjected all its members to intimidation, prosecution, persecution, and imprisonment, for no other reason than that they espoused the basic, fundamental values of Truth, Compassion and Forbearance...it must be our responsibility, to speak on behalf of those who cannot be heard, to bear witness on behalf of those who cannot testify, to protect those who put not only their livelihood but indeed their lives on the line, and to affirm and reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the values of Truth, Compassion and Forbearance not only as expressions and examples of the best in ancient Chinese values, but as universal norms that

inspire us all." - **Irwin Cotler, Canadian Member of Parliament and Renowned Human Rights Lawyer**

Falun Gong Spokesman Invited to Speak at the National Press Club, Washington, DC



Erping Zhang, Falun Gong spokesman, gave a speech at the prestigious National Press Club on September 7, 2001. Mr. Zhang thanked the US House of Representatives and US senators, such as Senators Brownback (KS), Durbin (IL), Clinton (NY) and Schumer (NY) for their strong support. He called upon the American people to join in this just cause; to help us rescue Falun Gong practitioners persecuted in China. He also called upon China's authorities to unconditionally release all Falun Gong practitioners illegally detained in China.

Freedom House Awarded Mr. Li the 2000 Religious Freedom Award, Washington, DC



On March 14, 2001, Freedom House, a prestigious human rights organization co-founded by Eleanor Roosevelt 60 years ago, held an award ceremony at the conference hall of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to honor Mr. Li Hongzhi and Falun Dafa, along with four other groups, as "defenders of religious rights".

This is the first time that a non-government organization, with the participation of members from the U.S. Senate and Congress and U.S. State Department, held an award ceremony honoring Falun Dafa and Mr. Li. This award, issued just before the meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, also drew the world's attention to Beijing's brutal crackdown on Falun Gong and other religious beliefs.

Support from Amnesty International.



Amnesty International, like many other human rights organizations, has stood by Falun Gong practitioners during difficult times. They are concerned about the escalating human rights abuses committed against Falun Gong practitioners by the Chinese government and are calling upon the Chinese government to stop the mass arrests, arbitrary detentions, torture, unfair trials and other human rights violations resulting from its official campaign against Falun Gong.

At a rally on the Capitol Hill on July 19, 2001, T. Kumar, director of Amnesty International's advocacy in Asia and the Pacific, urged President Bush to demand the release of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners. Mr. Kumar delivered this message in his speech, "President Bush, you have a responsibility and an obligation to take the case of Falun Gong immediately before President Jiang Zemin before you visit China in October."

APA (American Psychiatric Association) Committee Calls for Investigation Of Chinese Psychiatric Abuses



China has committed psychiatric abuses through the misuse of mental hospitals and drugs to persecute Falun Gong practitioners. They have tortured mentally healthy practitioners to the point they incur brain or central nervous system damage or until death in some cases. According to Dr. Sunny Lu, a psychiatrist and Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati, more than 43 psychiatric institutions in China have engaged in psychiatric abuse, including five in Beijing. The Chinese government uses the police authorities to control psychiatric facilities in order to coerce Falun Gong adherents into renouncing their beliefs. Over 1,000 mentally healthy Falun Gong practitioners have been incarcerated and abused in mental hospitals. This is a far greater number of cases than the World Psychiatry Association cited in its investigation of the practices in the former Communist Russia.

A 32-year-old computer engineer Su Gang, was forcibly committed to a mental institution on May 23, 2000. He was intentionally injected with overdoses of psychiatric drugs to the point of death, on June 10, 2000.

Fearing responsibility for his condition and possible death, the hospital officials released Mr. Gang and he died at home resulting from the treatment he received while detained at the hospital.

Abraham Halpern, M.D., professor emeritus of psychiatry, New York Medical College, condemned the psychiatric abuses by the Chinese regime and urged the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) to investigate and take action to stop the mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners.

In his letter to the New York Times published on February 15, 2000, Dr. Halpern wrote, "Such blatant misuse of psychiatry was common in the Soviet Union for many years. It is vitally important for human rights groups, together with psychiatric associations, to organize against the pernicious practice of police agencies in China lest the horrors that prevailed in the Soviet Union in the 1970's and 1980's are reincarnated in China."

One year later, Dr. Halpern wrote to the same newspaper on February 25, 2001 and asked the World Psychiatric Association to "act expeditiously and forcefully to protest this blatant misuse of psychiatry."

Part VI - Worldwide Appeal

Chinese practitioners have moved and inspired people of all nationalities around the world. More and more people are living their lives according to the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. They support peaceful actions that help expose the true facts of the persecution against Falun Gong in China, calling for a justice and their rights to freedom of belief and assembly as given to them in China's constitution as well as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights of which China is a signatory.

Candlelight Vigil in Front of the Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan



The Vice President of Taiwan, Ms. Annette Lu, made a brief appearance during the candlelight vigil on December 23, 2000, to express her best wishes for Falun Gong.

Recently, Taiwan president Chen Shui-bian was reported on October 29 from *Taipei Times*, to tell an AP journalist that if he had a chance to meet with China's president Jiang Zemin, he would ask the question: "Why can Falun Gong develop freely in Taiwan, while in China, it cannot?"

Celebrating World Falun Dafa Day in Hong Kong



One country two systems challenged –

In a shocking display of Beijing-style governance, more than 30 Hong Kong police and 10 authorities from the Food, Environment and Health Bureau rushed the group of approximately 10 Falun Gong practitioners at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon, November 10, 2001. The group was on their 46th day of a continuous peaceful, silent vigil drawing attention to the plight of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners in China. The demonstrations are legal by current Hong Kong law.

Practice in Front of Eiffel Tower, Paris



As people from all walks of life are discovering greater health and spiritual well being through practicing Falun Gong and living the principles of "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance." Falun Dafa is gaining widespread popularity and is embraced by people around the world. The practice site near the Eiffel Tower became so well received that on one day when practitioners didn't hold their regular activities, the local police called them to find out if they were well and if everything was all right. The police said they hoped to see them again soon since they enjoyed watching their practice while they were on duty.

Celebrating the Freedom of Belief on Liberty Island, New York



As world leaders met during the week of September 5, 2000, at the U.N. Millennium Summit, practitioners of Falun Gong arriving from Australia, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Sweden, Japan, Taiwan, and elsewhere gathered together in New York to express their indignation over China's continued persecution of Falun Gong in China. They called upon world leaders from all countries attending the Millennium Summit and people from all over the world to show their concern and support to the practitioners in China who are being brutally persecuted, urge the Chinese government to immediately stop the violent and inhuman persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and resolve the crisis in China through peaceful

dialogue.

The peaceful and compassionate conduct of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners' appeal not only attracted many journalists and pedestrians, but also made a strong impression on New York City policemen on duty. Nearly two thousand practitioners participated in the activities. There was not a single report of any damage made to any public facilities. Practitioners even collected all the trash and debris on the ground before they left. One policeman said to one of the practitioners: "You are the best! Falun Gong is the best!"

Appeal at the UN Millennium Summit in NYC, Group Dressed in White Mourns Those Who Died in Police Custody for Their Belief



Personal Appeal "China: Stop Persecuting Falun Gong"



Personal Appeal in Front of Chinese Embassy, Washington, DC



During the quiet meditation of individual practitioners appealing in front of the Chinese Embassy, the National Seal of China suddenly fell off the Embassy's front door. Ironically, Embassy Officials had to resort to taping the National Seal back together as can be seen in the photo.

Part VIIa - **SOS!** Urgent: Rescue the Falun Gong Practitioners Persecuted in China

The Personal Appeal

Why We Walk?

“As we each step forward, the trickling streams of justice will converge into an unprecedented mighty torrent. This torrent- the spirit of peace derived from the principles of Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance- will sweep away evil and violence with the force of an avalanche and usher in a new era of humanity.”

We walk these thousands of miles around the earth to call upon billions of kindhearted people to: "Open up your hearts, reach out your helping hands, and urgently rescue the Falun Gong practitioners persecuted in China!"

Practitioners Bicycling from Orlando, Florida to Washington, DC to Appeal



Practitioners on the **SOS!** Global RescueWalk from Seattle to San Francisco



David Lee Jerke's Solo **SOS!** Global RescueWalk Across America



“My intention is to walk across the United States of America, from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles, California. I then intend to fly to Beijing, China, where I hope to practice the exercises peacefully in Tiananmen Square with fellow practitioners.

Along the way on this journey to Tiananmen I will speak to every person who crosses my path, in every hamlet, village, town, and city in the heartland of this great country. My message will be simple: Falun Dafa is good. Join with me to stop the persecution of Falun Dafa... and I will take with me the good wishes of one after another after another kind-hearted Americans who know that the persecution of Falun Gong is wrong, and must end...and when I get to Tiananmen Square, I will say to China and to the world that I bring to them this truth from the heartland of America: Falun Dafa is good, and the persecution must end.”

Part VIIb - **SOS!** Urgent: Rescue the Falun Gong Practitioners Persecuted in China

Government Appeal

SOS! March to the Capitol



SOS! March Converged on Capitol



A Candlelight Vigil at the Washington Monument to end Two Years of Persecution



Candlelight Vigil Close-up



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Part VIII - Time for Action: Be Part of the Solution!

You can Make a Difference!



In China, millions who practice Falun Gong have made great sacrifices to protest this injustice. Many have courageously traveled hundreds or even thousands of miles to Beijing, sometimes on foot, to call for a peaceful resolution to this crisis. Others have lost their jobs, their schooling, their homes, and even their families, simply because they demanded the right to their freedom of belief and called for a peaceful dialogue to restore their constitutional rights.

Now it is our turn to help these people. In the U.S. and around the world, thousands of people are taking action to help change this terrible situation. Many government officials, human rights organizations, and people from all walks of life, have joined together to condemn the actions of China's regime and to actively seek an end to the persecution. Your help is urgently needed to rescue the Falun Gong practitioners who are being persecuted in China. Many innocent lives are at risk.

- How you can help

- 1) Spread the word: tell someone you know about this cause and what is happening in China
- 2) Call on your government officials to take action: www.congress.org or check your phonebook
- 3) Join Friends of Falun Gong, an independent non-profit organization: www.fofg.org or 1-866-FG-Friend
- 4) Stay informed by visiting www.faluninfo.net or calling 1-888-842-4797

The 9-year peaceful journey of Mr. Li Hongzhi and his fellow practitioners, has given the world an important message:

True peace is reached naturally on the path to returning to one's true self. And Falun Dafa is a great way to help people to get there.

On September 11, the two magnificent towers in Manhattan vanished. Their collapse awakened the world to the realization that the only restraint humanity ultimately has on its capacity for self-annihilation is in the level of virtue attained by humanity as a whole. Now more than ever the world yearns for healing, reconciliation, and harmony. The world is embracing Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. The tragic events of September 11th have become a beginning of a new era for mankind.

The world needs sincerity, kindness, and peace. Living beings need "Truth-Compassion-Tolerance."

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