**NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE --- The Story of Falun Dafa**

Episode 3: Breaking Illusions And Rectifying Minds

Formal education is a record of growth.

(Chuan Lin, Computer Engineer) “Master degree on Computer Engineering. This is Bachelor degree on Modern Physics. ”

One’s record of formal education depicts how one gradually masters modern scientific and cultural knowledge. Modern people often rely on this knowledge base to establish their understanding of life, the world, and the universe.

(Reporter) “How many Master degrees do you have? This is the second one.”

(Chuan Lin, Computer Engineer) “Total 3 Master degrees.”

Mr. Lin began his study in the U.S. in 1991 and earned his Master’s degrees in modern physics, biomedical engineering and computer science. An occasional experience in the spring of 1995 prompted him to take a serious look at life.

(Chuan Lin, Computer Engineer) “When we first arrived in the United States, we stayed with a senior citizen as we had little economic resources. We looked after him in exchange for rent. He was very old I sometimes thought of my own future when I looked at him: ‘I am turning 40 soon. I will be like him before long. What’s the purpose of life?

Many people have asked the very same questions.

The film “5000 Years of Chinese History” was based on high school history textbooks and was approved by the Chinese State Education Commission. It began its discussion about the origin of mankind as follows. “Our ancestors, like those of other nations, had also pondered the same questions. Chinese ancestors used naive myths to explain their origin. “

Our ancestors’ account of the origin of life is labeled as contrived myths. In contrast, a 19th century speculative and hypothetical theory becomes absolute as a scientific law. For a long time, people have been taught in the classroom that materialism, the theory of evolution, and atheism are real science.

After China and the U.S.A. normalized diplomatic relationship in the 1970s, China began to send state-funded students to study in the United States. Since then, group after group of outstanding Chinese students have studied and worked in the United States, the world’s most technologically advanced country.

(Yuan Li, Ph.D., Princeton University) “After coming overseas, I discovered that many renowned scientists have faith

My mentor, Professor Tsui, a Nobel Prize winner, is a Christian. He is a righteous person who does research not for money or fame. I respect him very much.

I used to work at Bell Labs. Many scientists there believe in God. They had Bible study classes during lunch breaks.”

When these overseas students began casting

In 1985

(Xiaoqiang Liao, National Geological Exploration Team) "There was another smaller river by the Jinsha River in Tibet. We dug a two-meter deep trench across the river to study its sediments and geology.

We were tasked to describe the characteristics of each layer and take samples of particles, sand, stones and other findings. It was very interesting.

I remember very clearly we found a metallic button in one of the layers. We debated whether we should record the finding. If we recorded it, we would not have an explanation for it, as it resembled a metal button, a copper button. If we failed to record it, we would violate our principles. We decided to record it.

However, that sample was ultimately removed from the collection when we brought it back because no one could explain it."

When Tibet was still undeveloped in the 1980s, the coastal city of Guangzhou became the most economically developed region in China thanks to economic reforms. Mr. Liao, who frequently travelled between these two distinct regions, had witnessed things that were more puzzling than those scientific investigations.

(Xiaoqiang Liao, National Geological Exploration Team) "I worked in Tibet and returned to Guangzhou on holidays each year. I was shocked by the contrast between the two regions. I remembered that the herdsmen of Tibet were so poor that they would use our discarded cans as precious bowls.

They were poor, but very happy. Every day they sang and lived in peace and happiness. In contrast, some of my friends in Guangzhou were quite rich. They had all kinds of businesses, some of which were big and profitable. They stayed in five-star hotels, often for an extended period of time. But they were miserable. They didn’t know what they lived for.

We had been taught atheism and matter determines consciousness. I had to wonder if that was really true.”

The 1980s was known by sociologists as a time of knowledge explosion. Many strange phenomena and discovery suddenly emerged in China, which had isolated itself from the world for three decades: mysterious UFOs, mysteries of ancient civilizations, Western researches on near death experiences, and the rise of Qigong in China. They made people think.

(Sen Yang, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology) “ In the past, I was keen on reading popular science magazines such as UFO Research and Science. I always have these questions. Why are we human? What is our purpose in being human? Where do people go after they die? Did people evolve from apes? Does a person have a soul? Does life after death exist?”

*“All the affairs, countless, over long, drawn-out years*

*pass like a wisp of smoke.*

*And though they leave the common man confused.*

*For what were the vast heavens and earth created?*

*This baffling, this question, to the sentient beings.”*

Mr. Li Hongzhi wrote this poem in January 27th 1995. A month later, this book quietly spread overseas from Mainland China. It was a pleasant surprise to those who enjoy thinking deeply and carefully about matters.

(Sen Yang, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology) "My parents asked my in-laws to bring me a book when they came to the United States to visit us. There was a section called ‘On Buddha Law’ at the beginning of the book. I felt excitement after reading it. I felt a shock over my body. I realized this is something big and important but my understanding was limited at that moment. This feels like something I had long been searching for.”

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On March 13th

(Ms. Zhang, French Falun Gong Practitioner)

When the workshop in France was about to finish

Master Li's teaching was

Later when I heard that Master Li had arrived in Paris

Over the phone

To my surprise, a lot of people came to attend the workshop. All of them were westerners.”

The 7-day Falun Gong workshop in Gothenburg

(Sven Olausson, Swedish Falun Gong Practitioner) “I felt that compassion, I felt very warm inside. And I felt I don’t have any bad thoughts in my mind. And I felt very very…hard to say, it’s hard to express with words actually. But from my heart I felt very warm, very good, very easy and relaxing. This is the way it should be.”

This plain building is where Mr. Li held the Falun Gong workshop In Sweden. At the end of the 7-day workshop, Mr. Li and all the students took an unforgettable group photograph.

In October 1996, Mr. Li Hongzhi came to North America. This marked the end of the Falun Gong workshops, which he had offered in China and around the world since May 1992.

On October 12nd, at the Chinese Cultural and Educational Center of Houston, Texas, the City Council awarded Mr. Li the title Honorary Citizen and Goodwill Ambassador, and proclaimed the day as Li Hongzhi Day. Mr. Li Hongzhi presented the newly translated ‘Zhuan Falun’ English edition to the Mayor and the city councilmen.

In his later teachings, Mr. Li Hongzhi told practioners that he has compressed all of what he can offer them into the book "Zhuan Falun". To a genuine practitioner, this book can guide his cultivation and progress. Before long, genuine practitioners have verified Mr. Li’s words in practice.

(Joel Chipkar, Canadian Falun Gong Practitioner) "There is an 8

His abusive mother. And as they were taking the mother away in handcuffs, and the boy was in this woman's arms, he screamed and was holding out, reaching out to his mother.

‘Mommy, mommy.’ He wanted to go back to his mother. He wanted to go back to his abusive mother, who beat him all his life.

And I knew when I heard that story that, that boy was like me. How all my life I knew that the things I did wrong, the things I did wrong all of life, and my anger, and my lust and my desire and all these things that hurt me were such a powerful force in my life that even though I wanted to do good it always kept me going to the bad. It always kept me going towards the bad. And only when I started to read Falun Gong, and only when I started to practice Falun Gong and read Zhuan Falun did I realize the lack of self-control I had.

In less than a month, I could feel a huge difference, whenever my mind would wonder to an abusive thought or a lustful thought, right away, right away, Falun Gong would come into my head. Like a principle would come into my head, and it would be ‘Is this right, or is this wrong? This is wrong’. And even though my heart and my body wanted to do this, I felt the power in that book. I felt it taking me in another direction. I felt it taking me towards what was right and what was good. It was amazing. It was totally amazing.”

(1999 “Health ABC” program in Jilin Education Channel) “Practicing Falun Gong has not only changed my body but also my character (xinxing). In the past, I had some obvious shortcomings. When I went to tournaments, I tended to have conflicts with many: deputy executive of the tournament committee, the representative of the National Sports Committee, or other teams. I would curse people and throw things around. At the competition center or the training site, I would talk abusively at the players and hit them. These things happened often.

Now, they could see the changes. They said that I had changed completely, not only my appearance but also the entire person. They said I became very kind and considerate of others when interacting with people.”

An experience sharing conference is a unique practice of Falun Gong cultivation. Practitioners call it a “Fa conference”. At a Fa conference, you will find elderly people who had been infirm but have miraculously regained health after practicing Falun Dafa or scientists and technicians who have gained broader and deeper understanding in their field. Executives and officials here have integrity. Businessmen here are honest. Families become more harmonious. People have changed their ways. Every practitioner is sincerely grateful to Mr. Li Hongzhi and Falun Dafa for giving them a new life.

*(Song) We have fallen to this maze*

*Helpless, lost, can't find the way*

*Searching thousands of years*

*One day Master reappears*

*Be saved, be saved*

*Please don't miss this chance again*

The fundamental changes in practitioners have given people a deeper understanding of the teaching of Falun Dafa and won their trust.

Mr. Li Hongzhi made this solemn promise before he began his teaching.

"I think that my time for teaching the Fa has virtually come to a close. Therefore, I want to leave genuine things for everyone so that there is the Fa to guide everyone in future cultivation. Throughout the entire course of teaching this Fa, I have intended to do things according to the principle of being responsible to everyone and society. In reality, we have followed this principle. As for the result, I will not make any comment. It is up to the public to judge. My intention is to make this Dafa public and have more of our people benefit from it, enabling those who truly want to cultivate to advance in their cultivation by following the Fa. During the process of teaching the Fa, we have also explained the principles of how one should conduct oneself, and hope that if after the class you cannot follow this Dafa to cultivate, you will at least be a good person. This will benefit our society. In fact, you already know how to be a good person. After the class, you will be a good person."

Good health and inner peace

Please watch episode 4 - Taking up the Path.