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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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A Repressed Practice

(Clearwisdom.net) *The following is an excerpt from an article published on May 28, 2008, in L'Est Républicain, a daily newspaper from the eastern part of France. The article was written following a conference on Falun Gong in Nancy on May 19, 2008. A Falun Gong practitioner who escaped the persecution in China, Feng Yajun, was invited, as well as Michel Wu, former head of the China branch of Radio France International, and Alain Tong, president of the Falun Gong Association of France.*

Feng Yajun, 39 years old, born in the Chinese province of Liaoning, is determined in her new fight to testify as a witness to the genocide associated with a practice that is now banned in China.



L'Est Républicain (May 27, 2008)

Hard to remain indifferent

The story begins in 1992 with the introduction of Falun Gong, a physical and spiritual movement inspired by Buddhism. "My family and I were practicing this traditional *qigong* method that is similar to Tai Chi and yoga. In 1997 my parents bought the Paradise Bookstore, where we carried literature related to the method, which is practiced by more than 100 million people around the world."

The general popularity however unnerved the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Practitioners were more numerous than CCP members, not to mention their holding group gatherings that worried some CCP leaders. There were also CCP members who themselves practiced Falun Gong.

With the interdiction in July 1999, paradise turned into hell. The 610 Office set up by the authorities has one goal: eradicate all "dissidents" in the country. "Our bookstore was forced into bankruptcy, our home was ransacked, my parents were put in jail and tortured to death, my brother is wanted, and I myself spent two years of forced labor in a place stained with blood."

Her voice choking with emotion, Yajun will continue telling her story with powerful yet very real words: persecution, arrests, torture, organ trafficking, and brainwashing. The facts are overwhelming.

By her side for the evening conference organized by the Maitreya Association, were Michael Wu from RFI China and Alain Tong, president of the Falun Gong Association of France. Mr. Tong said, "As of today, 3150 practitioners have been tortured to death. The movement is slandered in the media. It's pure defamation by the regime to justify its repression. One of our missions to fight injustice is to dispel the lies. Under this persecution, human rights are trampled and innocent people suffer. This has to stop."

It is hard to remain indifferent in the face of such a presentation, whose fight defends a cause born of three fundamental values: Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Chinese Communist Thugs' Actions Are Against the Law in the United States

(Clearwisdom.net) The recent Chinese Communist-backed violence against Falun Gong practitioners in Flushing, New York has received widespread attention from the public. According to the *Epoch Times*, in a comment on the violence, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed said that such mobs would have been put in jail if they were in San Jose and that the city will continue to protect Falun Gong practitioners just as the city protects its other citizens.

Recognizing human rights abuses in China, Mayor Reed reassured the citizens that San Jose would protect everyone's constitutional rights. He said: "We are going to protect our constitutional rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. These are not the rights recognized by the government of China, we know that, but here in the United States, we do recognize them.



San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

"We will protect our Falun Gong practitioners in San Jose just as we protect the rest of our citizens. We have a very good police department. They work very hard to make sure that everyone has the right to free speech and the right of free expression, and we don't allow outsiders to come in and attack our people. If they do, they will go to jail.

"Everybody in the United States needs to adhere to our values and to our Constitution. We allow freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Everyone has to respect that. Whether or not they agree with [another person's belief] doesn't matter. People have individual, constitutional rights. We respect them in San Jose. We respect all the people, no matter what country they come from, what background they are from. [We need] to adhere to these ideals and follow our Constitution."

Lung Cancer Patient Cured by Practicing Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) I am from Changshou Area of Chongqing City. I am in my forties and had been treated for tuberculosis in a local clinic. On the evening of August 25, 2007, I suddenly felt sharp pain in my upper chest. The pain persisted during my sleep. Next day I went to the area hospital and had a CT scan, which showed that I had "central lung cancer." I almost fainted on the spot. My family could not believe it. We then went to the Chongqing Oncology Hospital to have a fiberoptic bronchoscopy performed. The result was the same. I was hospitalized on September 3. Regardless of the outcome, I relied completely on the hospital.

My wife practices Falun Gong. She persuaded me to practice and said that it was my only way to be cured because lung cancer is hard to treat medically. I still could not let go and relied on medical treatment. I took medicine and received injections and infusions every day. Two weeks later, my condition had not improved. On September 18, my doctor told me: "You can go home and rest for a week. Then come back for surgery." After being hospitalized for two weeks, I had accrued 18,000 yuan in medical expenses (2,626 USD; or 18-36 months' wages in China).

Finally I started practicing Falun Gong although I did not completely believe in it. I also watched Master Li's lectures on video. However, because I was not very determined, I went back to Chongqing Geleshan Chest Hospital for medical treatment. I spent 6,000 yuan in three months but my condition still did not improve. Upon returning home, I was very disheartened. My wife calmly persuaded me again: "Truly let go of your human notions and try it again." After losing hope in medical treatment, I started wholeheartedly practicing Falun Gong on January 25, 2008.

During that time, I truly felt that my body was being purified. I vomited frequently and had lots of black secretion. Yet I felt more and more energetic and could eat and sleep well. I went to Chongqing to have a checkup. The result was that all the cancer cells had disappeared! It is truly remarkable that practicing Falun Gong had such a miraculous effect in the short period of two months! I used to suffer back pain. Now I no longer have it. My skin became rosy and fair. Everyone said that I have changed. I indeed feel light without any illnesses. Without spending one penny, my lung cancer was cured. I am thankful for Dafa and Master Li for giving me a second life.