

Refuting the Chinese Communist Party's Propaganda

In order to launch and sustain its vicious persecution of Falun Gong, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), has created a great deal of slanderous propaganda designed to demonize Falun Gong and its founder. A few of the false charges are addressed below.

Does Falun Gong control people's minds?

There has probably never been a spiritual practice that is freer, more open, or less controlling than Falun Gong. Self-improvement in the practice is based on enlightening to the principles through diligent study, rational thinking, and individual effort, with everyone advancing at their own pace.

Do Falun Gong practitioners worship a leader and denounce other religions?

Falun Gong practitioners have great admiration and respect for their teacher, Mr. Li Hongzhi, and correctly so, but Mr. Li has asked not to be worshiped, and so this religious formality is not observed. Falun Gong's core principles are Truth, Compassion, and Forbearance. Denouncing other people's beliefs would violate these guiding principles, and so it isn't done.

Does Falun Gong teach people to break away from their families, jobs and society?

Quite the contrary: practitioners are encouraged to live normal lives, get married, raise children, be gainfully employed and make positive contributions to society. The teachings promote chastity before marriage, faithfulness in marriage, and divorce is strongly discouraged.

Does Falun Gong prohibit its practitioners from taking medicine? Does Falun Gong reject science?

Millions of people have cured themselves of serious, life-threatening diseases by practicing Falun Gong, often after both Western and Chinese medicines had failed them. Still, there is no such prohibition in Falun Gong, and practitioners are free to make their own decisions on such a crucial matter, based on their personal understanding. Falun Gong's teachings do not reject modern science although they point out that it is only one of many methods with which mankind can explore the universe. Many practitioners are physicists, biologists, chemists, etc., and are well respected members of the scientific community.

Does Falun Gong have a political agenda? Is Falun Gong anti-China?

Falun Gong does not now, nor has it ever had, an interest in gaining political power. Everything practitioners do in the way of rallies, marches, forums, etc., is meant to achieve but one goal: to end the persecution in China. Falun Gong is deeply rooted in China's five-thousand year old civilization, and the majority of its practitioners are in China. The CCP is not China. Falun Gong is not against China, Chinese culture, or the Chinese people, but opposes the persecution and the crimes against humanity being perpetrated by the CCP regime.

Does Falun Gong teach people to commit self-mutilation and suicide?

For Falun Gong practitioners, killing—including killing oneself—is expressly forbidden. The teachings are very clear on this subject. To obscure this fact, in 2001 the CCP regime staged the so-called “self-immolation” on Tiananmen Square in order to incite hatred against Falun Gong. Film of the incident clearly reveals that the entire event was a gigantic hoax perpetrated on the Chinese people and the rest of the world. This event will one day be remembered as one of the most shameful deeds of any government in history.

Does Falun Gong's founder amass wealth?

This charge is totally groundless and slanderous. Mr. Li lives a very frugal and moderate lifestyle, supporting himself through the sale of his books. But even though the books are the source of his income, he still generously makes them available for free on the internet for people who can't afford to buy them.