

Passing Tests with a Tranquil and Righteous Mind

My mind was tranquil as still water. With the firm belief that Dafa (the great law) was capable of changing one's fundamental nature, destroying evil, rectifying chaos, and enabling one to reach perfect harmony. I went to validate Dafa in Beijing again with a sincere heart. I wanted to take the more righteous path and help the Teacher's Fa rectification process in tune with a higher level standard.

On the morning of Dec. 21, I unfurled three banners and called out "Falun Dafa is good!" to validate Dafa to the world and to expose the oppressors. I was arrested and taken to the Beijing office of Jilin province located in Daxing county for interrogation. They tried to force me to disclose my name and address threatening to beat me if I did not comply. I felt they were well beyond salvageable for me to try reasoning with them, so I did not bother. I wasn't sure if it would do any good had I said, "Those who do evil will get what they deserve." I kept quiet using silence to protest my confinement.

They soon abandoned their sympathetic pretension revealing their true mean selves. The more I refused to cooperate with them, the more frustrated and flustered they became. It may be because "the righteous overcomes all evil." They handcuffed me behind my back, pushed me to the floor and then hit me. I used all I had to resist. I was able to pull apart the steel handcuff, not once but twice! Such was the power of Dafa, they were stunned. They then used their heel to stamp my entire body, shocked me with electric stun batons, and used steel needles to stick into the center of the soles of my feet. I thought about the Teacher and Dafa. I felt I should raise my standard to prevent them from stepping up their torture. I put my fear behind me. These tortures no longer had any effect on me. As the teacher said, it is one's heart rather than one's physical body that is subject to coercion. After a full day of relentless torturing, the oppressor retired empty-handed.

How to eliminate this tribulation? "Zhuan Falun" said: "...In order to cure illness or eliminate tribulations and karma, these people must practice cultivation and return to their original, true selves. This is how all the different cultivation schools view it." We must continuously try to meet the criteria at different levels throughout our cultivation, expand our horizon, reduce the degree of the tribulation, and eventually eliminate it all together.

Under the circumstance I realize: to think that one can eliminate one's karma by passively tolerating the persecution is wrong; however to step forward to clarify the truths to the deceived public, validate Dafa and offer salvation to all sentient beings is the right way to go. We should not be limited by our ignorance, we should eliminate all misconceptions; isn't it a distorted concept that a god has to tolerate persecution? Aren't such obsolete elements unduly disruptive to Teacher's Fa rectifying process? We must not allow the wicked to get their way. We must be righteous in order to help the Teacher to rectify the Fa. We must give up all our attachments to escape their control.

I then seized an opportunity and ran away from the detention center. But, I was found, re-captured, and put under tighter surveillance. When I thought of those uninformed people, I felt I should cherish every moment granted by Dafa. But how could I get out of this situation?

Later, I was transferred to the Beijing office of XX province. The police there made numerous phone calls trying to locate my local police to have me sent back. I asked myself why didn't the enlightened side of me do something to rectify the Fa. I have a premonition that the phone calls could not go through. As it turned out, the calls did not go through. Next day, they tried all day to phone and again failed. I then realized that the Teacher was providing me a chance to escape, "At high levels there are high level manifestations." I should let go of the doubt about Dafa and the demon within that wants to test Dafa; I should dedicate my heart, strengthen my faith in Dafa, and validate the mighty power of Dafa in the world.

Therefore I fled while the police were fast asleep. However, several policemen on patrol caught me and placed me in the detention center across from the Beijing office. I was quite upset that I failed to escape again. But soon I realized that I was thinking of this from the perspective of an ordinary person and all these were tests for me. I knew I could pass these tests if I forsook my human mentality.

The police decided to release me at around 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning. I thought to myself, "Wouldn't it be better to be released after dark so I would not be found as easily?" I casually asked the police direction to the Tiananmen Square. They thought that I would go to appeal there, so they put me in detention again. When it turned dark, however, they released me even before I told them that I would stage a hunger strike to protest the illegal detention.

In the past, I have done things that were not righteous and negatively impacted the Teacher's Fa-rectification process. In this extended period granted through the enormous efforts and sufferings of our benevolent Teacher, I will try my best to catch up with the process of Fa-rectification and assist Teacher in his journey in the human world.

The above is my personal understanding, and comments are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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