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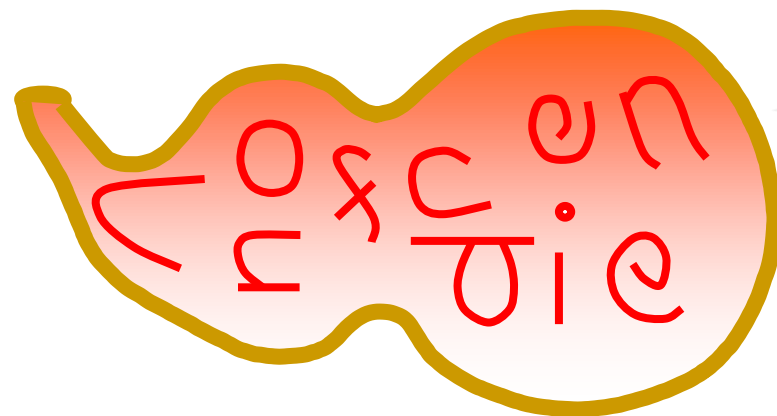
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SINGAPORE TAO COMMUNITY



Confidence

發一崇德新加坡道場印度般地揭諦二天社會界英語率性進修班
西元二〇〇二年歲次壬午
農曆十一月十八、十九日
陽曆十二月廿一、廿二日

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TAO

*Respect for the universe. Reverence for Gods.
Loyalty to country and execution of duties.
Observance of decorum and etiquette.
Be filial to ones' parents. Attachment to Teacher.
Trust in friends. Harmony with neighbours.
Eliminate evil and promote goodness.
Adherence to the Five Tenets of human relationship
and
the Eight Doctrines of virtue.
Propagation of the Tenets of religious leaders' teachings.
Pursuit of the four ancient rules of conduct.
Cleansing of mind and elimination of worry.
Cultivation of body for spiritual perfection.
Restoration of original nature.
Development of man's good innate wisdom and faculties.
Self-improvement for the improvement of others.
Self-achievement for the achievement of others.
Promotion of world peace and harmony.
Enlightenment of mankind.
Attainment of the unity of mankind and the world.*

西元二〇〇二年十二月廿二日歲次壬午十一月十九日(第一屆) 印度 般地揭諦

學道信於自精進 立志勤耕自強不息
修道信於天命真 立功立德功夫深積
講道信於聖賢語 明心悟性行中庸理
辨道信於誠則感 四方廣渡十界愿濟
行道信於始終貫 頂天立地無愧德煜

吾乃

南屏道濟

奉了

命 來到塵紅 進壇早已參叩

皇 駕 再問聲我這些印度的徒兒們

你們過得好不好啊

【confidence (信心)】訓中訓

天地萬古悠悠昭 日月往來古今照
人生幻變似朝露 生死反覆輪迴操
無常歲月秋幾度 虛度此生霓虹繞
及早回頭命掌握 看清紅塵離苦牢
明師指引真明路 葫蘆開啟得至寶
展智明辨真道理 確信天命濟三曹
道念戰勝除疑障 信心堅毅不動搖
以信為基圓融處 天人共辦信莫少
道之宗旨信朋友 無信之人不明道
信者忌傲不果斷 中庸行之功夫高
同修互信相扶持 造福人群品蓮皓

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青史留名千秋萬世贊頌光前裕後傑出精英
信立天下忠恕抱歲月秋幾度立真功天爵封
華不再揚明無常理莫讓光陰虛度追求利名
故君子重操守惕之規範居易以俟此天命奉
知轉意迴心庸行庸言嚴謹力行者一生化恆
脫出輪迴中慎因果循環之信無信醉霓虹中
情欲覆斬斷忌傲不偏舉人之友信道棒漸虹薪
歸真反樸復純然面污穢則不明赤子潔繞瑩
道心死守皓皓蓮品以證心性光輝成果及早
惜此生相互扶持扶群策處事基圓融善因早種
灑甘露法雨造福人群展鵬圖勇往莫徘徊中
修辦朝乾夕惕戰兢趨言信妙謨信邪說頭懵
心量似海涵無垠掃四相旨趣清辦道天命崇
滄海萬變借身行功篤信之提醒機會緊從
莫陷於幻化境中夫應互修道之鞏固看網領
盡忠職守生存提高同修道之鞏固看網領
建立道化之人生潔身自愛規範清操朗朗容
氣宇軒昂德照善毅偽搖以難立紅塵中至終
力爭上游步今志不動信舉助行塵紅中立功
洗心滌慮古習改苟日新日新又新離情勤耕
乘宏愿而來助濟三曹愿堅解疑先苦後甜增
由今效法往哲天命修道誠心妄除慾牢脫源清
自律自省月試天戰念頭信障勝敗明見心清清
功夫深紮日就月將精益求精志承師導迷童
溥博如天昭昭淵泉展如淵洋洋指引達入聖
圓妙之性瀟灑悠哉智珠契信實引親民善境
上智之士時省察悠明弗紊確明真偽心澄靜
復本心隨之不紊故辨志理正路洞徹紅塵中
齋莊中正被化眾萬真道悟葫蘆中明見性
如日月普照大地人心開蘆慈悲展現良能
大德敦化如天地得啟萬民兼善天下如春風
萬物並育於寶至不相害道並行不相悖太平
天地無不持戴覆幬四時以錯行日月則代明

活佛師尊慈訓

22-12-02 印度 般地揭諦

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鵬取朋 徊取回
妙取少 謨取莫

註釋

【葫蘆、信心】本訓

◎天地無不持戴覆幬，四時以錯行，日月則代明…語出《中庸第三十章祖述章》。「覆幬」遮護、庇陰。「錯行」更行循序的運行。「代明」交替放光明。整句乃比喻聖人的德行之大，譬如天的高明，地的濃厚，四時的不失其序，日月的互放光明。

◎萬物並育於寶至不相害，道並行不相悖太平…語出《中庸第三十章祖述章》。「悖」違背。喻聖人之道，其大包含一切，在此大道中，萬物各安其位，各自生長而不相害，人道與天道衝行而不相違背。

◎大德敦化：語出《中庸第三十章祖述章》。「敦」誠懇。「化」感化。此句解為大德者其以誠懇的心感召萬物，普化萬物，普利萬物，乃仁者兼善天下之心。

◎良能：不必學習而自然會，比如對父母盡孝。

◎齋莊中正：語出《中庸第三十一章至聖章》。「齋莊」清心寡欲，嚴肅莊重的意思。「中正」不偏不倚，端方正直。此句乃指君子有清心寡欲，嚴肅莊重，不偏不倚，正直公正的威儀。

◎洞徹：透徹的了解。

◎悠明弗紊：常把事情條理看清楚，分明而不雜亂。

◎溥博如天昭昭，淵泉展如淵洋洋：語出《中庸第三十一章至聖章》「溥博如天淵泉如淵」「溥博」普遍而廣博。「昭昭」光明。「淵泉」靜深而有本源。「洋洋」形容豐盛貌。此句乃指聖人之道，周遍廣闊無邊，如天之高明，普照天下；聖人之大德，深遠無底，就像到處充滿生機的深淵一樣。

◎日就月將：謂每日有所成就，每月有所精進之意。「就」成就。「將」行進。

◎日省月試：語出《中庸第二十章問政章》。每日省察工作以察勤惰，月試成績以考察巧拙。

◎三曹：天曹，地曹，人曹。「天曹」為氣天諸仙，「人曹」為人間眾善男信女，「地曹」為地獄幽冥鬼魂。

◎古習：一直以來所感染的習氣毛病。

◎苟日新月新又新：語出《大學第二章釋新民》。「苟」果能如此的話。此句指如果能真誠地洗刷一切舊習，且能天天不斷地將污垢洗盡，更當持之以恆，勤勉去垢自新

◎氣宇軒昂：指人的風度，氣概不平凡的樣子。

◎清操朗朗：「清操」清高的節操。「朗朗」明亮的樣子。

◎綱領：總綱聖領也。

◎篤信宗：「篤信」深信，堅信。「宗」宗旨，根本。

◎掌櫓：「掌」掌握。「櫓」使船行進的工具。

- ◎ 無垠：沒有邊際。
- ◎ 四相：佛家語，指我相、人相、眾生相、壽者相。
- ◎ 旨趣：字旨和意義。
- ◎ 天命：（一）上天賦予的這點靈性，即天命之謂性。
（二）個人的天職，德位。
- ◎ 朝乾夕惕：語出《易經乾：君子終日乾乾，夕惕若厲，無咎》。比喻朝夕戒懼，不敢懈怠之意。
- ◎ 謨：無也，不也。
- ◎ 群策：集合眾人的智謀。
- ◎ 皓皓：光明的樣子。
- ◎ 歸真返璞：返回純樸潔淨的本性，回歸真我本體。
- ◎ 規範：人類的思想，行為，情感所應當遵循的原理或法則
- ◎ 庸行庸言嚴謹：語出《中庸第十二章君子章》。「庸行」行平常常常的德行，庸德之行也。「庸言」謹守那平平常常之言，庸言之謹也。
- ◎ 居易以俟此天命：語出《中庸第十四章素位章。君子居易以俟命，小人行險以徼幸》生活於本實之中，不作投機取巧，不到混亂危險之地。
- ◎ 華不在揚：已經開過的花不會再開，喻時光不會倒流。
- ◎ 忠恕：「忠」盡己之心，盡自己本心做自己本份的事。「恕」推己及人。
- ◎ 天爵：在理天受老 敕封的果位。
- ◎ 光前裕後：指建功立業者，能光大先人，庇陰後人。整句指美好的名聲，記錄在歷史上。
- ◎ 青史留名：「青史」古代無紙筆，將記載的事雕刻在竹簡上。

活佛師尊慈悲囑語

▽ 看看他們站在前面啊！很用心的帶、很用心的講，所以你們要用心的聽。他們沒甚麼要求，只希望你們能夠兩天都來這裡，都能夠瞭解道的寶貴、道是甚麼。如果不是為了把道傳給你們，他們會來到這裡嗎？來到這裡，人生地不熟，沒有一個人是認識的，如果是你，你會去嗎？現在你瞭解為甚麼他們會來了嗎？（因為道而來）

▽ 「道」是甚麼東西？為甚麼要花一張飛機票，請幾天的假，花這麼多精神在這裡講解這個「道」？為甚麼他們又不去別的地方就來這裡？而且印度這麼大，他們不選別的地方，又專選這裡？因為你們跟他們有緣。所以說：「有緣千里來相會，無緣對面不相識」。

▽ 在這裡本土的人，你們都認識嗎？自己本土的人都不認識，結果認識到台灣和新加坡

來的人！這個「道」沒甚麼特別的地方，也沒有甚麼很大的魅力。祂在你的周遭，你也不注意到祂。祂那麼不起眼，可是為甚麼就有那麼多的人，為了要宣揚這個「道」而遠離自己的家去傳道？

▽現在的世界各國都有道，為師我世界各國都去過了！因為我這些徒弟太會跑了！他們從不怕辛苦，不管多窮或多富有的國家，他們都去。他們知道眾生都是迷昧的佛，唯有讓你知道這條道路，才能夠找到自己的本性。

▽你們知不知道當你在思考的時候，是人心在思考還是良心在思考？如果是良心的話，就不會有你和我，就不會這東西是你的，這個是我的。如果本性在思考的話、本性在做事的話，就不會有私的一面。如果你是用你的本性，你就是佛，佛是沒有分你我。你們都做到大公無私、慈悲為懷了嗎？

▽修道不難，就是要你恢復自己的本性，那個慈悲的本，那個沒有染到紅塵的本性。如果你認為你還沒做到，就是有些圓滿的和要改的。從現在開始就讓自己一點一滴慢慢去改，把自己改得圓圓滿滿的，讓你的本性發揮光明。每一個人都有那自性的光圈，只是因為來到紅塵當中，被形形色色的東西給干擾了。所以現在就是要讓我們自性的光芒重現。

▽不只是因為看到為師，才讓為師先上座；只要看到長者，或是前面的前賢，都要讓他們先坐。不管你們去到哪裡，在家裡也好、在社會也好，都要有禮，以禮為先。只要你是個有禮貌的人，去到哪裡，每一個人都歡迎。在修道這條路上，禮貌很重要，你講理別人就喜歡接近你，你也很容易引導、渡化別人。

▽修道除了要有禮之外，你們還要一點一滴，慢慢去學習如何做人，做一個在家孝順父母，友愛兄弟，在社會是一個愛國忠士。你想想看，如果每個人都做好自己的本份，那這個世界還會有戰爭嗎？現在社會那麼不安定，那是因為，人雖然知道甚麼可以做，甚麼不可以做，可是還是一意孤行！

▽道理每一個人都懂，但是做的時候卻是沒有人願意。這是人性，這是眾生的一個缺點。那些聖賢仙佛就是知道這一點，所以一直不斷的在救渡眾生、一直不斷的在引導眾生，用任何的宗教、任何的說法；所以希望你們不管做何事也好，修道這條路也好，都要拿出你們的自信心，來把它走完。不管你做任何事，如果半途而廢，那你之前的辛苦就全都白費了。所以，不管做任何事都要有始有終。想想人生是沒有重頭來過，完就是完了。所以你的人生，之前的已經過了，沒有辦法挽回，以後的人生要有自信心，而且要很有把握，很有價值的走完。

▽這個糖果是前面辦事人員用心，希望大家吃了心中都是開開心心，快快樂樂去走你們的修道路程。來到這裡，就是要吃一吃人間的東西，這樣才像跟你們在一塊的感覺。從前從來沒吃過，現在嚼嚼也不錯。要我帶又帶不走，所以嚐一嚐就算了。所以現在來吃一吃，看看你們為甚麼這麼喜歡吃這種東西，果然是甜甜的！人間的東西雖然好吃，但是也是不要太過貪心，吃過就好了。人間雖然有好吃的東西，五花八門的景象，但是看過就好，不要在這裡「留連忘返」。人遲早都會離開這人世間。所以來得瀟灑，走得也要瀟灑。吃了甜甜的糖果，就會感受到他們這些辦事人員的用心。他們的愛心給不完，所以把你們這個感覺帶回去與你們的朋友分享。

▽為師今天把【葫蘆】跟這【信心】留給你們，希望你們能夠在未來修辦的路能夠走得更好。希望你們帶更多的有緣人來與為師結師徒之緣。讓為師下一次，能再有機會來到這裡和大家見面。記得不要忘記我「濟公老師」！我也不會忘記你們，這些傻徒兒。讓我們等待下次的相聚，好不好？為師祝福你們，人生平平安安、修道順順利利！

老師慈悲勉勵印度的辦事人員

▼要開法會不容易啊！所以你們要多付出。自己當地人要用心，因為只有你們才瞭解本地的人。他們（新加坡辦事人員）這些人只是來幫助你們，所以要靠你們自己努力。我知道你們都很用心，都有去幫忙找班員，為師我也很高興，以後還要更加努力。

▼修道是沒有半途而廢的，要相信老天、要信相我。我會引導你們、帶領你們讓你們都平平安安，修道順順利利；所以要拿出你們的心來，為師只要你們的真心、誠心而已。

▼真誠的對自己、對眾生、對老天、對為師，可以嗎？做事情要真誠，不可以有半點虛假，你如果以虛假對上天，上天將來也是以虛假還你。所以你的將來是光明、圓滿的；你就要付出，用實際行動去引導大家。

▼修道沒有享受，修道是要辛苦。越辛苦，成就越大。不要擔心身體累壞了，只要你的付出是為上天，上天一定會幫助你的，希望你們這個地方將來會有更好的發展。我很希望我以後還可以來啊！所以就要靠你們了。能不能夠在這裡再出現，就看你們了！未來就靠自己了，祝你們成功啊！現在回到自己的崗位要盡責，做好自己的工作，不要有任何的埋怨，不要怕辛苦！

Translation of poem

(Mercifulness of Enlightened Master JiGong)

Faith in Tao learning evolves from one's constant effort. Work with unceasing effort in establishing goals.

Faith in Tao cultivation evolves from the True Heavenly Mandate. Enhance cultivation by establishing merits and virtues.

Faith in Tao preaching evolves from the sayings of saints and Sages. Act in accordance to the principle of middle path, awakening and realizing the True Self.

Faith in Tao propagation evolves from the deep feelings of sincerity. Salvaging beings in the four directions and the ten realms.

Faith in Tao practice evolves from consistent perseverance till the end. Standing upright between the Heaven and Earth, with brilliant virtues and no guilt.

I am Tao Ji (Master JiGong) from the Mount Nanping

Received the decree from the

Heavenly Mother to descend into the samsara world

Already paid respect to the

Heavenly Mother, asking all my disciples in India, do all of you live well ?

Translation of Oracle – Confidence

(Mercifulness of Enlightened Master JiGong)

1. The Heaven and Earth have nothing they do not support, and nothing they do not cover. Like the revolution of the four seasons and the alternation of the sun and moon.
2. All things are nourished together without injuring one another. Their courses are pursued without conflict.
3. One with great virtues influences all beings akin to the impartiality of the Heaven and Earth, bringing kindness to the world like a spring breeze.
4. Like the sun and moon illuminating the Earth, opening the ‘gourd’ of one’s mind reveals one’s benevolence and innate abilities.
5. Maintain a firm hold and never swerve from the Mean to influence all sentient beings. Awaken to the Truth and realize the True Self within.
6. Restore to one’s true Self and confusion will not arise. Understand thoroughly one’s ambition in this material world and adhere to true path.
7. The wise man constantly checks and reflects his actions, hence being in constant awareness without confusions. Understand the truth and falsehood with affirmation to attain a clear peaceful mind.
8. The perfect and wonderful Self is natural and carefree. Such pearl of wisdom reflects Truth. Lead our surrounding beings into the realm of kindness.
9. Be broad and profound like the clear boundless sky; be deep and active like the spring waters. Lead and guide others into attaining holiness.
10. Establish a deep foundation in cultivation. Strive for perfection throughout the days and nights. Uphold the aspirations of the Masters in guiding the lost beings.
11. Discipline oneself with daily reflections and examination. Battle the mind with one’s conscientious. Overcoming obstacles in one’s faith determine the success in one’s cultivation. Undoubtedly understands and mind clear.
12. Follow the footsteps of past Sages, strive to cultivate the Tao with fervent sincerity and removes delusions. Extricate from the jail of desires, returning to the clear Origin.
13. (We) Descend with the great vow of assisting the Salvation of the Three Domains. Affirm the vow and remove doubts. Suffering comes before immense sweetness.
14. Cleanse one’s mind and thoughts and remove past habits. Be spiritually cleansed daily. Stay away from laziness and cultivates diligently.
15. Strive to be the most advanced with unwavering determination. Exude faith in cultivation and establish merits in this material world.
16. Virtues illuminate and kindness enhanced with one’s great mettlesome. False appearances are shaky in the samsara, unable to last till finality.
17. Establish a life that is Tao manifested. Have self-respect by keeping oneself away from undesirable influences. Hence having unstained bearings and bright appearance.
18. Be loyal to one’s duty in life. Help fellow cultivators excel to greater heights and affirm the objectives of Tao, emphasizing on the main principles.
19. Do not indulge in unreal settings. Constantly remind one another. Grab hold of opportunities and follow closely.
20. The world is constantly changing; one should make use of the physical body to cultivate promptly and accumulate merits. With utmost faith in the Great Salvation, attain union between man and Heaven to steer the holy vessel.

21. Be magnanimous like the vast ocean. Remove the four marks (a mark of self ego, a mark of man, a mark of sentient beings, a mark of longevity). Understand the objectives with clarity and propagate with great reverence for the Heavenly mandate.
22. Cultivate and propagate Tao diligently and cautiously. Do not fall for unorthodox sayings which deludes the heart.
23. Sprinkle sweet dew and dharma rain to benefit all beings. Do not wander aimlessly, spread the wings wide and strive bravely.
24. Treason this life, assist one another and work out plans together. Deal all matters with a complete and tactful approach. Sow such good causes early.
25. Embrace the Tao mind earnestly. Thus attaining the pure lotus fruition, depicting the brightness of the True Self. The final yield is abundance.
26. Return to one's innate nature and restore the pure original appearance. Filthiness shadows one's radiance. Hence portray a child-like nature of total brightness.
27. Axe the obscured mind that is filled with emotional desires. Be mindful of arrogance and biasness. Enumerate friendly and trustworthy individuals. The succession of Tao thus prospers gradually.
28. Extricate from the cycle of reincarnation. Believe and be cautious of the law of Karma. Without such belief, one is a drunken in the deceitful life of colorful neon.
29. Learn to correct and change the wrong thinking. Be earnest in practicing the virtues in everyday life; be careful in ordinary conversation. One who strives in such manner achieves eternality in a life.
30. A gentleman emphasize on mannerism and discipline. Constantly caution oneself to be a role model. Live peacefully and calmly, waiting for the appointments of Heaven.
31. Life is short, understand the impermanent nature in life. Do not let the precious time slip by in the process of pursuing fame and wealth.
32. Establish creditability far and wide. Embrace loyalty and empathy. Life is short with a few autumns. Establish true cultivation for attainment of heavenly titles.
33. Establish a name in history, be revered and honored for thousands of years. Bring honor to the ancestors and blessings to the descendants. A great nobility indeed.

Translation of Oracle within Oracle

(Mercifulness of Enlightened Master JiGong)

1. The Heaven and Earth exist since time immemorial. The sun and the moon illuminate interchangeably from past till now.
2. The life in constant changes is like the morning dew. Recycling of birth and death in the paths of reincarnation.
3. The impermanent life is short with few autumns. A futile life causes one to revolve round the fake lights of neon.
4. Turn back in time to take charge of life. See through the true nature of samsara and be freed from prison of desires.
5. The Enlightening Master shows the True bright path. Opening the gourd of one's mind, obtaining the priceless treasure (Tao).
6. Develop the wisdom and understand clearly the true Principles. Have firm faith in the Heavenly Mandate and assist in the Salvation of the Three Realms.
7. Achieve victory with the mind of Tao and removes all doubts. Be unshakable with a strong and determined faith.
8. With faith as a foundation to achieve full perfection. Have faith in the essence of joint effort between Heaven and

man.

9. One of the objectives of Tao is trustworthiness between friends. Man without trust fails to understand Tao.
10. A man with faith avoids arrogance and indecisiveness. Acting in accordance to the middle path with profound depth.

11. Fellow Tao cultivators should assist and have faith in each other. Creating bliss for all beings and attaining the lotus seat of great pureness.

Speech of Enlightened Master JiGong

(Our Merciful Master encourage the local volunteers from Chennai and Pondicherry)

- ❖ It is not easy to hold a sermon assembly. Therefore you must treasure this chance to assist in the sermon. The locals will have to put in more effort as you are more familiar with the people and the environment. Those volunteers from overseas are just here to help out. I am very happy to know that all of you have put in a lot of time and effort for this sermon.
- ❖ Keep up your effort. Do not give up in the midst of Tao cultivation for you must have faith in Heaven and me (Master Ji Gong). I will always be around to lead and guide you, to ensure that you have a safe and smooth cultivation path. Master only request your truthful and sincere heart in Tao cultivation.
- ❖ Can you be truthful to yourself, to other people, to the Heaven and to me? (Yes) You must be truthful and sincere in doing things. Do not harbour any false intentions. If you are not truthful to the Heaven, the Heaven would treat you in the same way. If you want to have a bright and fruitful future, you must cultivate diligently and set a good example to lead others.
- ❖ Tao cultivation is not an easy task and there would be hardships. However, the higher your endurance, the greater would be your success. Do not worry that your hard work will deteriorate your health. The Heaven will take good care of you as long as you are working for the Heaven. I hope that Tao propagation in Pondicherry will have a brighter future. I hope that I come here (manifest in person) again. Hence, I need you to continue propagating Tao in Pondicherry. The future is in your hands and I wish all of you success! Now, get into our roles and play our part well. Do not grumble and do not be afraid of hardships.

(Our Merciful Master encourage the participants of this assembly)

- ❖ How are the lessons? (Good) Do you understand the lessons delivered by the speakers? (Yes) Can you understand the lesson that she (Speaker Au) had delivered? If none of you answers my question, it would mean she did not do a good job.

(Few participants responded that the lesson was well delivered)

- ❖ If I have not explained that “silence (no answer) imply that a lesson has not been presented well”, maybe no one would wish to stand up and speak for her (Speaker Au). The mortal world is righteous and has warmth. Hence, people help one another in times of trouble. When you see someone has a problem, you will extend your helping hands.

- ❖ Look at the volunteers! They lead and deliver the Heaven’s words wholeheartedly. Similarly, you must listen attentively. The volunteers ask nothing from you, they only wish that you could attend this sermon for two days to understand the preciousness of Tao. If not for the holy mission to propagate Tao to all of you, would they want to come to India? This is a foreign land to them and they are not familiar with many things. If you were them, would you want to go to an unfamiliar foreign land? (No) So do you understand their purpose of coming to India now? (They have come to propagate Tao).

- ❖ What is Tao? Why would they want to spend the money to buy air tickets, apply a few days vacation leave to be here and exhaust their mental efforts to elaborate this Tao in India? Why did they choose to come here (India) and not other places? Besides, India is such a big country. Why did they choose to come here (Pondicherry) and not other states. This is because you have the affinity with them. Hence, the saying “**With**

affinity, enables union across a thousand miles; with no affinity, you do not know even when you meet.”

- ❖ Do you know the locals in this assembly hall? (No) You do not know all the local people here but yet you know the people from Taiwan and Singapore! There is nothing special about Tao. You do not notice Tao though it resides in your surrounding. But why are there so many people leaving their hometowns to propagate Tao? (Because of the Preciousness of Tao)

- ❖ Today, Tao propagation is in every country. Thus, I have been to all these countries! This is because my disciples spread this Tao all over the world. They are not afraid of hardships. They go anywhere regardless of the countries' conditions and state of wealth. They know that sentient beings are Buddhas sleeping in delusions. You can only uncover your True Self by receiving the great Tao and undertake the path of Tao cultivation.

- ❖ When you are thinking, is it the humane heart or the conscience at work? If it is your conscience, there will be no differentiation between you and me. There will be no arguments over ownership of things. If the True Self is thinking, there will be no favoritism. If you execute the thoughts of the True Self, you are also a Buddha as Buddhas do not differentiate between Himself and others. So, have you attained the state of just, equal, and merciful?

- ❖ Tao cultivation is not difficult. It is a process to restore your True Self, the merciful root in you. It is a process to realise your True Self that has been shadowed in this mundane world. If you think you have not reached this stage, then there are some imperfections. From this moment onwards, improve yourself gradually until your True Self is polished and its brightness revealed. Everyone has a radiant True Self. The worldly attachments in this colorful world had disturbed this peaceful and pure True Self. Upon knowing the truth, you should strive to reveal the radiance of your True Self.

- ❖ (Participants invited Master JiGong to his seat politely) You should extend the invitation to your elders and seniors, and not only to me. Wherever you are, at home or in society, you should have good manners. By doing so, you will always be welcomed by everyone at any place. Do you want to be a well-mannered person? (Yes) In this path of Tao cultivation, good mannerism is pivotal. A good mannered person naturally attracts people and this opens the door to sharing the good news of Tao with others. It will also be easier to guide and lead people to the Truth.

- ❖ In Tao cultivation, apart from manners, there are many other moral values that you need to learn slowly – to be filial to parents, to care for siblings, to love one's country and to be a loyal warrior. If everyone executes his or her duties, will there still be war in this world? There is disorder in the society now. This is because people choose to act on their own accord even though they understand what should be done and what should not be done.

- ❖ Everyone knows the principles of Tao but many fail to execute them. This is sentient beings nature and is their flaw. The Buddhas, Saints and Sages understand this weakness and hence they relentless undertake the salvation of sentient beings to guide them via religions and inscriptions.

- ❖ Wish you the best in your future endeavors (including the path of Tao cultivation); you should exude confidence till the end. Leaving task uncompleted will put all your hardships and endurance to waste. Thus, prosecute all undertakings to the end. There is no replay in life. Once the event is over, there will be no reversal. From now on, exude self-confidence and treasure opportunities in your life. Complete your life meaningfully.

- ❖ Does everyone have sweets in your hands? (Yes) We shall taste them together. These volunteers have brought these sweets especially for you. After eating, I hope that the sweets will render happiness in your heart, and also the joy to complete this path of Tao cultivation. Since I am here, let me try the sweets (of mundane world). When I was alive, I did not have the opportunity to try them but I have a chance now. Since I cannot bring the sweets along with me, let me try some to find out why mankind likes to indulge in good food (Master tasted a chocolate). It tastes sweet! No wonder all of you indulge in them and have no wish to return Home.

- ❖ Although the food in this mundane world is delicious, do not be overly greedy. The delicacies of food and the variegated wonderful scenes are tempting, but having tried or tasted before is good enough. Do not stay in this mundane world and forget to return Home (Holy Heaven). Everyone has to leave this world one day, it is a matter of time. Hence, come and leave this mundane world naturally and gracefully.

- ❖ After tasting these sweets, you should feel the true efforts and boundless love of the volunteers. Convey these

feelings and thoughts to your family, friends and the people around you.

- ❖ I will leave my gourd and confidence (in oracle) with you. They will accompany you and facilitate your continual improvement in Tao cultivation and propagation. In future, I hope you can bring people with affinity to unite with me and realize this Teacher and Disciple bond. I would then have another chance to descend and manifest in person to meet all of you in Pondicherry. Do not forget me, Master Ji Gong, and I will definitely not forget you, my dear disciples. Shall we look forward to the next assembly? (Yes) I sincerely wish you a peaceful life, and a smooth Tao cultivation. Farewell, and may we meet again.

Sermon Highlights

Sincerity – the fundamental element in Tao cultivation – founded the first Holy Sermon Assembly in Bliss Inn, Pondicherry on 21st and 22nd December 2002. Participants from various parts of India - Pondicherry, Chennai and even Sri Lanka - and the volunteers from India, Taiwan and Singapore executed their mission to make the sermon assembly a success.

Throughout the 2-day sermon assembly, the participants, the volunteers and the speakers contributed wholeheartedly. On the second day, at about 3pm, our sincerity touched our beloved Master JiGong who manifested in person. This was Master JiGong's first blessings in the land of Pondicherry.

As an encouragement to the group of volunteers from India, Master revealed his happiness in the volunteers' efforts to bring people to attend sermon assembly. Master also advised the locals to strive in Tao propagation in India. As a gift to all the disciples, our Master composed an oracle with the picture of a gourd, with its mouth uncapped. This depicts that our Master has opened the heavenly door for us, revealing the path to enlightenment. Within the gourd is the word "CONFIDENCE" - a requisite quality in Tao cultivation.

Tasting some chocolate together with the class, Master JiGong cautioned all disciples on the indulgence in delicacies and the myriad scenes in this mortal world. He reminded once again that we should not forget the path to return to Holy Heaven.

Our benevolent Master's mission is to salvage all sentient beings. In the 3-hour gathering filled with deepened affinity, faith, and confidence, Master hopes that the locals will encourage more people to acquire Tao and make the next sermon assembly possible. He looked forward to descending in Pondicherry again to meet all of us. Indeed, we are the fortunate and blessed ones.