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1. What is the Tao?

► *Tây Ninh (Gò Kén temple) Year of Yang Fire Tiger 1926.*

ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!
What is the world?

How are human beings like guests in this world?

Why are they called guests?

The world is a place full of sufferings where Saints and Immortals who committed crimes are exiled to pay their Karmic debts. If they succeed, they may return to their original home (Nirvana) from whence they came, if not, they have to reincarnate again to the world. That's why their spirits are called guests.

What is the Tao?

Why is it called the Tao?

The Tao is a way that leads exiled Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas back to their original home. It is also a way for human beings to avoid reincarnation. Without the Tao, they would all be lost, and could not return to their initial positions. The Tao has deep meanings, one needs to know first the basic concepts in order to understand accurately and precisely further miraculous facts. The Tao and life are the same. Without the Tao, life would be meaningless. The Tao and life complement and help each other to be more enriched and meaningful. In following the Tao, one may cultivate self and lead a worry free and

contented life, and nothing could be better.

That's miraculous and wise.

(Ascension)

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 119

2. Lý Thái Bạch teaches about Sub dignitary election

- ▶ *Tây Ninh (Gò Kén temple) Year of Yang Fire Tiger 1926.*



ERE IS LÝ THÁI BẠCH.

Regarding the election of the sub dignitaries, you erred against divine will, as one person could not hold so many responsibilities. Thượng Trung Nhựt, you are aware of that.

(Thượng Trung Nhựt addressed:....)

I concur with your change. You could not do that just because of lack of manpower. This is your own business. I would not interfere. You just need to follow the principle that one person could not hold two responsibilities. Thái Thơ Thanh could not be treasurer and deputy chief at the same time. (There should be two officers' signatures to issue money). It's against the administrative policy. Impartiality is very important in the great Tao. Obey!

I have some more recommendations: You should contribute your services to speed up the establishment of the administrative council, because many people are still floundering in the ocean of sufferings, and haven't had an opportunity to know the Tao. I have pity for them. What a misfortune for them. In the meanwhile, many others are fortunate enough to meet the Tao, but hesitate and want to go backward (because they have witnessed many troubles in the organization). I am worried for living beings. You

should be the examples for people as religious persons. If the examples are good, the Tao would be bright. If not, what would happen to the Tao?

Many of you are occupied with secular life, and could not distinguish between right and wrong. In the congregation, when they confront with objections, they are dissuaded by non religious persons. What a shame for the virtuous person?

Dear brothers, if you listen to my words, please take care of the congregation and spread my words to all others. Many other disciples have also made great efforts. I will ask our Master for their promotion.

Good bye!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 120*

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- 3. The Supreme Being teaches: If all the world practiced their faiths, the world could change the divine will.**
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JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER

ALL GUESTS, ALL FEMALE DISCIPLES, LISTEN.
If all the world practiced their faiths, the world could change the divine will and eliminate all disasters. If each individual practiced their own faith, the divine record would be shattered. What is practice of faith? It is the self-cultivation toward gentleness and kindness according to the divine plan. If all the people of the world are cruel, how could one maintain life? If one commits crimes against God, one would be punished. In this life, if one does not improve self, one would easily commit crimes against God. Divine positions are reserved for gentle and good people, but not for greedy ones. Although there are divine laws, the rewards would be judged by divine justice, not randomly and easily attained by just anyone. If it were easy to reach divine positions, everyone would be able to reach them and then to avoid re-incarnation with a little education.

Scriptures help people to improve themselves and become enlightened; they can be compared to chopsticks that are necessary to serve meals, if there are no chopsticks, one may still use one's own hands to serve meals. Read again the scriptures, and try to contemplate on the divine justice to find the truth. You are better off to directly follow Me

than go around seeking out scriptures.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 120–121*

4. The Supreme Being teaches: Visible matters may be destroyed, but the Nothingness couldn't be.

- ▶ *The 27th day of the 6th month of the year Bính Dần (8-4-1926)*



ERE IS THE JADE EMPEROR

Greetings to all disciples,

I like you to gather together to listen to My teachings:

Th..., listen:

This is the era of destruction, all visible matters will be destroyed, therefore, The Third Amnesty was founded.

I come to move the Tao, re-establish the Nothingness. To you, which of the following is right? Visible matters or the Nothingness? Visible matters may be destroyed, but the Nothingness couldn't be.

Th..., I like you to visit to see with your own eyes Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, which were recognized as extremely great. Are they perpetual? I recognize well your virtues, the era of falsehood has passed, and this is the time of sincerity. I don't want you to waste your wealth for falsehood. You don't need to build any holy temple, or to worship at the statue of The Buddha. You know that life's salvation is "*My Original Holy Essence*."

I recommend that you should just take care of human beings with all your heart. I will take care of their spirits. You don't know where the truth is, so you don't have to

be worried about it. Your responsibility is great, so is your holy name. You should always obey My orders. You must establish an organization, co-operate with other disciples, progressively according to your capability, to build a school, a convalescence home for the elders, a children's center, and a meditation hall.

Don't worry about temples. In the future, I am afraid that you would not be able to administer all of them. Listen and obey. You have to follow Tr... to serve and save human beings. If you can provide ways for other children to go spreading the Tao, you should get together with them to arrange it.

Try to obey.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 121-122*

5. The 8th lady Immortal: The duty of virtuous person is to be selfless, to take care of the comfort of humanity.



ERE IS THE EIGHTH FEMALE FAIRY.

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters. Please be seated.

In the New Year, at the new temple, with everything else also being new, I wish all brothers and sisters all new fortune, with all spiritual accoutrements for the practice of the Tao. I want to let you know, every year, during Springtime, whoever takes care of serving angels, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas, would have double blessings as compared to regular times. As for the works assigned by the Superior Spirits, if you trust them and perform these with all your heart, the Superior Spirits would recognize this to your credit. Conversely, they also recorded your laziness, procrastination or subordination. Brothers and sisters, please understand that every beginning is difficult. If you surmount the difficulty, you are really deserving to be recognized as a hero, a meritorious, determined and virtuous person.

You brothers and sisters who were used to living in comfort, now have to live in ascetic religious life, you have our sympathy. But if you were not poor, you have to learn to be poor, if you were not in misery, you have to learn to be in misery. Thus is the mind of a superior man, as living doesn't need to be comfortable, eating doesn't need to make full. You have to be selfless, to rather take

care of the comfort of humanity. This is the duty of the virtuous person.

In this occasion, I would like to plan the ceremony worshipping the Supreme Being. On the 8th day, try to attain merit for two days, celebrate great ceremony with candles and incenses. Try to find a lamp that has sufficient light, because right now we are without. You have a lamp with seven lights. This lamp may be called the seven star lamp. I now give you five minutes for discussion. Take your time to think and respond one by one. (*The séance was stopped momentarily*).

– Are you ready?

(*Answer: The lamp of brother Phối Sư, although old, but may be reclaimed*)

– I said it is temporary, so anything that has seven lights may be used.

(*Question: Where should the seven star lamp be hung?*)

Right here, to replace this lamp, so you may use it for the séances, but not for regular day. During séances, you need enough light to shine your spirit. You may start at midnight. In evoking superior spirits, you have to have appropriate rituals, with all accoutrements of incense and lights like at this time.

(*Question: Do we need to recite the repentance prayer or any other prayer?*)

– The Great Senior Immortal announced that he has asked The Supreme Being to come to the séances on the day of great ceremony. On the next day you should

recite regular prayers like during spring. In the prayer for relieving sufferings, instead of reciting “*saving me*” you should recite “*saving all living beings*.” When the Supreme Being comes, do not pray for anything, and do not scurry around. Assign a person to attend the bell. That person shall announce his/her name and then attend the bell. (*Question: Do we attend the bell after prostration?*)

– After you announce your name, the séance will stop, then you attend the bell. When the Supreme Being leaves, all of you should prostrate to bid farewell. Then, evoke the Mother Goddess. The Immortals and Buddhas convey the wishes for the New Year to you all. You all should hang firm to the trunk, to prevent the storm from blowing you away.

Whatever the storm is, try to hang firm to the trunk. Understand? I wish you all a good year.

Good bye.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 122–124*

6. The Supreme Being teaches: When you are successful, don't be hasty to express joy, when you fail, don't be hasty in your sorrow.

- ▶ *Saigon, September 12th, 1926, the 6th day of the 8th month of the year Bính Dần.*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER,

Greetings to all of you, children,

When you are successful, don't be hasty to express joy. When you fail, don't be hasty in your sorrow. Sorrow and joy often follow each other or are experienced simultaneously. What you encounter is because it has to be so. Don't be so indignant as to act against My Holy Will. Try to follow this poem to adapt yourself toward a faithful path:

From now on try to follow the Tao with your whole heart.

Accept that the religious path is full of hardship.

God recognizes your sincerity,

The world would admire your bright example.

Your elders have already endeavored to clear obstacles from the path

So that future generations may benefit.

From now on, detach yourself from secular vicissitudes, Persevering in saving humanity becomes your good meritorious legacy.

■ TNHT 1972, p.124

7. The Supreme Being teaches: Pay respect to Superior Spirits.
Practice sincerity and justice.

► September 30th, 1926

JADE EMPEROR OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES AND GUESTS,

M...N...If there is no important issue, try not to bother the Superior Spirits, who all have their own responsibility, you understand! Be cautious and pay them respect. I am the Superior Being with immense generosity and I forgive your mistakes. However, the Superior Spirits would strictly apply the divine laws to discipline you, so you obey!

Do you understand this poem?

Mr. Hạng Trọng Sơn paid the spring for his horse to drink water.

He was blessed and met with good fortune.

Young generations do not have much trust, but a lot of arguments.

People who deal with others with sincerity will receive respect in return.

Tell Me what you understand!

Guests, please be seated.

(M...N... explained wrongly the poem)

No, it is not so, child. Do you understand these two

following verses?

Mr. Lưu Khoan of the Han Dynasty punished criminals by lashings just for them to feel the insult.

Mr. Hạng Trọng Sơn was so pure, he even paid the spring for his horse to drink water.

He did not use for the taking what belongs to nature!
You understand!

I like you to teach your family rightly, treat people with pure conscience even for petty matters. Try to read and explain My Holy Teachings to people. Justice and sincerity are My favorite virtues.

(Ascension.)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 124–125

8. The Supreme Being teaches: if the Tao was established late, there would be damage for humanity.

- *Giác Hải Pagoda, Saigon, the 15th day of the 8th month of the year Bính Dần (September 21, 1926).*

**SAKYA MUNI BUDDHA OR CAO ĐÀI TIÊN
ÔNG ĐẠI BỒ TÁT MA HA TÁT EMBODYING
BUDDHISM IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**



HỮU NHÃN, LISTEN TO YOUR MASTER,
When incarnated as the Buddha, I had four disciples
who all denied Me.

When incarnated to found Taoism, I had the disciple
Ngươn Thi.

When I founded Christianity, I had 12 disciples. But
when I was arrested and executed, they all ran away and
even sold my body.

And presently, I have gathered quite a few disciples
for you. Don't be discouraged. I used to lament that if the
Tao was established one day late, there would be one more
day of damage for humanity. But divine arrangement was
for evils to disturb the path of right and promote evil. This
happened to all previous Immortals and Buddhas. Now,
humans have conflict with each other because of high
positions. You should rely on your buddha heart to see
all of living beings' suffering and constantly reincarnating.
You should think of Me when you bear this shame. Your

merciful behavior makes you deserve to be My child.

If I use My supreme power to interfere, there would be no more divine justice. You should proceed to establish the religious laws and try to save human beings.

Beloved daughter Lâm, if I had to blame someone, I would say that you have delayed the expansion of the Tao and created obstacles. Do you understand why?

Because of the twisted words of the women!

You all have to try your best. I am always by your side. No one could harm the Tao.


Như Nhãn, remember My prediction. Read again the Holy Teachings.

(Ascension)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.126*

9. The Supreme Being teaches: Do not offend the Superior Spirits.

- ▶ *The 9th day of the 9th month of the year Bính Dần (October 15, 1926)*

ERE IS YOUR MASTER,
Listen children,

I have often said that you rather err and offend Me, as I would forgive you out of love. But you should not offend Angels, Saints, Immortals and Buddhas because they are not so quick to forgive.

I also said: *“Anytime, I came to the séance, I was escorted by innumerable Angels, Saints, Immortals, Buddhas.”* If you could see with your naked eyes, you would be terrified. But because you did not see and did not know, your mistake may be considered less serious.

Lack of respect is a serious mistake as judged by the Superior Spirits. I would have to leave to avoid your being punished. I do not mind because of My love. I am just afraid for you to offend the Superior Spirits.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.126*

10. The Supreme Being teaches: You have to endure more sufferings in order to reach divine position.

- *The 7th day of the 10th month of the year Bính Dần
(November 11, 1926)*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS, ALL GUESTS,

Ng..., listen to Me:

Your legacy has been blessed.

Your merits in saving living beings will be rewarded.

Look at previous examples of wisdom

*To cultivate your virtues in order to return to your
position in Nirvana.*

You two have the heart to build up the Tao. Keep enduring the hardships in accomplishing your task. Honors and wealth are like drops of dew on the lawn or floating clouds in the wind. Your virtues are the best way to guide you on the road back to Nirvana, and to avoid reincarnation. Because of love for life, I did not flout My Supreme Position, and came to found the Third Amnesty to save humanity from the ocean of sufferings. Whoever recognizes the Tao will be blessed. Whoever doesn't will be reincarnated in suffering. Hurry to return to the Tao. If you remain seduced by secular attractions, it would be too late to repent. Alas! I have established the divine

laws according to the divine justice. I am heartbroken to see living beings led astray by evil, but I cannot bend the universal law. Therefore, the Third Amnesty is like a school to earn credits. If you repent and embark upon the bright path and cultivate your hearts and your virtues, you will reunite with Me at the end. People should try to listen to Me and always self re-evaluate often.

■ *TNHT 1972, p.127*

11. The Supreme Being opens the female college.

Holy Message on the opening day.

- *November 18 1926 (the 14th day of the 10th month of the year Bính Dần)*

Gò Kén pagoda Tây Ninh (Tủ Lâm pagoda)

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES AND ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS.

Female disciples, listen.

The perfumed heart wafts its fragrance from earth to sky.

Self-cultivation enlightens, guiding all souls by and by.

*Pray to Buddha Quan Yin (Goddess of Mercy) for all
of your life,*

And hold up the Tao in unending light.

Daughter Lâm appointed as Giáo Sư, divinely named
as Hương Thanh,

Daughter Ca appointed as Phó Giáo Sư, divinely
named as Hương Ca,

Daughter Đường already appointed, keep the same
position.

Other daughters, wait for the next meeting when
there are more disciples and I will appoint all of you at
the same time.

I bless you all. Perform the rituals as instructed.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p.128 - Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

12. The Supreme Being teaches: we must love and help each other.

- *The 4th day of the 11th month of the year Bính Dần
(December 8, 1926)*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**

TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED DAUGHTERS, ALL
GUESTS,

Listen to Me

*Your feet are unaccustomed to the long new road.
Though you have cultivated your virtues well,
You are like blooming bushes awaiting the spring
Or the brightly colored lotus bud craving summer,
The Holy Water washes away all secular desires
The Holy Teachings lead you to immortality
You are blessed to be alive at the Third Amnesty
Hasten your steps toward the meditating woods.*

From now on, I am your leader to guide you on the path of virtues, I am always at your side, you have only to wait for My orders. The road is long and full of obstacles, but you will be able to surmount all dangers to meet Me at the end. Some disciples don't have enough faith, and are ready to give up easily while meeting difficulties. According to the divine arrangement of the Three Religions, the Third Amnesty of the great way was founded in the South to save all living beings from suffering. It is miraculous, at times

visible, at times invisible depending on divine mechanism.

The presence of the Tao in a country means that disasters of this country are about to end. You must purify your heart, follow the examples of suffering overcome by love and help each other like children of the same family. This would lead you to Nirvana, avoiding this suffering world.

Try to understand.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 128–129, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

13. The Supreme Being teaches self cultivation and performance of human duty in order to reach Nirvana.

- *The 7th day of the 11th month of the year Bình Dân
(December 11, 1926)*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**

TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED DAUGHTERS, ALL GUESTS,

T..., My gentle disciple, listen to Me:

*Conservation of noble teachings is no poverty but an art.
It can be a helpful companion to walk safely on the
religious path.*

*Realization of the Tao in your heart would be an
invaluable assistance*

*Like the flowered apricot bough to lead you out of this
secular world.*

You have been blessed to meet Me to guide you on the miraculous religious path at this late time of your life. I have ordered Superior Spirits to help you in your duty of guiding living beings imminently, so that you may complete your mission at the end of your life. You should be perseverant and truthful to deserve the noble position when you return to Me. Try to pay attention to this.

The happiest days of living beings have gone; disaster awaits! People of the world are still dispersing suffering and sorrow to others by their cruelty. Disasters from the

East and the West, according to divine arrangement, will take turns to destroy the inhumane, leading to turmoil in the world. Because of love, I created the Third Amnesty to save blessed living beings from suffering and punishment. Whoever blessed would recognize and follow the path, whoever unfortunate, would fall into evil hands.

Alas! Millions of people have floundered in the midst of the river of sufferings, and the life boats can save only a few, because virtuous people are rare, and useless people are so numerous. Good traditions are deteriorating, religious rules are wildly violated. Incompetent and non virtuous people use all maneuvers to rise to the top. Holy teachings are divinely arranged to be followed by people who cultivate self and maintain good human traditions. They may reach immortality. Living beings must be cautious toward people who care only for secular life and denounce holy teachings.

Tr..., you should read briefly the last holy teachings to living beings and tell them to repent before evoking Me.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 129, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

14. The Supreme Being teaches that repentance is invaluable.

- *The 8th day of the 11th month of the year Bình Dân
(December 12, 1926)*

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER

TO ALL DISCIPLES AND ALL BELOVED DAUGHTERS.
T..., would you two, husband and wife, follow
Me with sincerity and respect until the end?

In this suffering world, it is difficult to avoid mistakes
even for highly virtuous persons.

But repentance is always invaluable. Immortals
and Buddhas of ancient times have reached noble divine
positions thanks to repentance. Exposed to secular life with
wealth, honors, fighting, sufferings, people would realize
that life is just a dream, a karmic show, not permanent.
They then may find paths to self-cultivation. If I use you
two to build up the congregation to save living beings,
would you have faithfulness, endurance and patience in
the service for humanity?

T...child, when the Tao is founded, the responsibility
to save living being is reserved for predestined persons.

If there were not obstacles arranged by the divine
mechanism, the Tao would be spread all over the world
within one year. But the real and the unreal are mixed
together. Only your virtues will allow you to surmount

the difficulties. I have endured many hardships to guide you. But many of you abuse the situation, offend Me and oppress disciples. If not because of love, I would not found the Tao to save holy souls and people who have floundered in the ocean of sufferings alike, and I would instead erase all of them.

You have time to think, I give you more time to contemplate in order to attain perfect virtues. At that time, you beloved daughter would become My hands in the salvation of human beings. I have some words for the two of you:

*You guide one another's steps toward freedom
You have each other for support
You come together thanks to good fortune,
And become husband and wife by destiny.
Day by day, time passes and,
Facing the long road ahead, you may falter.
Follow the example of Mr. Trưông, who refused wealth
and honors from the Hôn dynasty,
In order to live a life of wisdom.*

Listen and contemplate.

I bless you all.


(Ascension)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 130–131, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

15. The Supreme Being teaches: Services to humanity need to be accomplished to attain noble divine positions.

► *December 14th 1926*

THE JADE EMPEROR OR CAO DAI

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, BELOVED
DAUGHTERS AND GUESTS,

Th..., listen to Me child
If you wish for tranquility at the end of your days,
You have to teach and guide living beings here below.
Immortality demands strife
Along the secular way.
Remain faithful,
Though poor with no honors bestowed,
The legacy you leave is but your good name.
In spring, cut the flowering apricot bough.

From this day forward, I hold the power in the world; I lead you to Nirvana. Cultivate your virtues, teach living beings who are still in their secular dream. Try to change your profane heart, so your virtues would be refined. Services to humanity are tiring but need to be accomplished to attain noble divine positions. For the sake of living beings, endure hardship, drop all frivolous positions and honors of this world, surmount all difficult obstacles, cultivate your virtues. Some day, you will reach

eternal happiness, avoid further suffering incarnations and enjoy immortality. Try to listen and plan your journey accordingly.

You guests should also correct yourself, have good heart and sincerity to attain approval from the Superior Spirits. For the love of life, I have accepted many non virtuous people to give them opportunities to repent. If they continue in their cruelty and if I do not use My compassion to found the Tao, they would be punished by the Superior Spirits. Being submerged in the ocean of suffering, not reaching to grasp for the saving willow branch, not aspiring to escape from reincarnation, but instead committing more crimes, you will be totally responsible for your actions. It would be too late to repent.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.131–132, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

16. The Supreme Being laments: Few persons bother to look for the holy way but many rush toward the evil way.

► *January 3, 1927*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, BELOVED
DAUGHTERS AND ALL LIVING BEINGS.

All living beings, listen:

The Third Amnesty of the Great Way, according to the divine laws, gathers the three religions, opens widely the Tao to guide humanity to Nirvana to avoid reincarnation. It uses the holy heart to help humanity to accomplish their responsibility in this world of suffering.

Alas! Few persons bother to look for the holy way but many rush toward the evil way. They carry their heavy physical body, are busy with secular attractions, honor and wealth, compete with each other, neglect the religious rules of the precious Tao, thus leading themselves to the abyss. Many use their powerful influence to compete and fight against each other and forget their responsibility and karmic debt.

The more intense the fighting, the closer is the destruction. The blessed people realize the divine path, rowing their boat to isolated places of quietude, washing off their worldly dust, purifying and cultivating their inner self,

aim for a nobler position and escape reincarnation. Others following their evil heart, run after personal interests, become floundered in the ocean of sufferings without repentance which would allow them to avoid disastrous punishment. The divine road is tortuous, your secular steps are still hesitant, without self-evaluation to realign your stride, you would fall to the wayside. Try to understand.


(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p.132–133., Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

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17. The Supreme Being teaches: If I do not found the Third Amnesty to save the predestined souls, the whole world would be destroyed.
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► January 8th, 1927

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, BELOVED
DAUGHTERS AND GUESTS.

C... listen to Me:

The golds of fall have donned their wintry mantle;

Self-reflection brings the contentment of Virtue.

Orioles sing in the pines upon the mountain.

Hark; one still yearns to come upon the forest crane.

Stepping gingerly to avoid the path of worldly aims,

The pure spring rinsing away all earthly defilement,

*A bright, shining soul lights the distant shore for those
who follow.*

I recognize your righteous heart. Continue to withstand sufferings in order to guide living beings in the right path of escaping reincarnation. You are born at a time when non virtuous people depart from religious rules and are engulfed in disasters. They are confused and become submerged in the ocean of sufferings. They do not cultivate their virtues, but on the contrary, commit more crimes. If the Merciful does not found the Third Amnesty to save the predestined souls, the whole world would be

destroyed and even incarnated Saints and Immortals may have difficulties in regaining their position. Disaster looms from the East to the West. Divine rules will punish the criminals and the world will be desolate. If your steps are still hesitant, if you do not reevaluate self soon enough, the lifeboat will fade away with the tide. When the Holy Water has receded, then it would be too late to repent. Try to understand and listen, living beings!


(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.133., Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

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- 18. The Supreme Being teaches: The Tao was founded to guide people back from the suffering world, but if they do not hurry to heed the Tao, they will be exiled into hell.**
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► *January 21st 1927*

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, BELOVED
DAUGHTERS AND GUESTS.

The way to Immortality and Buddhahood is always waiting for predestined, blessed persons to cultivate self, serve humanity and escape from this world of confusion.

People are still running after desires and floundering in the ocean of sufferings. The judgment palace has tried many criminals, and yet people are still launching into lives of crime. Worldly life is but a short dream. Being born to this world, one becomes an exile sailing upon the ocean of sufferings in order to fulfill one's human duties and pay off karmic debt. People have endured all forms of misery, gone from laughing to crying on their worldly path, without ever awakening. Chaos has trumped religious rules, good traditions deteriorated, people fought and competed with each other causing division among religions. Thus, it became difficult to distinguish between righteousness and evil. People could not stop their cruelty until their last breath. No wonder why they were exiled into hell.

The Tao was founded to guide people back from the

suffering world and onto their destiny, but if they do not hurry to heed the Tao, their ephemeral life will flow away as surely as life's blood. Try to understand!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.134., Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

**19. The Supreme Being teaches: You must endeavor to fulfill
your special responsibility in order to attain a noble position.**

► *January 22nd, 1927*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**

TR..., MY GENTLE DISCIPLE. 3TRƯỜNG, I HAVE
SANCTIFIED THE RELIGIOUS DRESS FOR YOU,
you are allowed to wear it to attend ceremony. N..., wait
for your dress to be finished, I will then sanctify it.

Th..., listen to Me:

Showered by My blessings,

The holy way sets every step right.

Nirvana is waiting for you,

Along the Vĩ river under the moonlight,

On the Tân mountain, clothed by its dew and clouds,

You're cleansed of desires,

Neither seeking wealth, nor proud.

Living a fully spiritual life,

You are an exemplar of sincerity,

Away from a confused and suffering world

You have set your ship to sea.

Tr..., I am pleased to have beloved disciples like you
in this holy land. You should expect the road to be beset
with difficulties and obstacles, and without leisure.

Being born as human, you must endeavor to fulfill

your special responsibility in order to pay off your karmic debt and to attain a position, which is much nobler than the frivolous titles of this chaotic world.

Though time has flown away and life has been tainted with misery, your worldly desires and ambitions are endless. You flounder in a sea of ephemeral honors and wealth with all kind of temporal attractions.

All the misery of life only leads you people to deserted tombs. If you would only discover the miraculous Tao, live a religious life, cultivate your virtues, and guide living beings, you may find immortality in Nirvana and escape reincarnation.

Try to find the way before it's too late.

Try to understand, living beings.

(Ascension.)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 134-135, - Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

20. The Supreme Being teaches: In following the path of the Tao, you will find a peaceful and contented life.

- ▶ *The 20th day of the 12th month of the year of the Yang Fire Tiger*

January 23, 1927

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER.**

TO ALL DISCIPLES AND BELOVED DAUGHTERS.
CH., listen to Me:

*The mountain pines are highly fragrant,
The Tao will reunite human family upon one path.
You must walk along life's long road
To hear the music of the holy mountain.
Then you will realize the way home,
And enjoy a holy life among the mountain pines.
In finding your way to immortality,
You will leave a good example for posterity.*

I just want to let you know that the Tao will bring your family to a common path where a peaceful and contented life is much better than the earthly one, with its wealth and honors. The best happiness is the great family reunion.

I bless you all.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p 135 - 136, Collection of Selected Holy*

Messages, Book Two, 1972

**21. The Supreme Being teaches: With perseverance, you cultivate
self in the Holy way, you will reach the noble position**

- ▶ *The 20th day of the 12th month of the year of the Yang
Fire Tiger*

January 23, 1927

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES AND ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS:

*The sun is setting in the meditation forest of Mount Tân.
Your suffering is now done.*

*With perseverance, you cultivate self in the Holy way,
And still try to serve humanity.*

*With Guidance, wild geese return to the bamboo grove,
Their wings set aloft from this earthly shore.*

*Even as time goes by, turning your hair gray,
You will be blessed as you guide living beings in the Way.*

Time is as relentless as the waning moon: just so, you
age with the moon's waxing and waning. If you are not
mindful in following the right way to escape the world of
confusion, your karmic debt may never be paid.

You seek a quiet spring on a high mountain to wash
away earthly debris. Use the Tao as a ladder to advance to
the highest noble position and to avoid sin.

There is truly punishment and reward that you will

realize.

I bless you all.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 136*

22. The Supreme Being teaches: Be patient, maintain your virtue, be good moral examples for future generations, earn merit by serving humanity so that at the end of your life, you will be able to return to your spiritual origins.

► *The 20th day of the 12th month of the year of the Yang Fire Tiger*

January 23, 1927

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES AND ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS:

N..., listen to Me:

*At the Lake Động Đình, if you claim your birthright,
You will realize the Tao at a ripe age.*

*You have passed the test for becoming a sage,
And used your lifetime to walk the Holy way
To reach immortality.*

*You are now at the decline of years,
After enduring the vicissitudes and challenges of secular
strife.*

*You have to gain merit by serving humanity
Even while enduring suffering trying to escape this
earthly life.*

I have sent Immortals and Buddhas to utilize miracles to guide you to the spiritual life and to use the Tao as a ladder leading you back to your original (spiritual) position.

I have revealed the divine process to Th., try to learn and discipline yourself by this example.

It is not uncommon to see many Saints incarnated to this earth of misery, and, immersed in the world of confusion, seduced by worldly entertainments, also forget about the Tao and become lost on their way back to their lofty positions. Then it is difficult for the Bát Nhã lifeboat to save them.

Be patient, maintain your virtue, be good moral examples for future generations, earn merit by serving humanity so that at the end of your life, through the Tri-religion Court, you will be able to return to your spiritual origins with a good heart, completely detached from this world of misery. You must anticipate your family situation and strive in the Tao. You must also be present at the holy temple at the time of amendment of the bylaws.

Later, you will hold the power from the Tao to guide humanity here where I have many beloved disciples.

I bless you all, children.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 137*

23. The Supreme Being teaches: Try to cultivate yourself following religious rules in order to reach Nirvana.

- ▶ *The 20th day of the 12th month of the year of the Yang Fire Tiger*

January 23, 1927

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES AND ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS:

H., listen to Me:

*Upon the ocean, you are sailing in the good wind,
You are heading the right way, toward the Holy Tao.
You were immersed in filthy secular seductions
But now you can wash away your sufferings in the
Perfume River.
The mandarin life was dimmed by the fog of forgetting,
Yet the moonlight illumines the road of remembrance:
Cultivate your virtues to guide humanity
To the road of immortality.*

As time passes, the guests of this Earth suffer much.
Could any of them manage to carry along all earthly honors
to the Afterworld in order to reach nobler positions?

Your time is almost over. Try to cultivate yourself in
order to reach Nirvana.

I congratulate you for your sincerity and respect.

Try to guide humanity, and you will reach your noble position in the end.

I bless your family.

I bless you all.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 138, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

24. The Supreme Being teaches: I founded the Great Way in the southern part of this country to compensate a country which has been greatly affected by My rage.

■ *Tây Ninh, (Gò kén Pagoda) the 12th day of the 1st month of the year Đinh Mão (February 13, 1927)*

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER

WHEN I FOUNDED THE GREAT WAY IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THIS COUNTRY, MY intent was to compensate a country which has been greatly affected by My rage. Thus I forgave and rewarded your country in such an honorable way that humans have never seen before; no other country of the 68th planet could have! For that reward, there would be no reason for you to have less privilege than other countries.

Alas! What a tragedy! What a pain! You've been so arrogant that you have despised this Great Tao, this most beautiful and precious pearl! I am tired of seeing such a way of practicing the Tao by some of the females. Thus many times I've been sad and become angry and did not want to create the female college. But you are all My children, whether male or female. I did not have the heart to abandon you. Because I love you all very much, I had used rebuke and advice to guide you (*e.g., the female Cardinal Lâm Hương Thanh*) back to your initial position. Also, because it was My promise to the Quan Âm (*Kwan Yin, Female Bodhisattva, Goddess of Mercy*) so that I

reserve the privilege for you to use your service as proof of repentance. Dear child! I am heartbroken to see you suffer. I do not want to see you lost forever just because of mistake.

Do you see how much I love you? I maintained the female college just for you, but they did not come when I called. They did not listen when I taught. Yet I did not have the heart to punish them as severely as they deserved.

I founded the Tao based on the principle “HARMONY.” You are the eldest sister, use your judgment. Call whomever you think is deserving for Me to teach. Tr...! You should help your younger sisters! Obey.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 138, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

**25. Teachings given by Quan Thanh De Quan, Quan Am, and
Ly Thai Bach**

- ▶ *The 18th day of the 1st month of the year Đinh Mão
(year of the cat)
February 19, 1927*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**

Quan Thánh Đế Quân



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL SISTERS AND
LIVING BEINGS.

*The eyes of wisdom illuminate the universe,
With holy virtues, I care to maintain
Vietnam in prosperity and peace,
And to open the Tao's gate unto the world.*

Quan Âm, Buddhisattva of the South Sea



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL SISTERS, AND
ALL LIVING BEINGS.

*The primordial faith in the South saves living beings,
Using the holy virtues to change the world's situation.
Pray for divine blessings to defuse all disaster,
In meditation, use the Yin wind to find peace within
your heart,
And you will reach wisdom.*

Lý Thái Bạch



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL SISTERS, AND
ALL LIVING BEINGS.

*The Tao is open to the South, bringing harmony and
prosperity,*

*The white star of the divine light shines into people's
hearts.*

*Connect your hearts together for the future generations,
And lead the way to the Cloud Palace.*

Living beings, be in deep meditation in order to meet
the Great Mercy.

26. The Supreme Being teaches: You have to put all your heart into spreading the Tao and to love and to help each other.

- ▶ *The 18th day of the 1st month of the year Đinh Mão (year of the cat)*

February 19, 1927

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS AND ALL GUESTS.

I am happy for you disciples here who have sincerity and respect and the heart of guiding humanity to the right path.

Being one day late in founding the Tao would leave millions of human beings lost in sin. I therefore want each of you to put all your heart into spreading the Tao.

What makes Me most happy is your mutual love and assistance, mutual sharing of happiness and misery, and mutual guiding and supporting each other on the road to the Tao, like brothers and sisters from one family, in order to escape from this earthly shore of chaos and struggles where millions of souls are immersed in the seduction of materiality, power, and honor.

I command that you should not lose your grasp on mutual love because of petty earthly matters; that is not the behavior of virtuous persons.

I ascend.

- *TNHT 1972, p. 139–140, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

27. The Supreme Being teaches: Misery and disasters from East to West, according to divine arrangement, will befall cruel countries that have generated animosities in this world.

► *The 19th day of the first month of the year Đinh Mão
February 20, 1927*

JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS.

Listen, all living beings.

The Tao of God has been established three times, saving millions of souls. You should take care to step in the right direction to realize the miraculous mechanism of these revelations.

The Creator has already arranged to guide and bless all living beings during this last era.

Great Spirits, because of justice, have assisted and saved predestined people from sinful downfall. You should be aware of this situation and follow the guiding light to the road of wisdom and find the quiet spring of the holy mountain to wash off the earthly debris of confusion.

Out of love, I meet with the Three Religions, sprinkling holy water out into the universe to save incarnated higher souls before Judgment Day. Misery and disasters from East to West, according to divine arrangement, will befall cruel

countries that have generated animosities in this world.

Whoever hurries to step onto the right path to serve humanity and build up divine merit to counteract karma will avoid future sorrow. Living beings, try to understand.


I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 140–141, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

28. The Supreme being teaches: You have to work cooperatively with one another to walk the road to Eternity.

► *The 20th day of the first month of the year Đinh Mão
February 21, 1927*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAO DAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED DAUGHTERS, AND ALL LIVING BEINGS.

I am happy for you for meriting blessings to find the right path. You have to work cooperatively with one another to walk the road to eternity. Although you cannot see it, you may reach your ultimate destiny if you come to realize the principle of the Tao that I have carefully taught you. If you could achieve more enthusiasm for the Tao, you would reach it sooner than you imagine. That blissful dimension is not far away. It is right here on this planet, though it alludes you because you have been occupied with life's base attractions and forgetting the noble way.

You must know that in this universe, human beings are My precious children and I take time to care for all of you, making sure that you will repent and ultimately enjoy My blessings.

I ask you: Would that be your intention?

Tr..., relate this to all your younger brothers and sisters!

I ascend.

- *TNHT* 1972, p. 141, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

29. Ly Thai Bach teaches about the construction plan for the Holy See.

- ▶ *Tayninh (Gò Kén pagoda), the 27th of the 1st month of the year Đinh Mão (2-28-1927)*



ERE IS THÁI BẠCH.

Greetings to all disciples and all sisters.

Bính Thanh, the figure of the Buddha Gautama Sakya Muni in front of the Hiệp Thiên Đài (Heavenly Union Palace) needs to be handled with care. The Supreme Being has sanctified it. Take the same precaution for the Universal Globe during its dissembling or assembling. After taking it apart, you need to evoke me so I can guard it for the time before you lay your hands back upon it.

As for the new temples, remind disciples to pray to the Supreme Being to sanctify them. Besides, a temporary temple has to be built on the empty lot. The temporary Hiệp Thiên Đài has to be built in front. You disciples must clear the forest in front of this lot. Place a stake at the center, then at the Cà Na Pond, place another stake 50m away from the first one. The Holy See is to be built between these two stakes. Remember to measure 27m from the first stake toward the Cà Na Pond where you will build the Bát Quái Đài (Octagonal Palace) in the square of 27m wide. It needs to have an octagonal shape with an 8-sided roof. The elevation of the floor should be nine meters. The height of the Bát Quái Đài is also

nine meters. Place a blue light on the top of the Bát Quái Đài. Next to the Bát Quái Đài is the main temple, to be 81m long and 27m wide. I will sketch it for you. On both sides of the Hiệp Thiên Đài are the two towers: The Lôi Âm Cổ Đài (*tower for the Thunder Drum*) on the right, and the Bạch Ngọc Chung Đài (*tower for the White Pearl Bell*) on the left.

This afternoon, Hộ Pháp, and Thượng Phẩm must put a pen at the end of the corbeille à bec and provide a large piece of paper. Then evoke me so that I can draw. Bính Thanh must also be there. Besides them, no one else is allowed to be in the temple. Obey.

And you have to purchase the piece of land at Cà Na Pond for future use as Động Đình Lake.

Obey.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 142, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

30. Ly Thai Bach teaches: In order to surmount difficulties, you must have perseverance and dedication and try to put the Tao above all.

► *March 2, 1927.*

THIS IS LÝ BẠCH.

Greetings to all disciples and all sisters.

Disciples, this is a difficult time for spiritual travelers. In order to surmount difficulties, you must have perseverance and dedication and try to put your virtues above all other desires on this Earth. The Tao is about to embark. You just need to embrace the challenges, which are like a final test for you. The spreading of the Tao has been predestined by the divine mechanism, which will always prevail over human efforts. I just try to let you know that you have to pay attention to your work. The road is full of difficulties but you have the divine guiding light, which will assist you in reaching your goal.

The three religions are meeting with the Great Mercy to plan for the establishment of the Tao everywhere on this planet according to divine will in this final era.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 142–143, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

31. The Supreme Being teaches: Use your merit to surmount obstacles and to reach Eternity.

► *March 3, 1927.*

**JADE EMPEROR, OR CAODAI, TEACHING
THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER**



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL BELOVED
DAUGHTERS, AND ALL GUESTS.

Although the Tao has dispersed its blessing to all living beings, people are still mired in their earthly dream. People have not been able to escape secular seductions; done too few good deeds and too many evil ones; too little of merit but too much of crime. Nevertheless, these things have just happened according to divine arrangement.

I love you all equally, but many of you have to pay your karma. I am heartbroken when I have to uphold justice according to the divine mechanism. What you need to do is to keep following your path, using your merit to surmount obstacles, to wash off earthly silt, in order to reach Eternity. Very few people can surrender to the saffron robe and live a monk's life in order to escape from the turmoil and confusion of a world where honors, power, and wealth are perceived as lofty. How sad! What a regret!

There is no wind blowing into your sail. The wild geese keep returning to their old familiar places. The path of the Tao is nearly forgotten and covered with the moss of neglect. But then, as you begin your spiritual journey,

no one can say if this is a blessing or a misfortune!

I ascend.

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 143, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

32. The Supreme Being teaches: You should work harder in order to surmount difficulties.

► *March 3, 1927.*

YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!
I want to inform you clearly.

You have progressed quite well on the road to the Tao. In order to complete your responsibility you have to surmount difficulties to reach your noble goal. Most of you have put your hearts and mind into the effort because you respect Me and because you want to save humanity. But many of you have also used an evil heart, creating turmoil and hatred at the gate of the Tao.

I have the mercy and the love of life to guide you. I would not treat you unequally. I would not use your own evil actions to hurt you. You are children of one same family and are treated equally. However, I would pay more attention to the weak. Many times I intended--but did not have the heart--to punish the ones who abused their positions and titles to create turmoil in the Tao. However, the Saints and Angels have recorded all their actions and will discipline them at the end. There are many hypocrites. You could not trust anyone more than yourselves. Many have come to the Tao just for the opportunity to discover important secret matters. The miraculous mechanism was already arranged in the divine book. The Tao was opened with the goal to guide predestined persons to traverse the

difficult road to return to Me. It's totally up to you to reach your goal.

I could not tell you all about the divine mechanism. Tr., T., H., have almost completed their duties and their karma. That's why there was such an incident; otherwise, they could not avoid greater disaster. It was that I wanted to save them.

I have implemented the spirit of safety and peace in creating the Tao. In the past, many times humans shed blood for the Tao without success. That's why I have to expose you to all the sorrows of the road to the Tao, so that you may gain experience and be successful.

M., N., S..., from now on, you don't have to attend routinely such a session like the last one if there was no issue that involves you, because it would only waste your time. I have sketched out the trail for you to follow. You don't have to worry. Because even if you try to go too fast, you couldn't reach the goal sooner; and even if you were to slow down, it would still not delay your journey. All progress flows from Me. All difficulties are just to make you work a little harder. If all disciples are of the same heart as you, the road to the Tao would be very joyful and nothing could break your spirit. You have to think about it.

S: reported about T.M.

Alas! Money, good food, and prized possessions have seduced ordinary men. But take heart! I would not use such a person in promoting the Tao. Even ordinary men would not use ill gotten gains. Look at examples of old stories. If Hàn Tín had not betrayed his friend, he would not have

died suddenly, seemingly without reason. In the example of Trương Tử Phòng, if Phạm Tăng did not do things against God's will, all karma would be resolved instantly.

I have said you should work harder in order to surmount those difficulties.

Try to understand.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 143–145, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972.*

33. Quan Am teaches female disciples: You have to cooperate with each other in order to guide future generations.

► *March 5, 1927*

QUAN ÂM, BODDHISATTVA OF THE SOUTH SEA.

REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES, ALL SISTERS, AND ALL LIVING BEINGS.

Dignitaries, be seated.

Listen, younger sisters.

I have the honor to witness your respect. You have to cooperate with each other in order to guide future generations. Many sisters have not put all their heart into the Tao. You have to try harder to deserve the love of the Supreme Being and to be proud as Vietnamese women. You will not miss out on your rewards, but time is running out, if you delay you may lose track. I am glad you have labored in completing your responsibilities, which I have been expecting from you all.

*Take heed of exemplary women of the South,
You will join together as in one family home.
Women shall guide one another in the Way,
Mirroring goddesses upon lotus throne.*

Please take heed, disciples and sisters.

I ascend.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 145, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

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34. The Supreme Being teaches: You have to love and help each other while guiding humanity. If because of secular ambition, you become divided, hating and fighting each other, you would make poor examples to future generations.
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March 5, 1927

JADE EMPEROR OR CAODAI TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETING TO DISCIPLES, TO BELOVED FEMALE
DISCIPLES, AND GUESTS.

K... Listen to Me.

In the field of meditation, the noon bell chimes soon,

Hurry back to Me as is your fortune.

Virtue like moonlight illumines

The fallow field lit by color in autumn.

Life's flowered apricot wilts in the snow,

Evil dies but Virtue rises to the Tao.

On this path, gentleness is borne,

And you will return to your spiritual home.

The sky rises above all aspects of life. The holy way is leading every worldly step. There are many changes at the end of this last era. This 68th planet has suddenly received a sacred light to awaken people, shining the way to save predestined people and protecting them from being destroyed by the cruelty of humanity. Many people have foundered in the ocean of sufferings, painting a sad picture of human life, where humanity could neither

balance good and bad deeds nor pay attention to karmic laws. Forests and mountains of their homeland are waiting for them to return, but they are still lost in the abyss, their desperate calls for help unheard. All previous credits of love and service to humanity, all holy teachings of sages and saints are washed away during the one hundred year of life's games. If there were no miraculous way to remind humanity to self-cultivate, they would still be fighting and killing each other for materiality until the end, in which there would be no more human traces.

The way of God has shone forth. People should try to wake up. Life is not long enough for them to be idle. In the school of life, people should balance the blessings and karma, and cultivate self before it is too late. Human beings, try to understand.

I always want you to get together to open the good path, to love and help each other, to share your joy and your sufferings, while guiding humanity. If because of secular ambition, you become divided, hating and fighting each other, you would make poor examples to future generations, and the great way would therefore be preempted. Paying attention to My words would be a great sincere and respectful gift to Me. I bless you all.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, page 146–147, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

35. The Supreme Being teaches: If the Tao were not created, people, because of their cruelty, would reincarnate again and again to pay their karma, and no one would be fully blessed.

- *The 4th day of the second month of the year Đinh Mão (March 7, 1927)*

JADE EMPEROR OR CAODAI TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETING TO ALL DISCIPLES, TO BELOVED
FEMALE DISCIPLES, AND GUESTS.

Disciples, listen to Me.

Over more than one long year, you have undergone many hardships in trying to promote the Great Way that I have founded because of My love for humanity, who face drowning in the ocean of suffering because of Karma. I hold the secret miraculous mechanism powered by justice to move the universe, and therefore life has to evolve in cycles so that the process of purification would lead to the perfection of humanity and the transformation of the Earth into Heaven. Evils would be destroyed, gentle people would ascend to heaven; the strong but evil people would be vanquished while meek and virtuous people would triumph. If the Tao were not created, people, because of their cruelty, would reincarnate again and again to pay their karma, and no one would know when this earth would be fully blessed and the profane would evolve to salvation.

The merit school is almost out and you get to deal

with some difficult tests. Most of you have some credits of serving humanity, but the outcomes are still uncertain. You did not show good examples of virtue and love as I have arranged. I have said: *“The divine machine has to change according to your virtues, and therefore I had to modify the miraculous mechanism using love and peace to lead you in your cultivation. Previously, humanity had many times undergone hardships and self-sacrifice for the Tao, but because of their uncertainty together with many vicissitudes of life, brotherhood among humanity has not been realized.”*

Cruel people have used their secular force to disturb the progression of the Tao. Though the chaos and sufferings of the human community were bound to happen, your service to humanity and your virtues should not delay in shining the way for future generations to follow to reach Nirvana. I therefore have modified your steps, creating joy, gentleness, and enthusiasm, instead of sorrow, worries, difficulties and discouragement for you to overcome. Although this would lessen some of your merit and therefore your rewards, peace is bestowed to all humanity. Do you understand that divine mechanism?

Tr..., try to understand. So too, you other disciples.

The most important issue you all have to pay attention to is to take care of the holy house. Each of you has to bring in a little effort, and your name and your good example would be remembered by future generations. Try to understand.

Tr..., people who wish to be initiated should be accepted. Let them know that the New Codes have been established. The Hierarchical Council just needs to

implement them.

This would be good for you, your virtues and services.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 147–148, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

36. The Supreme Being teaches: At the end of this 6th month, I will stop all initiation séances, and from then on you have to use only your sincerity in order to spread the Tao.

► *June 1, 1927 (year Đinh Mão) (PhướcThọ cenacle)*

JADE EMPEROR OR CAODAI TEACHING THE TAO IN THE SOUTHERN QUARTER



REETING TO ALL DISCIPLES,

Tr..., since the founding of the Tao, most disciples pay all their sincerity to guide humanity and to promote the Tao. They are the ones I trust to put all their efforts into clearing away the thorns to lead humanity on the divine path to escape from the ocean of sufferings, which is this nonsense planet.

The Tao has been established. Most disciples have cleansed their dirty feet, undergone many hardships to spread the love and to show good examples to future generations. However, the lifeboat, according to the divine mechanism, has left behind many profane people; they are the unfortunate disciples who did not maintain their virtues, and committed evil actions, bespoiling My precious Tao.

You have put all your intention into the Tao, and many times have undergone hardships, trying to set good examples for future generations to follow to reach Nirvana, the state in which there is only bliss without any worries. Your merit will determine your final destiny. At the end

of this 6th month, I will stop all initiation séances, and from then on you have to use only your sincerity and all your accumulated knowledge in order to spread the Tao.

Following are My last words you should heed: Don't worry about evil people, they have their own destiny, you just need to keep climbing the divine ladder toward unification with Me, which is the most precious aspiration of humanity. I allow you to accept initiation of disciples just like at other places.

I bless you all.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 148, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

37. Ly Thai Bach teaches: You should follow the holy teachings of the Great Mercy. You may submit to me the petition of promotion for whoever has closely followed the rules and regulations of the Sacerdotal Council.

► *September 12, 1927*

LÝ BẠCH

THƯỢNG TRUNG NHỰT, THE GREAT MERCY HAS GIVEN YOU A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY OF spreading the Tao, in collaboration with the Sacerdotal Council, to find the way to lead dignitaries and disciples in their activities and practices. You have to be just with all your sincerity to interact with disciples without disappointing them. Everything was arranged by the Great Mercy; you all just need to take time to go forward.

Whoever does not keep up their virtues and cooperate with each other to promote the Tao will be watched by Superior Spirits. Their records will be judged at the end according to divine laws. You should follow the holy teachings of the Great Mercy. You may submit to me the petition of promotion for whoever has closely followed the rules and regulations of the Sacerdotal Council. Whoever has ambition to create another way, leading people into a wrong path, will unfortunately end up at the bottom of the abyss despite all merits of their previous life.

You should prepare well the teaching of the Tao. The local councils as well as each disciple will have their

own duty, and shall meet once a month on the full moon evening to discuss local activities, to review rules and regulations so that they would befit the majority of people. Then, the Tao would have the highest and most important value, and you would find satisfaction in moving forward.

At each meeting with the local councils, the three Đầu Sư should be present, as well as the three members of the Hiệp Thiên Đài as witnesses, and the minutes should be well recorded.

Among the disciples, I have to inform you that most female disciples don't have sufficient CaoDai knowledge. You have to mandate them to be present at the routine worship ceremonies to listen to the sermon so that they could learn together with male disciples. Later, I will choose from among them one capable of giving the sermon to female disciples at a separate worship session.

Tr....: *Please allow monthly worshipping ceremonies in Cholon.*

You have all the right to decide.

From now on, H... will be a member of the Hiệp Thiên Đài.

Those are the recommendations for all. Give your best effort for the Tao. Show your sincerity and respect to the Supreme Being.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 149-150*

38. The Supreme Being teaches: I use peace and tranquility to lead you on the divine road, but if dignitaries are concerned more about titles and positions than cultivation of virtues, their punishment would be doubled.

► *September 17, 1927*

OUR MASTER,
Children,

I have said I used peace and gentleness to lead you on the divine way. You should pay attention, put all your mind and your heart to work, and you will certainly progress regardless of obstacles. The only problem is that you are separated from the holy teachings, and are just too busy with secular affairs. The Giáo Hữu should be concerned about the sermon for every major worshipping ceremony. They should have prepared a text of holy teachings to read to all disciples so that they could receive holy teachings to stimulate their progression on the divine way.

So do Tr... and L... Th..., My beloved daughter.

Tr...said: *I have given the topics of the sermon to the Giáo Hữu last night at the ceremony at Cầu Kho temple.*

Good! Any Giáo Hữu who is not up to their duty, and does not listen to My instructions, should be reported to Lý Bạch for proper action.

Tr...: addressed about the printing of holy messages.

Good! But holy messages and poems should be carefully selected and then approved by the Sacerdotal

Council before publication.

Children! Most disciples would like to be divinely appointed, but don't understand what it is about. Many Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas, who don't have important karmic debt, when incarnated, just need to practice regularly their cultivation, and they may return to their original positions without the need of divine appointment.

Divine appointment is designed for Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas who have left the world. They have to perform great services to humanity in order to return to their initial positions. Remember, because of love, I granted you divine appointment, but if dignitaries are concerned more about titles and positions than cultivation of virtues, their punishment would be doubled.

Tr..., L..., Th..., beloved daughters, My three children!

Because of love, this is the last divine appointment for you. Now the rules and regulations have been established, and if you won't follow them, Lý Bạch and Quan Âm would protest. From now on, whoever deserves the function, would be recommended and selected by disciples. Only Lý Bạch can propose a divine appointment. And I will then approve.

Tr..! Try more to interact with the government. There will be support from angels. Don't worry!

I bless you all.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 150–151, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

39. The Supreme Being teaches: I have trained each of you so that you will have all authority to realize the divine will to lead humanity and to spread the Tao to all the world. Whether you fail or succeed, I would wait until the end to judge on your accomplished work.

► *The first day of the 10th month of the year Đinh Mão (1927)*

YOUR MASTER.

Children, it has not been too long since the recruiting séances were stopped, and there have been many difficulties. I have trained each of you so that you will have all authority to realize the divine will to lead humanity and to spread the Tao to all the world. The celestial machine has determined to found the Tao to save living beings. If today, at this time, the Tao could not be perfectly established, when would it be? How many of you would have enough divine credit to reach unification with Me? I have revealed a little about that issue. Try to find out and understand. Don't misunderstand that the Tao spontaneously becomes prosperous and leads you automatically to the liberation no matter what your virtues. Whether you fail or succeed, I would wait until the end to judge on your accomplished work. I have foretold to you about the worldly chaos, which has begun to spread. If your skills are not sharpened with great virtue, peaceful cooperation, complete modesty and harmony among each other, the Tao would become a tangled mockery, which would be difficult to disentangle even with My mercy.

You were predestined to reincarnate from your initial spiritual position to the world of suffering to serve humanity and thereby fulfill your divine duty. I have guided each of your steps to lead you back to the Tao. If you do not cooperate with each other in peace and harmony, I would be heartbroken watching you fall into the abyss.

You have to understand that and try to complete your tasks yourselves. If out of love, I had to do everything for you, and lead you by hand out of difficulties, you would not gain enough of your own merit and then have to reincarnate again many times before being able to return to your spiritual home.

Some of you became evil and fell into the seduction of the three-religions court. Be cautious on your way to complete your task. I would rather drop some of you in order to save the millions of humanity. Understand!

Tr., Your responsibility there is great, you should take care of the disciples.

Tr., do you know whom I trust among disciples?

Answer:...

Have any of you listened to My previous holy messages?

Except HTD., You are the disciple that I have ordered Saints and Immortals to guide, and you were close to Me during the spreading of the Tao. You have understood the way I used to found the Tao. Why were you so wrong in falling into evil seductions?

I don't use superstition. If you happened to be

superstitious, did not follow the right way, and set up many nonsensical scenarios, the Tao would fall to heretics, as you may have seen.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 152, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

40. The Supreme Being teaches: In antiquity, many martyrs were not as well blessed and recognized as you are now. I just aspire you to love one another following My holy example. Love is the key to the thirty-six heavens, to Nirvana, and the White Jade Palace.

► *October 27, 1927.*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER.

In antiquity, many martyrs were not as well blessed and recognized as you are now. What else are you expecting? You should not be discouraged.

The more one suffers and commiserates, the more one feels impatient. You should not feel regret, because suffering for millions of human beings is a worthy act.

As I have taught, just aspire to be able to love one another following My holy example. Love is the key to the thirty-six heavens, to Nirvana, and the White Jade Palace. Whoever denies love would never be able to escape reincarnation. And moreover, I will take care of all your difficulties, while I just ask for your love of each other and for your effort in serving humanity for its liberation.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 153, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

41. The Supreme Being teaches: Before I stopped the séances, I had clearly given orders, but you did not deliver My words, and they became confused, it is your responsibility.

► *Cholon, November 29, 1927*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

Tr., I have many times counseled you disciples about using justice and concordance to fulfill your duty to the Tao; I am sad to see that you already have divisions among each other. You were concerned about your honor and secular advancement and forgot the worthy duties that I have entrusted to you. I have led you out of miserable situations, but you still have not put all your hearts together to prevent future difficulties; how would the Tao be established in time to save millions of human beings?

One is trying to build, ten others are trying to halt. You have ignored seniority among you and the divine titles that I have granted to you, and have used your power to oppress many gentle, virtuous disciples.

Alas! It has been but a few short days that you were separated from Me, and the great Tao has already become a worthless meeting! And the very ones who were disrupting the Tao are the torch bearers selected by the Three Religions Court to light the way for humanity. What would you think the future of the Tao would become? All my hard work of guiding you are just like drops of water in the waves of the ocean, and you are still drowning in the ocean of sufferings, far, far away from your original position. What

a misery! What a regret!

I have said I set up evil beasts around you, but you did not heed my warning. How could I bend justice?

Many of you have neglected My words. Alas! Recalcitrant children! How can you avoid divine law? You have created aversion against the Three Religions Court, and therefore, it would be difficult for Me to save you. Although you have put your sincere heart into serving the Tao, it's still difficult to lift off all burdens. I would trust the Three Religions Court to decide on your destiny. If any of you repents, the balance between the good and evil deeds may affect your chance.

Before I stopped the séances, I had clearly given orders as how to use spiritism. I thought you had announced My words to all dignitaries, so why the confusion? If you did not deliver My words, and they became confused, it is your responsibility.

Regarding female disciples, they seem as if they have never practiced the Tao; only one or two of them did, while hundreds of others were still just looking for entertainment. So, how could the Tao succeed? I said I trusted you to guide them; you must keep an eye on them in order to fix the problems in time to avoid big mistakes.

From now on, any time when you call for a meeting, you have to be present there yourself and follow My orders. There should be three responsible dignitaries of the Hiệp Thiên Đài to be present as witnesses, so that the decision of the meeting would be properly implemented.

N., he lives too far away and will not be able to attend

meetings regularly, while L... is still too much attached to secular business.

Alas! You have to withstand all the difficulties, especially at this moment. Tell C... to seriously heed My words. Arguments are merely profane, not able to shake the will of sincere disciples.

I bless you all.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 154–155, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

42. The Supreme Being teaches: I have worked hard to guide you in the Tao, and you keep giving Me disappointment every day. I wonder when you would succeed.

► *Tayninh, the end of the year Đinh Mão (1927)*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

I have worked hard to guide you in the Tao, and you keep giving Me disappointment every day. I wonder when you would succeed! I have many times counseled you, and you did not take my counsels into account so that there are many difficulties right now.

Did you know that, if this were not the Third Universal Amnesty, I would approve the Giáo Tông's recommendations to annihilate all your credits. But out of love, I counsel you again now so that you understand clearly the implementation of the Tao's policy.

You should understand that the Tao is based on love and sincerity. Love is to love living beings more than yourself, to consider them as important as Heaven and Earth, and consider yourself lightly. Sincerity is to deal with everything in secular and spiritual life with sincerity from the bottom of your heart. Even if you are extremely rich, if you don't have love and sincerity, you would never succeed in anything.

I recommend you to live according to the Tao, and not to try to render services to humanity just for honor or good reputation in this temporary world. You have to open

your heart and your mind to practice the Tao, not thinking about being famous if the Tao succeeds. I shouldn't need to mention this, but I have to because many of you are still running after honor and position while practicing the Tao. If you have real sincerity for the Tao, there wouldn't be delay in the development of the Tao right now.

When I founded the Tao, I told you that you would be challenged by evil because you have not detached from secular attractions; otherwise, if you were strong enough to fight against evil, they would stay away, and the Holy See would be prosperous, and you all would be together as brothers and sisters in the same family, realizing heaven on earth. Wouldn't this be more worthy than being rich? Wouldn't this be the greatest blessing? Wouldn't this be the liberation for all humanity? Do you understand? It would be fortunate for the Tao if you do.

Let me ask you a question: what would the title and the position that I grant to you be good for? If you were detached from secular life and cling to the Tao, the Holy See wouldn't be insufficient in manpower and deteriorating. If you still want to serve the Tao, you should gather at the Holy See, and detach yourselves from secular matters. Take heed!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 155, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

43. Nhan Am Dao Truong teaches: If you want to cultivate your virtues, you should start right at your heart.

► *Year Mậu Thìn 1928*

NHÀN ÂM ĐẠO TRƯỜNG



EAR DISCIPLES, IF YOU WANT TO CULTIVATE YOUR VIRTUES, WHERE SHOULD YOU START?

You should start right at your heart, which nobody can see. You cultivate your heart to perfection, then take care of outside appearance, and then you would have a solid physical and spiritual body that nobody can shake. If you keep paying attention to outside appearance and forgetting your heart, you are following the way of Hồn Lưu Bang dealing with his soldiers, which is like a person with only a physical body and no soul, or in other words, you pay attention to only visible matters and forget the miraculous mystic truth. Alas! One has a body with bone and skin but without a soul, which is useless like an inanimate boulder, or a plank of wood. It's like a lamp full of fuel but without a flame, not being able to light the darkness. Therefore, you have to cultivate the heart first, even if you do not see it, because if you don't cultivate the heart, and only pay attention to the outer appearance, it would be like reciting a prayer during a ceremony, with all physical lights shining, but without the Divine Eye illuminating your heart. Your ceremony would be empty, only paving the way to the emptiness of evil and falsehood.

Try to understand; otherwise, your work of cultivation would be useless.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 156, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

44. The Supreme Being teaches: Anything consented to by all disciples pleases the divine will. I forbid you to set up séances or automatic writings.

► *February 3, 1928*

YOUR MASTER.

Children! I am pleased to see changes in your practice and cooperation with each other on building the Tao. You should understand that any action in the Tao, if it pleases all dignitaries and disciples, would please Me.

As the Tao progresses every day, your road would be harder and harder to follow. But if you use your virtues instead of your power, your love toward others instead of the love of self, dedication toward the Tao instead of toward secular honors, you would be well on your way to reaching the goal of the Tao. Exactly like in secular life, in religious life if you are involved too much with your honors, powers, and position, you have to pay with difficulties, dangers, and suffering. You have to think about this and improve your virtues, being patient on your way, with perseverance to reach calmness in your conscience (heart). Those of you who are more interested in titles and powers will be at times punished. You should look at this as an example. You have heard My counsels regarding stopping spiritism, but many of you did not follow My orders and became lost on the wrong path. I shed tears in watching many beloved disciples falling into the abyss. Remember those examples and watch your step in the future.

I have shown you all possible options; you have to make up your mind and choose your way to go, with perseverance. It's a way to respect and love Me. Obey.

T..., T..., C..., from now on, you have to cooperate with each other to carry the load of the Tao. Anything that agrees with the New Codes pleases the divine will; anything consented to by all disciples, and useful for the Tao, should be implemented without waiting for My counsels.

When you trust, guide, and support each other without doubt and reservation, you have offered Me the greatest joy. For the traitor, the divine law will punish them accordingly.

C..., I forbid you to set up séances or automatic writings because they would cause great damage to the Tao. It would destroy the faith of humanity by leading them to impurity.

T..., I have mercy on you and excuse you. If you do it again, the Three Religions Court will excommunicate you. You should know that everyone has their own duty. If you don't fail, you would be in peace and joy. Try to heed My words.

I bless you all.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 157, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

45. Ly Thai Bach teaches: If the title is granted to someone, this person would bear the title only, but there will never be two persons of the same title.

► *March 19, 1928*



HERE IS THÁI BẠCH!

Great joy! Great joy!

Divine smile! I shall explain your titles. For example, if the title Thượng Đẩu Sư, Ngọc Đẩu Sư, Thái Đẩu Sư, Hộ Pháp, Thượng Phẩm, Thượng Sanh, and even my title Giáo Tông are granted to someone, this person would bear the title only but never become another Thái Bạch, another Thượng Trung Nhựt, or another Ngọc Lịch Nguyệt, or another Thái Nương Tinh, or another Hộ Pháp, or another Thượng Phẩm, or another Thượng Sanh.

Understand!

Ascension.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 158, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

46. The Supreme Being teaches: Life is like an examination. If the examination is difficult, and yet you pass the examination with honors, your success would be more valuable.

► *Holy See, the 10th day of the 3rd month of the year Mậu Thìn (1928)*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

C. H..., I see you bearing so much sadness and sufferings to redeem your soul, that I shed tears of empathy and joy for your redemption. The secular road has many turning points with obstacles as arranged by divine will. It is a place for all Angels, Saints, Immortals and Buddhas to build their merit in order to return to their original positions. Humans are like merchants at a market, where all their strength, their mind, and their soul are worn down so that they have lost track of their soul, and their original positions. Therefore, many Angels, Saints, Immortals, Buddhas have been contented with their lot, and did not dare to look up for any aspiration in order to avoid damnation. But if they dare not incarnate, they would be like students who avoid examinations; how could they regain their noble position? Life is like an examination; if it is easy to pass, the examination would not be valuable and meaningful. If the examination is difficult, and yet you pass the examination with honors, your success would be more valuable. In this world, you are the children I love most, but as an examiner, if I gave you the answers, your success at the examination would

not be valuable. Moreover, although I have never been away from you, I know that you are more than capable of passing the examination, and if I were to help you, I would damage the value of your honor. The fact that you have to bear sufferings is from My will. Being in a poor family yet having good virtues are good examples for other people. You should try to be patient, and your good virtues would be the ladder to heaven. The sincerity is for your cultivation, and the virtues are more precious than gold. Being contented with your poverty while you are practicing the Tao, your merits would be better than the ones of people of higher class.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 159, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

47. The Supreme Being teaches: Each of you has an important responsibility to spread the Tao which, if you fail to fulfill, would lead to divine punishment according to the balance between your good and bad deeds.

► *April 2, 1928*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

I allow L... to come in. Children, you have to keep your promise to the Hiệp Thiên Đài. I have ordered Immortals to reveal to you some indispensable matters of the Tao, therefore, these current discontents in the Tao were already arranged and could not be prevented. You have to understand that each of you has your own great responsibility to the Tao. Before, when you took orders from the Three Religions Court to incarnate among human beings during this Third Universal Amnesty, you had promised to fulfill your responsibility. I, as the Supreme Being who founded the Tao, also am obliged to guarantee your mission. Therefore, each of you has an important responsibility which, if you fail to fulfill, would lead to divine punishment according to the balance between your good and bad deeds. Satan has taken advantage of the crookedness of some of you, in order to compete with Me, to lure you to his side. He led disciples progressively according to their attitudes, away from the right path. As I had guaranteed your mission, and trained your holy mind, now is the time for the Three Religions Court to judge your actions according to justice.

Alas! Not too long in being away from Me, many of you were seduced by Satan because of your secular greed. I have pity for them, but I am unable to save them. Whoever follows the right path would have the opportunity to listen to My teachings. Whoever follows the wrong path would be led away by evil. If you happen to be able to distinguish between right and wrong, you should guide each other on My behalf and that of all living beings. Do not drop everything because you would have no way to fight against seductions; that would cause delay in the spreading of the Tao. You understand?

C..., T..., S..., You three have great responsibility to light the way at the beginning; I order you to cooperate with each other to build the Tao until the end.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 160, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

48. The Supreme Being teaches: You should try your best to guide living being and fulfill your responsibility.

► *April, 15 1928 (year Mậu Thìn)*



HERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

(Laughter!) (Sigh!) My goodness! Look at you children! One is behaving this way, the other another way! Sad! Sad! Sad! T..., child! Many times, I have to suffer for taking care of you. My only wish is that you love each other in My holy virtue. I couldn't randomly and undeservedly give you all the supreme titles of Immortals and Buddhas. I have been bearing difficulties for you, only expecting you to love living beings and to spread the Tao. I have set up all means for you to have the wherewithal to establish the Tao successfully. I gave you the power to guide all souls who are suffering reincarnation. I have so decided and no one could change My decision.

Have you ever seen such an honor before? I gave each of you some power; I thought you should value it and improve your virtue a little, but many of you have disrespected Me, and did not listen to My orders to gather all My children into one family. Many people have complained. Under these circumstances, when would the Tao succeed?

Needless to say, whoever is a virtuous person, when they read the constitution of the Tao that I have created, should be very happy for humanity. I am obliged to promise

to the Ngọc Hư Cung (*Palace of the Nothingness*) that if the Tao persists, I would remain with you and keep an eye on you. You see, My words are extremely important. If you value the Tao, you should put all your mind into following the constitution to organize the administration. The Hiệp Thiên Đài has not recognized you, and in the future, the Tao would not be recognized either. It is deserving of Me to correct this.

Though the Superior Spirits wanted the Tao to manifest strongly, I would not use spiritism to explain again, but rather leave all the responsibility in your hands. You should rely on yourselves to build up your own positions before humanity so that the Tao would appear as valuable as it should. Therefore, I have to harness My heart to leave you alone although I have never been away from you. Do you understand?

*Trust is given to teachers,
To mete discipline born of compassion.
Thusly influence humanity,
To build a world that evils must shun.
In you, as children, I have instilled virtue;
As adults you should strive to be virtuous!
Cleaving to your true spiritual selves,
Tho' this Earth be abject and tempestuous.*

I bless you all.

T..., be patient and wait for My orders. You understand.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 161, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

49. The Supreme Being teaches: I have treated all disciples as equals regardless of their titles

► *April 16, 1928*

YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

As I have stated, I have treated all disciples as equals regardless of their titles. Whoever had built meritorious service in previous lives, I would trust them with more important responsibilities. Whoever had given less service I would give less responsibility. They all are my children. Except for administrative responsibilities, they are spiritually equal. No one can use their power to take advantage of others. Nobody has the right to abuse or disabuse anyone. Your purpose is the Tao; if you do not prize this goal, how could you avoid turmoil?

I am the Supreme Being. Many times in the past, I had to incarnate into the world to guide living beings. If I had not, there would not be all the religions that human beings are following today.

You must heed My teachings. There have been many Holy teachings from many Superior Spirits who, out of love, have guided you; however, you did not follow.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p.162, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

50. Teachings given by Thanh Tâm explaining the verses: No people walk the street or plough the field. No one is aware of the Tao; I fear for their destruction!

► *April 23, 1928*

THANH TÂM



REETINGS TO ALL BROTHERS

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The Tao has been widely available; the seeds have been sown for two years, yet sincere followers are rare. This was the reason for the Gautama Sakyamuni Buddha's lamentation:

No people walk the street or plough the field.

No one is aware of the Tao; I fear for their destruction!

Do you understand, brothers?

Why did he say that there were no people walking the street, brother M...N...? There are lots of people in the street, but there are no *good* ones—there are only the walking dead, empty, deceitful, cruel people.

What did he mean by “*nobody ploughs the field?*” brother N. Đ...?

The heart is compared to the field. Nobody cultivates the *heart*, just as no one ploughs and prepares the field for growing rice. Fields left uncultivated become the province of snakes, rats, insects. People with fallow, uncultivated

hearts become like vermin.

The field is ready; so are the seeds and the implements. People just need to take up the plough and do the necessary work to bring in the harvest. If they don't plough—in other words, cultivate the heart—then they shall not reap. They'll lose their soul! The last verse reflects this result.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 162–163, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

51. The Supreme Being teaches: I am grieved by the division among you.

- ▶ *Tây Ninh Holy See, the 5th day of the 5th month of the year Mậu Thìn (6-22-1928)*

YOUR MASTER IS HERE!

Children, each of you have chosen your own path. I am grieved by the disagreement among. I shall leave you alone to decide how to be: virtuous or evil. If you are of a determined and strong character, the Tao would be in harmony, and you shall advance toward My presence; if you vacillate in your virtue, the road of notoriety shall lead you to the abyss. Expending your strength on dividing yourselves would simply exhaust you; you would have nothing left over to uplift, support or counsel one another.

The fair and just path that can save living beings is the path of the Tao. The divine light is always illuminating that path for you. It's totally averse to Evil. Remember My words. Do not neglect them, but instead contemplate them carefully in order to understand.

What a disaster! Many times you did not heed My words, and I was heartbroken to see you get lost. Alas, such challenges must be put to profane minds!

(Ascension.)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 163, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

52. The Supreme Being teaches how to refine sugar in comparing sufferings to black sugar.

- *Holy See, the 11th day of the 5th month of the year Mậu Thân (6/28/1928)*



..., LET ME TELL YOU HOW TO REFINESUGAR. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE BLACK SUGAR into white?

(H...H... Master, I don't know).

Listen.

Pour black sugar into a jar with a hole in the bottom until two-thirds full. Then fill the jar with mud to the rim. Expose the jar to the sun for one week. When you remove the mud, you will have sugar all sparkly white and delicious.

Your sufferings are like this sugar^[1], My child. Do you know that I have wept as you do?

If I had not, how could you be My child? Just remember that I love you; that would be enough. You should not trade the love of the world for My discontentment; rather you should suffer the hate of the world but deserve instead My love. What would you gain if you meet with My discontentment?

C..., CH Take care of the meditation hall along with your younger brothers.

[1] Comment from the translator: the heart exposed to sufferings would be purified like the sugar under the mud.

T..., you have become lazy!

C..., call your two older brothers to attend the great
corbeille à bec. Don't let them continue to be skeptical!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 164, Collection of Selected Holy
Messages, Book Two, 1972*

53. Tiêu Sơn Taoist teaches: Be cautious of your steps so that your efforts are not wasted.

- *The 4th day of the 6th month of the year Mậu Thân (1928)*

*You are a ship aware of its own destiny,
A soul tossed on tempest's wave.
It's time to pray for God's mercy,
As one who recalls the blessings He gave.*

Tiêu Sơn Taoist

THE TAO HAS JUST PASSED THROUGH MANY DIFFICULTIES; HOWEVER, IT IS STILL endangered. Be cautious of your steps so that your efforts are not wasted.

Know yourself, know the Tao. Know the situation, know the people; know the difference between good and evil, right and wrong, in order to adjust your actions.

The Tao is not yet manifest because people still lack virtue. Virtuous people lack clear vision. Intelligent people lack godliness, modesty, sincerity. People on the whole still yearn for wealth and honor.

Bustling upon the same road, pushing toward the same destination, most fail to yield to one another. Those who are downtrodden are accosted by others sure of their bearings; others rush forward without heeding pitfalls. In this situation, nobody wins, no one is wiser, and the road to Glory is deserted. Persons of evil hearts and stained

souls are incapable of guiding others on the right path. Do not count on the notorious as exemplars; better to take account of yourself.

The followers of the Tao have witnessed dignitaries engendering separation; this is the fruit of evil minds. The Hiệp Thiên Đài, a miraculous and precious organization, has become useless because of the errors of some dignitaries. No wonder the Tao is in turmoil! The Hiệp Thiên Đài is supposed to be the foundation supporting the Tao but is no longer trustworthy, dooming the Tao for the foreseeable future. The world has become a nonsensical realm where might makes right. Be careful!

The Hiệp Thiên Đài is headed by the Supreme Being, Who bears supreme judgment over all. The New Code is still deficient because dignitaries from the Hiệp Thiên Đài do not themselves heed it. This chaotic situation has resulted in the power of the Cửu Trùng Đài. You will receive more instructions later. Many parts need clarification.

If you followers know your limits and keep yourselves from defaming the Tao, you will hold its miraculous key in the future.

Transgressions will receive judgment; good works will be rewarded. Try to maintain your position. Try to understand Me.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, P. 164–165, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

54. Chơn Cự Lão Sư teaches about the destiny of the Tao.

► 7/18/1928

CHƠN CỰ LÃO SƯ (TAOIST MASTER)



REETINGS TO FOLLOWERS:

You have listened to Holy Teachings regarding the destiny of the Tao. Have you understood the forthright goal of the Tao? M.N., try to tell me.

It's the administration. How about the goal? What is cooperation for? What is brotherly love for? You understand, but not profoundly.

You should know that before spreading the Tao to foreign countries, you have to develop a secure connection with people of this Southern country, to guide them out of this suffering world and create a peaceful life. At that time, just like birds returning to their nests, and fish to the streams, people will climb back upon the spiritual ladder.

As long as there is no concordance in the Tao, people strive to control each other rather than show the way with a clear, impassioned mind; the disciples remain greedy and base-willed, attracted by honors and wealth. The Tao cannot succeed under such circumstances, and none of you may find the way home to your divine position. You disciples need to be selective in your choices to find people with sincerity and determination to cooperate in building a common house, so that sometime in the future you may

enjoy the prosperity of the Tao, rather than still subsisting on the physical plane, frantic in mind and spirit all day with no time to think about the future of your souls.

The Tao is not a funeral home nor a market; nothing is for sale here as you may have thought.

What a sadness! Some followers are as ungainly as a newlywed stumbling blindly into the bridal chamber for the first time, both mind and feet numb. Some untalented souls still battle with and denigrate each other, only proving themselves inferior.

Out of love, the Supreme Being has sown seeds of the Tao, to bring the lifeboat ashore for all people to sail to Nirvana. But how can one who cannot comprehend escape drowning? The Tao deteriorates with the separation between people; though gathered from many disparate places, you must finally reconcile the disparities between yourselves.

M... N... Use rituals as instructed at the Cầu Kho's séance. Do not invent new ones

(Văn Pháp addressed....)

Indeed, but there is still insufficiency. You need to abandon anything that is not useful save the music and the solemnity of the rituals.

There is still deficiency in the music as well. The music for greeting Superior Spirits should be different; musicians should dress cleanly and purely, and musical pieces should be played in clear harmonies. You should improve it.

You should not attend any temples where the rituals

differ from these instructions.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 165–167, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

55. The Supreme Being teaches: You would be awakened, realize you have strayed, and return to the right path.

► *Cholon, July 28, 1928 (year Mậu Thìn)*



HERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

You have been without My holy teachings for quite a while now. I felt your desire for Me to come back to guide you. I am sad to see you children foundering in this mundane existence.

Children, out of love, I guide you like a father raising a child, watching them grow, expecting them to mature into a great person, leaving their name to future generations. The manifestation of the Tao greatly moves My authority, My honor, even My position. I am glad in your success, sad in your failure, and I suffer when you suffer. In this world, both contentment and repentance are like rivers and mountains that I created. They may merge, rivers into rice fields, mountains into valleys and oceans, sadness into elation, fame into ignominy and scorn, peace into disasters.

I have mercy for those of you who dare to denounce your secular life, to follow Me to guide your incredulous younger brothers and sisters. But alas, how cruel mortality! A lowly insect may ruin a golden harvest; the men at the helm of karma can founder even the Heavenly Lifeboat. I hope you may understand.

Children, the more I am moved by your sincerity, your impartiality, and your modesty, the more I would like to

erase all cunning and treacherous people, who are always running after honors and wealth, from the Earth. Alas! I have belabored myself over your plight, hoping each of you would be awakened, realize you have strayed, and step off your interminable paths to return to the right path and follow Me once more. That would please Me most.

Tr..., Don't fret! I have pre-arranged an appropriate position for each of you. The disaster will soon be over. Take comfort and be at peace so that I can rely upon you. Understand My divine authority is reserved to guide all of you, not for its own sake. Be of noble mind in order to bear the hardships which befall all beings.

Secular life is mundane and rife with temporal attractions, but the Tao is eternal.

Weigh the true importance of matters taking place in the illusory world; trust in Me. I have arranged your life and your destiny.

Tr..., you understand?

Tr..., try to console your spouse, and follow Lý Bạch's words. Those are two matters that I entrust to you.

Blessings to you all.

(Ascension.)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 167–168, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

56. The Supreme Being teaches about the current situation of the Tao as a disease. Everyone likes to enjoy personal sovereignty and to fight against you.

- *Cầu Nhiễm, the 19th of the 6th month of the year Mậu Thìn (August 5, 1928)*

YOUR MASTER IS HERE, CHILDREN!

Tr..., Th...! You two have dedicated your time to travel to spread the Tao, yet you don't comprehend the current situation of the Tao. The Tao presently is an undiagnosed patient at the threshold of malignancy; without treatment, the malady expands from within, unrecognized, with deadly power over the life of the patient.

You might think the Tao has prospered, but there is internal poverty. Consider the Sở dynasty trying to control the Tần dynasty; in the Sở dynasty, people are divided behind an aura of external strength. If this division is not rectified, the Sở dynasty will fall. Everyone likes to enjoy personal sovereignty. No different for spokesmen of the Tao, but they become like merchants battling merchants for ownership of the goods! What is the reason for such a farce? They lack self-regulatory skills, are arrogant and thirsty for high titles and honors, and do not possess the necessary virtues to administer people, thus creating animosity. You two should realize this weakness and find ways to create harmony and cooperation between disciples so that they would look to the Holy See and pray for blessings. Each of you has the responsibility to cease your

own hatred, correct your attitudes, rally educated persons to the cause, and lead people to recognize the pricelessness of the Tao. In time, vacillation will yield to surety, the few to the millions, and the guidance of disciples will hold sway in the face of obstacles.

One day of delay in the spreading of the Tao means one day of harm to the people. If each of you keeps causing animosity among people, the Tao would become a farce, and when would there be completion? When would the Tao be spread across the Earth?

If you still harbor confusion within, how can you create harmony without? You are well aware that since antiquity, anything going against people's hearts would not last. The practice of cooperation in peace should be the only practice to be applied to the Tao.

The arrogant want only to be served; they care not for the humble or modest among society. Such are the kings who destroy their own kingdoms. Organizing a congregation is not much different from organizing a country; in fact, your duty and responsibility are greater and more difficult. You must correct yourself, and reconcile with others so as to prevent the destruction of the Tao. Create harmony, cooperation, solidarity and freedom among people. This would be the most precious achievement ever.

Out of love for living beings and empathy for all your striving, I have no heart to let the congregation deteriorate, but if among you, no one takes the responsibility to create harmony, then animosity between people would cause chaos, ruining My efforts of guiding you since

the beginning. Then would you drown in the ocean of suffering evermore. If you won't love one another, then the more numerous, only the more turmoil, animosity, and disparities you would create, until you all become totally useless. Understand!

I bless you all.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 168–170, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

57. The Supreme Being teaches about precept «Not to kill»

► *The Year of the Earth Dragon (1928)*



HILDREN, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIMS:

DO NOT KILL LIVING BEINGS!

I have told you that when there was nothing in this universe, the cosmic ether gave birth only to Me, and My throne is the universal monad. I divided the monad into the diad which is Yin and Yang, and then into the tetrad and then into the eight trigrams. The latter changes continuously to form the universe. I then divided My spirit to create ten thousands things, constituting the elements, and finally living things: plants, insects, animals and humans.

You should understand that everything emanates out of My spirit; wherever there is life, there am I. I am the progenitor of life. My love of life is unfathomable. Life is given freely to all living beings out of My Being. I distribute life everywhere in the universe. Life erupts like a flower from a tree: it develops from the bud into bloom, and evolves to form fruit that seeds more trees ad infinitum. If someone cuts that flower, the fruit of life is interrupted and future evolution is prevented.

Each life has its own Karmic plan. It does not matter whether it is an original or secondary living being,* its life on this earth is divinely appointed. If you kill any living

being, you shall be punished; no one knows whether a living being may have been an Immortal or a Buddha reincarnating to Earth. As I have said, all life is Me. To destroy life is to attempt to destroy Me. And it is not easy to destroy Me. Teach that to human beings.

(*Ascension.*)

* Original living being: a living being whose spirit is directly coming from God's spirit.

Secondary living being: a living being whose spirit is coming from the original living being. The original living being may divide his/her spirit to form many living beings, who are called secondary living beings.

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 170–171, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

58. The Supreme Being teaches about precept «Not to steal»

► *The Year of the Earth Dragon (1928)*



CHILDREN, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIMS:

DO NOT STEAL!

Alas! When I created you, I loved and respected you so profoundly, I sent you to this world with a sacred body made in My own image, so that originally you did not need to eat in order to live, or to make clothes to cover yourself.

However, you did not listen to Me but were seduced by materials, tastes, sexuality, power and wealth, which ultimately led to suffering in this world. I reserved enough wealth for all of you to share, but because of greed, some of you took too much, leaving others to suffer and hunger without sustenance.

I granted the same powers to you that I granted to the Genies, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas so that you could discipline yourselves to respect and honor My saintly love of life. Unfortunately, these powers have become a tool to treat other beings as slaves. Alas! What a travesty! I am so disappointed! Do you know why people become so dishonest and greedy?

The principal needs of people are food and clothing—no one can avoid those needs. Unfortunately, many people bicker for exclusivity over the distribution of these necessities, and put their own needs above others'. They struggle for

material goods beyond all reason, stockpiling beyond all possible need, regaling in trickery and evil to satisfy their cravings for material gain. And how do they acquire this power? They bend the meek to their will until the power is betrothed to them to call evil, good. The brutes acquire all, while the meek lose all. Thus society falls into chaos. There is no justice as God's laws are no longer observed; this is the cause of all suffering on Earth.

When dishonesty and greed penetrate your heart, there is no room for virtue. When they penetrate your home, there can be no moral teachings. When they penetrate your country, there can be no honorable administration. When they penetrate the world, Genies and Saints cannot arise.

Crime is the natural outcome of dishonesty and greed; therefore, dishonesty and greed in the heart, even unmanifest, are crimes against God's laws.

(Ascension.)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 171–172, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

59. The Supreme Being teaches about precept «Not to be obscene»

► *Year of the Earth Dragon (1928)*



CHILDREN, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIMS:

DO NOT BE OBSCENE!

Why is obscenity a severe crime?

Ordinary people see the physical body as a single unit. In reality, it is a mass of innumerable living cells, assembled to form a body with a divine essence. This body is nourished by still more living things such as vegetable matter, fruit, and rice; these all contain vital matter, as all these foods are fresh with the essence of life and potential, they are not dead. Foods already dead do not carry this life essence, this potential. Cooking by steam or quick-frying simply disinfests foods and prepares them for our digestion. The nutritional energy of these foods does not disintegrate after being cooked like this.^[1] Foods are then transformed in your gastrointestinal system into “*Khi*” (vital energy), and then their life essence is carried into the blood. As you have been taught, there is spiritual energy in “*Khi*” and in blood. It is transmuted from spirit into the human body as a result of the cycle of [death and] birth. Therefore, even

[1] Foods change only in form during the process of digestion and absorption. Foods do not die after being cooked or digested because they constitute elements comprised of atoms. Atoms are not destroyed--they only change their arrangement, form and purpose.

a drop of blood has a certain amount of spiritual energy contained within it.

Since sexual “*Tinh*” (life matter) is composed partly of blood and partly of “*Khí*,” excessive sexual activity thus causes an unnecessary expenditure of *Tinh* and therefore of spiritual energy. After your death, you will be confronted with and judged by this spiritual energy, and the manner in which you wasted it, at the “*Nguyệt Cảnh Đài*.”^[2] You will not be able to deny how you wasted your spirit. So, you should observe this precept closely.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 172, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

[2] “*Nguyệt Cảnh Đài*” is a place in the spiritual world where the spirits, after the death of their physical body, will revisit all their actions—both good and bad—they have committed during their physical lifetime.

60. The Supreme Being teaches about precept «Not to be drunk»

► *January 18, 1927. Year of the Fire Tiger.*

**DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL! (DO NOT
INTOXICATE YOURSELF)**



WHY ABSTAIN FROM INTOXICATION?

I have taught that your body is composed of a mass of everlasting spirits contained within living units. You should understand that the internal organs of your body are also formed by these living units whose function, whether they are aware of it or not, is commanded by Me. I therefore use your body to teach.

Firstly, I'll explain why alcohol is harmful to your physical body. Your physical body is still like an animal's and needs to eat in order to live. When alcohol is ingested, it is absorbed into all internal organs of your body including the heart which is the foremost mechanism of life. Alcohol forces the whole cardiovascular system to function excessively, and the lungs do not have adequate time to purify (oxygenate and purge carbon dioxide) the blood, so that waste products will accumulate in the whole body, polluting the living units, leading to progressive sickness and finally to demise of the living units of the organs and then of your whole body. Many people's bodies are half-dead just because of alcohol.

Secondly, I'll explain why alcohol is harmful to your

spirit.

I have said that the soul forms the “*second body*.” It is composed of the “*Khi*,” which surrounds your body like a mold. Its center is the brain, and the portal by which your second body enters and exits is the fontanelle on top of the head which is guarded by the Hộ Pháp. (With meditation, there is unification of the “*Tinh*,” the “*Khi*” and the “*Thần*,” leading to enlightenment.)

The brain is thus the origin of the “*Khi*.” When polluted blood accumulates in the brain, the brain is disrupted by confusion and languor so that your spirit and human intelligence are clouded, no longer in control of the body. The body will lose its human personality and revert to its animal essence. Lost is the hope to advance to the states of Genie, Saint, Immortal, and Buddha. At the same time, when the brain is confused, it becomes an open gate for evil, wreaking havoc on your environment and pushing your soul into continuous reincarnation. Therefore, listen, I forbid you to drink alcohol!

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 173, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

61. The Supreme Being teaches about precept «Not to sin by words»

► *Year of the Earth Dragon (1928)*



CHILDREN, YOUR **MASTER** PROCLAIMS:

DO NOT SIN BY WORD!

Why is lying forbidden?

I have said that I have set up a spirit in your physical body that protects your life. As you have been taught, this spirit is impartial and can communicate with the Genies, Saints, Immortals, Buddhas, and Superior Spirits of the Ngọc Hư Cung (Cabinet of God) and can record all of your good and bad actions. They then transmit this (Akashic) record to the Celestial Judgment Court. All will be recorded there.

Moreover, this holy spirit not only has a duty to protect you, but to educate you as well, through what most people describe as the “*conscience*.” Thus, Confucian Saints have said: “*One who despises people despises one’s own heart. God has determined that this is a crime from which there is no escape.*” When you lie to people, you first lie to yourself, to your own conscience, and thus to your own spirit (which is a part of God).

As I have said, this spirit will submit your every word to the Celestial Judgment Court--and even though you may never have acted on your words, you will be punished for

them just the same, because the effect on the spirit (and therefore on God) will have been the same. Therefore, at the Celestial Judgment Court, none of your words will be omitted. This is why I have instructed you to be careful in your words and your virtues. You should be twice as careful in your speech as in your actions, because the punishment for morally reprehensible speech is the same as punishment for morally reprehensible actions.

It would be wise for you to remember this.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 174*

62. The Supreme Being teaches: Your self-cultivation of virtue is stalled so that the congregation would be shattered.

► *Year K'ý T'ý (February 10, 1929)*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

Time is creeping by, yet the road to the Tao seems endless. Each year, you have to walk a mile, but in looking at you disciples, I find you still hesitating to take a step forward. Alas! Time inexorably flows, and while your self-cultivation of virtue is stalled, your tendency to stray off the path is not! You would let the great spiritual foundation I have set out for you all go to ruin, as you compete to be the worst of the worst, leading to deep division among the congregation. Brutish people are still entranced by honors and wealth; there would seem to be no way to cure this disease infecting the Tao. I am so heartbroken, but I Myself will not change you. I have entrusted important responsibilities to the most reliable among you, but they were too disillusioned to manage these responsibilities, and the congregation was invaded by evildoers.

Alas! Time has flown away; so has your life and the life of the Universe. Children! If you could only bear the difficult situations of life, concede honors, sacrifice self for others, shed tears in exchange for the joy of others, sustain hardship in your livelihood, keep your mind clean and clear, to be touched by others' sufferings, your soul would be purified, and you would be able to return to Me.

You should correct yourself without delay. Try to cooperate with each other to shun the evildoers; this would sustain your merit.

I bless you all.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 174–175, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

63. The Supreme Being teaches about the death of the Thượng Phẩm

- *Tây Ninh Holy See, April 16, 1929 (the 7th day of the 3rd month, midnight)*

YOUR MASTER IS HERE, CHILDREN!

M... Ng..., ask your brothers to call the female disciples up here, the poor women kneeling down there!

I told you clearly that Thượng Phẩm had to return to Me before all of you, but out of sloth, you did not read My holy teachings in order to know.

T...! Do you remember I told you that the Tao is the nothingness; if Thượng Phẩm does not return to his divine position, who is going to guide souls to the celestial gate? Moreover, you are guiding living beings in this world on My behalf; so, there should be someone on the divine plane to receive those souls. (Smiling!)

Th...! You have to build a tomb for Thượng Phẩm in front of the tree with three branches, facing East, like facing Me at the altar. The roof should be of three levels, and covered with tiles exactly like the roof of a Chinese pagoda. Don't build it like Bảo Đạo's tomb, because their titles are different. Around its base, the octagonal tomb should look like it has posts. There should be a hole at the top center to allow the sunlight to shine upon the coffin.

You will be reprimanded by Thái Bạch. Try to follow his counsels to correct yourselves and make peace with

him. Heed Me!

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 175–176, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

64. The Supreme Being teaches: If you cannot love each other, I forbid you to hate each other.

► *January 11th, 1930 (the 12th day of the 12th month of the year Kỵ Tỵ)*



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

I've often told you that you are the body of love, and you don't even know what it is, where it is from? T..., try to find out.

(T... responded)

No, child! Love is the source of life in the universe.

With love, all living beings can be at peace and the universe tranquil. With peace and tranquility, there would be no animosity, no mutual destruction, and subsequently there would be maintenance of life and evolvment.

Do you know who is against life and evolvment? T..., try to find out!

(T... responded)

No! You are blaming evil spirits, but in reality, Satan is the one who destroys evolvment. I am life and Satan death. Tell Me how Satan can harm you.

(T... responded: Satan induces people into hatred to create turmoil among people).

Why don't you use the word "death" to express it more profoundly? Because of hatred, people would despise, then fight each other, leading to the destruction of the world.

Therefore, from now on, if you cannot love each other, I
forbid you to hate each other. Obey!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 176, *Collection of Selected Holy
Messages, Book Two, 1972*

65. The Supreme Being teaches: The practice of the Tao is the opposite of living the secular life in order to get closer to the divine illumination. You cannot practice the Tao and run after secular desires at the same time.

- *Tây Ninh, February 7th, 1930 (the 9th day of the 1st month of the year Canh Ngọ)*



ERE IS YOUR **MASTER.**

Children, I am determined to manifest Tao out of Love, to save humanity in this last era. But the congregation is not perfected; the path has not reached its goal. Many of you have not had good faith in listening to Holy Teachings, thus the congregation is shattered.

Virtuous people became sad and discouraged, and sincere people are not happy to participate. Evildoers have invaded the congregation; wicked, ill-minded people, leading to the deterioration of the cultivation of love and virtue, straight to the wrong path.

The Tao is invaluable and miraculous. When one understands the Tao, one knows self, knows people, knows the situation, knows the moment, understands the non-permanency of honors, distinguishes persistence from death, develops a conscience. One would know that life is a farce full of suffering for its human actors. The wise man distinguishes honorable actions from shameful ones, and thus knows how to manage one's life. He overcomes the present kind of infighting and competition, through which there would be no hope of reaching immortality

or Nirvana.

My blessings were shattered by greedy and ignorant disciples, under the influence of greed for honors and wealth. With the perpetration of these evils, they have led humanity into the abyss, rather than to the Tao; thus has the spirit of the Tao become faint for thousands of years.

Many of you have tried to sacrifice self to become leaders of the Tao. But have any of you yet deserved the title? M... Ng?

M... Ng... answered:.....

Alas! For the sake of millions of souls, I wouldn't have the heart to see all your positions destroyed. Based strictly upon divine justice, none of you deserve to succeed. The practice of the Tao is the opposite of living the secular life. It must be that way in order overcome the mundane and get closer to the divine illumination. I have noticed that many of you on one hand want to practice the Tao, but on the other hand don't want to abandon secular life; the secular life would extinguish the divine flame. You have to have a very strong mind to resist the secular path, or all your efforts toward illuminating the Tao would be in vain.

You want to wear religious raiment and stand in front of human beings as religious leaders, ostensibly to follow the paths of Saints and Immortals. But at the same time, you are still seduced by wealth and influence, using the name of the Tao to build up your own name. You build mansions on earth, wear suits of silk with gold-lined pockets—of what are you the Master? Better to be master of your soul, clothed in virtue, building your mansion

in heaven! Alas! Alas! What religious garb you do wear!
Wayward children who resist my teachings!

In ancient times, followers of the Tao survived dire sufferings, living by self-sacrifice and enduring abject poverty for their souls' sake, never seduced by honors and wealth. They earned divine positions. They were not like those of you today who prefer wealth to empathy, power to virtue, division to brotherhood. You are averse to sacrifice yet contend to be following the right path. Now I ask you, whosoever would agree?

Your music and rituals are not worthy. You are putting on such airs of superiority, relying on others' talent and claiming it as your own; it doesn't take Confucius to quote Confucian books! You will be tried under divine jurisprudence for your impudence. Whoever realizes his divine origin, and repents his worldly flaws, escapes divine wrath and evil pitfalls on his way to the Tao. But what a shame that this congregation has sunk so low! Now you must take on the responsibility with which I've entrusted you, to cooperate with one another in the salvation of living beings for eternity.

M...N..., I allow you to show My holy teachings to your brothers Tr..., Tr.... If the rituals at the Holy See are not perfected as I have previously instructed, evil would come and take control.

I counsel you:

*With sincerity, follow the steps of the Tao,
Renounce riches and secular honor,
Bear up under sackcloth and poverty,*

That you may avoid the clutches of Karma.

I bless all of you.

(Ascension.)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 177–178, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

66. **Nhàn Âm Đạo Trưởng** explains the verses: The rooster in the cage, although being fully fed every day, would not know when it is going to be slaughtered, While the crane, although not having enough to eat, is able to fly freely in the sky.

► *April 12, 1930 (the 17th day of the 3rd month of the year Canh Ngọ)*

NHÀN ÂM ĐẠO TRƯỞNG
(NHÀN ÂM TAOIST MASTER)



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES.

It has been a long time since I have addressed you about the Tao. Today, I'd like to congratulate some of you, who have put all your mind and heart into self-cultivation, but I am sad for many others, who value secular life more than the progress of your soul. The Supreme Being has forgiven you out of love, hoping for peace in the congregation someday. Therefore, you have to cooperate with one another and get back to guiding people in the Tao. This is the only way to repent, and to improve yourselves in order to return to your original spiritual positions. You should have concern for your own futures.

H...., are you now more learned in Vietnamese literature? Many followers have deeply studied the Holy Teachings, so I would ask you to interpret the following poem:

*On the way Home, never mind stumbling blocks,
Slowly but surely, you would reach Nirvana.*

(1) *Though the stomach is empty, the crane is free.*
(2) *Though fully fed, the rooster is caged.*
(3) *Behold all the abandoned tombs of youth,*
(4) *And the surface of water always rippled by the wind.*
Each turn of life leads up one step,
If you hesitate, time evaporates.

(Many people interpreted the poem but without understanding of the four central verses, so explanation is given:)

Verses (1) and (2) are from the poem of Lý Bạch:

The rooster in the cage, although being fully fed every day, would not know when it is going to be slaughtered,

While the crane, although not having enough to eat, is able to fly freely in the sky.

In other words, one would rather be suffering and free, than comfortable yet doomed. Being one with the Tao, one would be divinely free like the crane, although suffering in the physical plane.

Explanation of the verses (3) and (4):

If one looked into who were buried in those abandoned tombs, one would find that they all died young. Life is like a brief ripple in water; one may die at any time. If one does not hasten to follow the Tao, one may die before finding It.

Sakya Muni Buddha has said:

Don't wait until becoming old to learn the Tao,
For many are the abandoned tombs of youth.

You disciples understand?

Verse (4): The water's surface rippled by the wind, is like a human face grimacing under the weight of the mortal coil; only the Tao can help one escape this oppression.

Old literature has also said:

The mountaintop is white, not from great age but from the snow,

The lake ripples, not from angst but from the winds that blow.

Try to understand.

Every body understands the last two verses.

You disciples try to learn the Tao. Obey!

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 179–180, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

67. The Supreme Being teaches: Try to cultivate your virtues in order to prevail against evils.

- ▶ *The 23rd day of the 3rd month of the year Canh Ngo (4-21-1930)*

➞ **Re-evocation.**



ERE IS YOUR **MASTER**, CHILDREN!

Tr..., out of love, I founded the Tao according to the divine mechanism to guide millions of souls to return to their original spiritual positions. I know that many souls have reincarnated with the mission of guiding humanity. They do not mind hard work. So I have asked the Three Religions Court to give them clemency so that they may save My children.

Alas! The Superior Spirits and I have endeavored to help, but you haven't shown much sincerity. Many times the Superior Spirits have wanted to doom you for your impudence, but I was so heartbroken that I have gone so far as to modify the divine mechanism to give you more time, more strength, to guide each other in fulfilling your duties. However, evil has still prevailed. Secular seductions have led you to the wrong path. I am heartbroken to see you lost to evil; some of you for money's sake, others by lust, still others by crimes of power and passion. Each by his own weakness have you lost your way and fallen into cavernous evil, creating separation between you and causing animosities that sap all strength. Weakness has

prevailed, severing your cooperation, your connection, stimulating you to fight against each other so that you became weakened, having no more strength to resist. I considered leaving you to the abyss, but I looked into the divine book and saw that alone, 80% of you would not prevail, so I deigned to bend justice by revealing secrets to help you to correct your own steps, to treat each others' wounds and avoid further injury. Evil has often prevailed though I trusted you to resist. And although you have taken the wrong steps on many occasions, thanks to the merciful guidance of Superior Spirits, you have corrected yourselves in time. I have pity for many others who fell into evil beyond redemption.

The Tao is powerful, but evil power is not negligible either. If you cannot control your temper, the fire inside your heart would incinerate itself. Try to understand My words. If you don't use the authority that I have granted to you to guide your younger brothers and sisters to fight against evil, the latter will lure them all away. You would then be left alone, a single phoenix without strength to rise out of the ashes, and thus the world would change—you would be exiled to the 72nd planet, the lowest planet, with even more sufferings. Realize your important responsibility! If you cannot meet the challenge, you cannot return to your original spiritual position at the end of the divine path.

B...! I have blessed you. You merited My holy blessings, which would have protected you. So why didn't you fulfill your important responsibility? Why did you hurt others? The chief of the Phnom Penh congregation has taken My order to guide people. The more important the duty, the

more difficult the performance; if you don't have enough patience, and are a detriment to him, he may resign like Lý Bạch did previously, and you would have no hope of accomplishing your mission.

I am heartbroken to look into the divine book; those are the last important words for you. It's the same right here, as well as in Phnom Penh. You should cooperate with each other to overcome difficulty. Obey!

I bless all of you.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 180–182, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

68. Quan Thánh Đế Quân teaches to return to the right path

- ▶ *The 15th day of the 5th month of the year Canh Ngọ
(June 8, 1930)*



ERE IS QUAN THÁNH ĐẾ QUÂN (KWAN KUNG)

Greetings to all disciples,

The congregation has not yet been fully established, and already people are too lazy to cultivate their holy virtues, they would compare themselves to Superior Spirits, in trying to show off their broad knowledge.

The situation of the world has changed. According to the divine book, global disasters will soon occur. From the South to the North, from the East to the West, chaos has broken out, occasionally destroying cruel people. Even with unmanifest divine spirit inside, if they aren't awakened, these people would be destroyed. Alas! The divine spark has ignited people's minds, yet are they confused and try to burn the sun itself. They wish to haggle with the Tao until even the Merciful Father cannot meet their price! How they prize their titles—shouldn't they instead be humble, and follow the example given by ancient Superior Spirits, who were all-suffering, all-giving, fully deserving of return to their noble position?

In this illusory life, your existence is like water vapor! You should repent, return to the right path, cultivate virtue, and avoid evil. Arrogance digs your grave; remember that, in order to correct yourself. Contemplate the following

verse:

*The earth's exemplars fall short of perfection,
Pearls of wisdom grow not from this earthly shell,
Growing old, but still confused with fame and shame,
Only spiritual lessons will thus serve you well.
Gold is poor payment for steadfastness of spirit,
Virtue more precious than pearls at your throat,
The divinely ordained have no reason to barter,
For which the battle of heaven's already been fought.
The world's situation keeps evolving, and disasters
will rise,
Before smiting your brother, you should lift up thine
eyes!*

You divinely appointed disciples should explain this poem to living beings.

(Ascension.)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 182–183, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

69. Nhân Âm Đạo Trưởng teaches to be awakened and spiritually strong to avoid destruction

- *The 12th day of the 5th month of the year Canh Ngọ
(June 8, 1930)*



ERE IS **NHÂN ÂM ĐẠO TRƯỞNG**,

Greetings to brothers and sisters,

I follow the order of the Supreme Being to address you, my beloved brothers and sisters.

I am sad for human beings, who haven't found their way unto the Tao, so that they drown in the ocean of suffering until the Judgment Day arrives. It's difficult to save them. Natural disasters also happen, and it's heartbreaking to watch suffering human beings battered and foundered in the wide ocean, while their lifeboat is pitched against the breaks.

The Tao stands steadfastly in Vietnam to protect blessed people. However, the unawakened continue to face destruction without the will of strict self-cultivation.

Harken my words, lift your eyes up to the Heavenly Master in sincere adulation in order to receive blessings leading you to the free and blissful path. You may still experience some petty difficulties in your family, but if you still haggle with the extreme love of life of the Supreme Being, and you would miss the bright, virtuous path that would lead you one step closer to divine ecstasy.

When you are one with the Tao, you may have to

sacrifice your personal secular life in order to fulfill your responsibility of saving millions of people; but how could one regret this sacrifice and worldly inconvenience? Such is the attitude of the Saint who practices the true Tao. Remember.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 183–184, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

70. Lý Bạch teaches that The Tao is not a commodity that you have to sell.

- ▶ *The 5th day of the 5th month of the year Canh Ngọ
(June 10, 1930)*



ERE IS LÝ BẠCH.

Greetings to all friends.

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The Tao is not a commodity that you have to sell; that would be a shame for the Tao.

The Supreme Being has already sown the life-giving seeds; your responsibility is only to care for the plant. If the plant grows strong, it blooms with beautiful flowers and would bear precious fruits. At that time, people from thousands of miles away would follow the fragrance to come and eat of the fruit; you would have no need to denigrate yourselves.

You disciples keep following the straight and narrow path, co-operate with each other to achieve the aims of the Tao, and everything would be successful as ordained by the Supreme Being.

Friend Tr..., you understand clearly? You have been seriously mistaken. You have sold the fame of the Tao once; you should try to claim it back. The Holy See is the origin of fame for the Tao; once it stands here majestically, people would flock here to join. Try to understand and to take care of it.

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(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 184,

71. Lý Giáo Tông teaches: Because you bear a physical body, and therefore could not withstand the full measure of oppression. But for myself, no power of this visible world could touch me. I have to use my divine eyes to recognize the situations for you

► *Holy See, December 24th, 1930 (year Canh Ngo)*

 **ERE IS LÝ GIÁO TÔNG OF ĐẠI ĐẠO TAM KỲ
PHỔ ĐỘ**

Greetings to all friends and young sisters.

I have great affection for you. I have been out of secular life for a long time so that I feel a little strange in evaluating people's minds. Alas, what difficulty! Because earlier, I saw such a big crowd of children of the Supreme Being in this little country Vietnam, that I cannot imagine the multitude once the Tao is spread all over the five continents.

I grow weary of this great responsibility! Because of my promise to the Great Mercy, and of my duty as an elder brother, although I have to use my power to discipline you, I have to try to understand your mind. My only regret is that I cannot get closer to evil people to teach them. It's easy to get close to virtuous people, but it's not necessary, because they all have holy hearts, which are genuinely beautiful in any situation in this suffering world, and which would secure them their divine position without help from anybody. Therefore, what I need to do is to sow the holy seeds into the heart of evil people, hoping for a change of heart, rather than worry about saving virtuous people.

Like you, my duty is to change the world. We would be more comfortable if we know our capabilities. We have to adjust ourselves according to the situation. Difficult situations would produce talented people. If there are obstacles, then thereafter there would be favorable times. We need to be patient to observe all aspects of life.

Dear friends and sisters, you have witnessed many hardships and sufferings during the year of the opening of the congregation. I am well aware of that, and I was moved to bear witness to it. I am determined to stand by you, shoulder to shoulder, to share in all miserable and glorious times.

It's not that I am afraid for me, because no power of this visible world could touch me. I am just afraid for you, who bear a physical body, and therefore could not withstand the full measure of oppression. You friends and sisters don't have the power of prediction in order to avoid those situations.

Therefore, I am determined to take back my authority, using my divine eyes to recognize the situations for you, in order to win the battle against evil at this time. I think I could be of use this way.

I have a close affection with a spiritual friend, who had volunteered to incarnate into the world to save living beings, and then had sustained many sufferings. I have to say that the mechanism of the Karmic book is beyond human imagination. Many times, worldly rewards are spiritual punishments in disguise, and vice versa. Therefore, although you could not understand, you should be cautious about the punishments and the rewards that I implement

in the congregation administration. You should not argue foolishly, criticize blindly, and then waste your life by committing spiritual crimes. Obey!

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 184–186, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

72. The Supreme Being teaches: Understanding the divine will, understanding yourself, and understanding living beings are the ways to find the bright torch of the noble Tao's lighthouse, guiding you out of the ocean storm.

- *The 9th day of the 2nd month of the year Tân Mùi
(4-26-1931)*

JADE EMPEROR ALIAS CAO ĐÀI



REETINGS TO ALL DISCIPLES,

Tr..., the congregation is in disarray because of the divine arrangement. So too, the country is at times in peace, at times in turmoil. Life is at times prosperous, at times in ruins, and so is the congregation. It is at times tense, at times relaxed. The way may be difficult and tortuous before it becomes easy and straight, leading to good organization.

I have founded the Tao for the good of living beings, but many profane people are still confused, attracted by honors, wealth, titles, and power. Finally they fall into the abyss. Justice will judge their crimes, and you may predict the outcome.

If you understand the divine will, you should go straight ahead to the end of your path.

All the heartbreaking vicissitudes in life are already arranged by divine will. In the luck and misfortune of life, you should bear in mind My existence and the Tao, and keep praying. All your worries would be recognized by the Superior Spirits. Understand!

Don't be disturbed and confused like ordinary people. Your mind must remain optimistic, and so be able to prevent invasion of evil. All these words emanate from My loving heart and are for you to remember. Otherwise, misery will surely come.

Understand!

Đ..., come to listen to My teachings and try to understand.

*The human condition being what it is,
To prevail in secular strife is rare.
Yet always love other living beings
And build your merit by being fair.
Like the crane in solitude, forget lost loves,
Don't try to mend broken passions,
But rather cleave to self-cultivation
And return to your holy position.*

Your Karmic debt has been fully paid, and the Tao would serve as your ladder to return to your original spiritual position. Understanding the divine will, understanding yourself, and understanding living beings are the ways to find the bright torch of the noble Tao's lighthouse, guiding you out of the ocean storm.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 186–187, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

73. Lý Giáo Tông teaches that he takes the responsibility of the Giáo Tông to set out the stepping stones for all his younger brothers and sisters to reclaim their positions.

► *August 1, 1931 (Tân Mùi)*

 **ERE IS LÝ GIÁO TÔNG OF ĐẠI ĐẠO TAM KỲ
PHỔ ĐỘ**

Th...Tr...Nh..., I have given you one half of my authority, now I just want to see whether you deserve it or not. I have rescinded the authority of the First Governor of the Three Religions in exchange for the responsibility of the Giáo Tông to set out the stepping stones for all my younger brothers and sisters to reclaim their positions.

Many times I have seen the difficulties that responsibility has wrought, so I went proceeded to disturb the calm so that evil would rear its ugly head and so could be decapitated by the Sacerdotal Council. I am watching your practice of justice in your Three Religions Court. And I implement divine justice, giving many of you a chance to repent by the mercy of the Supreme Being. Otherwise, I would have to excommunicate all of you. Don't think that the degraded situation of the congregation could make me submit myself to you. This is my firm resolution. Try to fulfill your responsibility.

Ng...Tr...Th..., I congratulate you. The future of the Tao is in your hands. You should keep your authority. I am in You, and you are in me. My ability to move the divine mechanism depends on you. Try to follow the order. The

Supreme Being is happy for you.

Th...T...Th..., I am happy for you. I promised to The Supreme Being to create a worthy position for you. You have to co-operate with me with all your sincerity.

Now that the administration is established, you should show your capability as the guardian of humanity. No emperor on earth could be compared to this divine position. Try to realize the importance of this responsibility in order to avoid evil seduction. Understand?

I have not seen anyone who builds up the name for the congregation with all his heart and mind. Instead, a lot of people are spoiling the congregation. You should co-operate with me to fight them. Otherwise you could not avoid the fate that I have predicted. You have to get together with all great dignitaries of the Sacerdotal Council to eradicate evils. Otherwise, I would not promote any of you. You should understand that if you don't have enough spiritual majestic power, you could never win in the battle against these evils. You took the responsibility to teach and train living beings about the Tao in order to save them. I have ways to make evil show its true face. If you listen to false words, you would become their instruments to harm the Tao. Obey!

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 188, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

74. The Supreme Being teaches the Sacerdotal Council to fulfill the duty assigned by Thái Bạch. Any order from Thái Bạch and the Hộ Pháp should be studied thoroughly and implemented by the Sacerdotal Council and High Council.

► *Thảo xá Hiền Cung Tây Ninh, December 23rd, 1931*



HERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

I am pleased to meet you all today.

Listen to this important recommendation to fulfill your duty assigned by Thái Bạch.

Remember there are two powers in the universe: Above is My supreme power, below is the power of living beings. I have created My visible body, which is the Sacerdotal Council of the Great Way, so I have to empower it so that it can save all living beings. You all are among the living beings and have also a power, the counterpart of mine. All living beings are My children, and may progress to the positions of Angels, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas. There are many levels in the powers of living beings, and human beings holds the chief power. I have declared: *“The supreme power is Mine, living beings’ power is My counterpart. Once those two powers become united, the Tao would succeed, reaching its true form. I have granted supreme power to the two leaders of the Sacerdotal Council, who are Giáo Tông and Hộ Pháp. Therefore, when the Giáo Tông and Hộ Pháp are united in one, this supreme power would be perfected. All living beings have their own power, My only counterpart.”*

Thái Bạch has been upset with you, because you did not obey the orders that he and the Hộ Pháp together have promulgated. From now on, any order from both of them should be studied thoroughly and implemented by the Sacerdotal Council and High Council. Thái Bạch has promised Me to promote more of you after the meeting of the Three Religions Court of female dignitaries.

Try to obey him.

I bless all of you.

(*Ascension.*)

P. 188–189, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two*, 1972

75. Nguyệt Tâm Chơn Nhơn teaches: Few souls appear at the gates of Heaven, but a myriad can be seen at the gates of Hell.

- ▶ *Phnom Penh Temple, the 4th day of the 2nd month of the year Nhâm Thân (March 20, 1932)*

 **ERE IS NGUYỆT TÂM CHƠN NHƠN (VICTOR HUGO)**

Greetings to Quyền Giáo Tông, Hộ Pháp, Tiếp Đạo, and Overseas Mission.

Male and female dignitaries, listen.

Few souls appear at the gates of Heaven, but a myriad can be seen at the gates of Hell. I have never seen any man who is useless to the universe, respecting neither others nor himself, who could reach the position of Angel, Saint, Immortal, or Buddha. These divine positions are never reached by mere chance.

In humbly accepting the ordination by the Supreme Being to be leader of the Overseas Mission, I follow the mercy of the Supreme Being, offering openly the spiritual path to all sentient beings, no matter their origin as primary or secondary; and even evil spirits, so they can build credit for service and evolve. All are free, free to make the decision to build up merit depending upon their situation. I will follow the law of justice; if they succeed, they will be accepted into their divine position, if not, they will be eliminated, as the spirit is loathe to abide ineffectual people.

I order you dignitaries to evaluate yourselves and

confess yourselves to Giáo Tông and Hộ Pháp for their judgment.


(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT* 1972, p. 189, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

76. The 8th lady Immortal teaches about the Yin energy.

**THE EIGHTH LADY IMMORTAL
OF THE JASPER POND PALACE**

(Explanation about Âm Quang)

 **M** QUANG OR YIN ENERGY IS THE PRIMORDIAL, CHAOTIC COSMIC ETHER EXISTING BEFORE THE Supreme Being created the universe of form. This Yin energy was stored at the Diêu Trì Cung (Jasper Pond Palace) for the creation of the universe like the ovum for the formation of a human embryo. When the Supreme Being promulgated warm Yang energy, the energy of life, to interact with Yin energy to create the universe, the Âm Quang became the center of creation and nurturer of all beings. As the Yang energy expands, the Yin energy is pushed back and down into darkness. Wherever the Yang energy has not yet reached, the Yin energy remains dark, indistinct, and shadowy without life or incarnation and is therefore called the Yin dimension, or Hell, dimension of sulfur. Many religions believe that it is a place of punishment for souls with base karmic attachments awaiting reincarnation, but in reality, it is a dimension of purgatory, a stopover between Hell and Nirvana, where souls stay to reflect on their past deeds before they are able to ascend. Souls are most afraid of passing through this dimension, but because of this fear, any spiritual conscience remaining in their human body would help

them to follow the Tao. Many souls have to stay at this dimension for hundreds of years depending on their level of purity. The Supreme Being suggests a vegetarian diet for humans to have enough purity to go through this dimension. If you could be fully aware of this dimension, you would be immensely terrified. If your soul is not pure you cannot return to the Supreme Being. I am aware that many souls have to stay there for thousands of years. The 7th Lady Immortal dwells there to support and guide them. All souls need help, whether or not they are corrupted. This is the truth.

(Ascension.)

77. The 8th lady Immortal notifies about the final arrangements by the Supreme Being to preserve the destiny of living beings. The 6th lady Immortal teaches that all Superior Spirits are happy about the changes of the procedures.

- *Tây Ninh (Phạm Môn) February 12, 1933 (the 29th day of the 12th month of the year Quý Dậu)*



HERE IS BÁT NƯƠNG (THE 8TH FEMALE FAIRY)

*How joyful to see us helping one another to succeed,
How joyful to see the Tao becoming bright and prosperous,
How joyful to know the physical body grows stronger,
How joyful for the conscience becoming more noble,
How joyful for human beings to take steady steps toward the Tao,
How joyful for the blessed soul not being damaged,
How joyful for the Tao supporting the world,
How joyful for the right path becoming manifest.*

I am content to witness the final arrangements by the Supreme Being. I remember when the Jade Palace ordained the Hiệp Thiên Đài to preserve the destiny of living beings and to establish the congregation, The Great Gentle Father changed the procedure and entrusted that power to the Cửu Trùng Đài. All angels, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas of the Jade Palace marveled at this. The Great Gentle Father then proclaimed: “*It is very good, not bad! You will come to understand My reasoning later.*”

Lục Nương Diêu Trì Cung (the sixth female fairy of the Jasper Pond Palace)

Greeting to all brothers!

I was at the Ngũ Quan Cung; when the 8th female fairy announced that you were waiting, I hurried to come. This morning, I learned the good news: The Jade Court has changed the procedures. All divine records were destroyed, all rules were changed. Angels, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas were happy. The Holy Mother of the Jasper Pond was extremely pleased so that she was shedding tears in giving this poem:

*Children who suckle at the breast,
Are unaware of the kiss of fate!
Though the title of Ngũ Mã be lofty,
The destiny of the Hiệp Thiên is safe.
The holy heart fades in the light of desire,
The youthful body will turn to dust.
It's best to keep moving ever forward,
While I'll worry for you, as I must!*

Brother 2! That poem made every one of the Jasper Pond Palace shed tears. You should contemplate on it so that you won't get lost on your way to divine honor. Brothers Qu..., Th..., Kwan Yin orders you to be patient and wait for her help.

(Ascension.)

■ TNHT 1972, p. 191–192, *Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

78. Quan Am teaches: The most precious element of the Tao is harmony.

- ▶ *The 17th day of the 3rd month of the year Quý Dậu (1933)*

ERE IS THƯỜNG CƯ NAM HẢI QUAN ÂM NHƯ
LAI.

Greetings to all younger brothers and sisters.

Listen!

The most precious element of the Tao is harmony. Try to imagine it. The creation of the universe is born from the harmony between Yin and Yang energies. The creation and sustenance of all living beings depends also on harmony. Even the organs inside of a body, need to have harmony to function; if not for homeostasis, beings could not live. As for the soul, if the six desires and the seven emotions rise up against the conscience, and if they prevail, human beings would live solely according to the physical body's needs, without realizing the divine will. What would be the value of such a person without harmony?

If there is no harmony in the family, there would be conflict between children and parents, separation between husband and wife, and unrest between brothers and sisters.

If there is no harmony in a country, there would be turmoil. If there is no harmony in the world, humanity would take to war. Therefore, I recommend you to create harmony first in any situation.

(Ascension.)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 192, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

79. Quan Am teaches: According to the love of life of the Great Merciful Father, we have to open the heart to love all living beings because they are all created by the Merciful Father.

► *April 21, 1933 (year of Quý Dậu)*



HERE IS THƯỜNG CƯ NAM HẢI QUAN ÂM NHƯ LẠI.

Greeting to all younger brothers and sisters.

Do you know why we have to love all living beings?

Because the Merciful Father created all living beings in the universe, therefore they all have the same spiritual constituent. The love of life of the Great Merciful Father is unlimited. We are one of many species in the universe and are affected by the laws of creation and sustenance. If we take one life, we take away from the Great Mercy. When the Great Mercy is hurt, so is Heaven and Earth. People do not understand this; you think people would dare to hurt the Majesty? Therefore, opening the heart to love all living beings including the lowliest species is a way to avoid Karmic law; the divine law is completely impartial. Even though we haven't eyes to see it, nothing could ever escape the divine law. The other reason is that when we are born on this Earth, the Great Mercy grants us all a part of His spirit, which is more intelligent than that granted to other beings, so that we may have dominion over and guide all other weaker species. Try to imagine, in this world, would any father who happens to have a non-pious child, not be sorrowful? Thus, what happens when

the Great Merciful Father has a child without universal love of life? Why do human beings try to go against God, the Great Merciful Father?

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 192–193, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

80. Quan Am teaches: You should participate in worship ceremonies frequently in order to be attuned to Superior Spirits, to pray to the Great Mercy to forgive you and all living beings, to be receptive to the Great Mercy, and to open the loving kindness.

► *May 8, 1933 (year Quí Dậu)*

*Cultivate a sincere heart in a clear and just way,
The more one serves humanity, the more The Tao shines.
Immortality is reached by enlightenment gained
With a gentle body and a cultivated mind*



REETINGS TO ALL YOUNGER BROTHERS AND
SISTERS.

You should participate in worship ceremonies frequently.

1. First, your soul would be attuned to Superior Spirits,
2. Secondly, you may pray to the Great Mercy to forgive you and all living beings,
3. Thirdly, when you perform rituals, your mind is receptive to the Great Mercy,
4. Fourthly, when you have these positive feelings, you would open the loving kindness in your heart and your conscience, and you become more enlightened.

Try to remember.

Regarding the spreading of the Tao, don't hurry too much, but don't be lazy either.

Your sincerity would touch the Great Mercy, and

your care would lead to success, even if it concerns petty matters. Moreover, the great Tao is extremely important for the salvation of all living beings, who have foundered in the ocean of sufferings.

Try to follow my words so you may find Glory one day—the Glory beyond anything on Earth.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 193–194, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

81. Nguyệt Tâm Chơn Nhơn teaches: the Law is established. If you follow the laws, the organization would succeed; if not, it would fall into ruin.

► *Overseas Mission, Phnom Penh*

*The 3rd day of the 4th month of the year Quý Dậu
(May 26, 1933)*

 **ERE IS NGUYỆT TÂM CHƠN NHƠN, OR VICTOR HUGO.**

Greetings to great dignitaries, friends, and younger sisters.

When the Law is established, out of its very nature it would necessitate cooperation between people in order to create a great foundation based on brotherhood. The Law has many aspects, which are applied according to the different organizations; we may also establish needed organizations and drop unnecessary ones. The laws that the Supreme Being has created are useful for the executive organization of the Great Way. If you follow the laws, the organization would succeed; if not, it would fall into ruin. No exception can be made for any member of the Sacerdotal Council. We have to follow His laws so that the Sacerdotal Council could acquire its authority. Anyone who acts against the laws would cause turmoil.

Whoever acts against secular laws would be judged by the society. Whoever acts against divine laws, would be excommunicated by the Sacerdotal Council, or be

destroyed by divine power; from then on, we should consider those people as enemies of the Sacerdotal Council, and should have no dealings with them. I have obeyed the order of the Jade Court to work for the Tao, so I could not pardon them. From now on, The Overseas Mission will implement the laws strictly. I pray that the Giáo Tông and Hộ Pháp would cast out the law-breakers.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 193–194, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

82. The 7th lady Immortal teaches about the Yin energy

- ▶ *The 9th day of the 4th month of the year Giáp Tuất (1934)*



HERE IS THE SEVENTH FEMALE FAIRY OF THE JASPER POND PALACE.

I regret that even though I informed you of the time I deigned to come, you didn't evoke me at the correct time and therefore I could not come to meet with you, and in my stead some usurpers claimed the name of the Jasper Pond Palace in order to deceive you. The damage done is not negligible from the spiritual point of view. If we were dealing with evil spirits, I would have ways to deal with them, but this problem was caused by the medium, and I have no power to sway the minds of superstitious people.

Dear sisters, I have to remind you that at the meeting at the Jade Court Palace regarding the reception of the laws from Nirvana, I overheard lamentation from The Địa Tạng Vương Bồ Tát (Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva) that he, as a Buddha, could not approach female souls to counsel them. Therefore, in the Yin dimension, there are more females than males who committed crimes waiting in limbo for counsel. He wished to have a female fairy to take responsibility to counsel female souls in order to save them from the Yin purgatory. I am very concerned and have already taken care of this issue. I am dismayed to see many souls suffering badly just for petty deeds. I have plans to help those souls avoid the Yin purgatory.

First, I should explain the Yin dimension so that you may understand.

The Yin dimension is a purgatory that Theosophy calls the “*waiting area*” for those who have just passed away, or who are ready to reincarnate. The Great Merciful Father has assigned that place as a meditation hall for the souls to contemplate on their good and bad deeds during their life. It is a place of self-evaluation. If all living being knew to self-evaluate throughout their lives, they would not face the purgatory of this Yin dimension. As a last resort, even if they have committed many crimes, they may still repent in the last minutes before death and pray to the Supreme Being for forgiveness and salvation and thus they may receive blessings from the Supreme Being and may be able to avoid Yin purgatory. For in the case when the soul repents, then receives and understands the teachings, they may save themselves, or may be saved by the benefit of their children’s prayers.

Alas! Despite generous blessings from the Supreme Being, innumerable souls are still exiled to the Yin dimension every day, because they didn’t have enough faith in God, and violated their oath. I am heartbroken to see that so many of them are female.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 195, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

83. The Supreme Being teaches about spiritism (conscious and unconscious mediums)

► July 20, 1934



HERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

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Previously, the mediums were ignorant and did not have such strong minds as yours. In every séance, they were exhausted after getting only a few words from the spirit. If the mediums are totally unconscious, they may obtain excellent poems, yet they may become confused afterward. That method is no good way to spread the Tao.

(Question about the Superior Spirits entering the physical body of the mediums)

Your spirit is disturbed when coming in contact with discordant energy. I use My energy to protect you and sometimes have to enter your physical body to do so. For the same reason, when you take the oath, My energy enters your body every time.

84. The Supreme Being teaches about the curing diseases for living beings



ERE IS YOUR MASTER, CHILDREN!

I congratulate you for your faithful hearts, My two children! Previously, I only ordered you to cure diseases for the disciples, because I wanted to observe your attitudes toward serving humanity. Your love toward humanity is in attunement with the love of all life by the Creator. Therefore, you have to care not only for disciples of other religions but also for your enemies.

(*Ascension.*)

- *TNHT 1972, p. 196, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

85. The Cao Thượng Phẩm teaches: Please help people out from suffering. Don't make anyone suffer.

- ▶ *The 15th day of the 7th month of the year Giáp Tuất (1934)*



ERE IS CAO THƯỢNG PHẨM.

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When I was still alive, I was so angry, I wished that if I only had my divine authority, I would fan them all away to Hell. But since I left my physical body and reached enlightenment, I came instead to love them so much that I was afraid that if they got lost on the wrong path, I would lose a precious spiritual friend. Therefore, I have to guide them with each of their steps, depending on the level of their own mind and heart. If by chance, I failed to guide them back to their original spiritual position, I would try at least to prevent their exile to Hell, by praying to the Three Religions Court to allow them to reincarnate to pay off their karmic debt.

Dear brother! Would you be satisfied to watch the congregation tumble down just because of petty, meaningless matters?

Responsibility is of the primary importance; personal matters are secondary. You should realize your origin in order to avoid routine mistakes. Superior Spirits have often said: *“Secular honors and wealth are petty matters. The fame of the Tao is much more important. Treat people equally*

regardless of their names, even if you have to sacrifice your personal interests in order to fulfill your duty.” The progress of the Tao has been much delayed. It’s wasting the hardship borne by the Master to found the Tao for us to save living beings in the first place. This delay is due to the people’s profane hearts. Please don’t blame anyone. Don’t make anyone suffer. Life is an ocean of sufferings ringed by a shore of confusion. If one may escape from that suffering ocean, one shouldn’t waste their life being confused and caught up in the midst of worldly attractions.

(Ascension.)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 196–197*

86. Thái Thượng Đạo Tổ teaches about some indispensable secret matters

- *The 16th day of the 7th month of the year Giáp Tuất (1934)*



ERE IS **THÁI THƯỢNG ĐẠO TỔ.**

Greeting to all disciples.

(Smiles.) Perhaps you all are surprised by my sudden unexpected visit!

(M...Ng...replied: Yes Sir, indeed we are, because Thượng Phẩm has announced the coming of the Supreme Being)

The Supreme Being entrusted me to reveal some indispensable secret matters to guide you through this turmoil among the congregation.

M...Ng...! Do you remember my previous explanation using different ways and terms to guide you?

Divine providence is miraculous to humanity. But to the Tao, it is even more miraculous and important, so that even intelligent people couldn't explain it. The many roles that the Supreme Being has cast on the stage of the Tao are in the same league as the roles of ancient prophets of Old who were responsible for guiding humanity in antiquity. To be worthy you must try to be calm, to suppress your internal fire, have immense energy and a generous heart so that you would not be angry toward the many disciples who, by following their natures, create turmoil in this furtive,

heavy world. You should understand that everything that happens has a term and a cause. You, and even your elders, should evaluate situations based on the virtues of people. You may then understand the colossal providence of the Supreme Being.

In history, even though Hồn Bái Công was not a clear-sighted king, the divine mechanism had fated his dynasty to last three hundred years. He was jealous of talented persons, was distrustful and easily swayed to doubt, and even eliminated virtuous people in whom he found no use. Anyone other than Trương Lương would get angry and complain. Lots of other foolish kings, such as the excessively lustful Võ Tắc Thiên, the corrupted Tuỳ Dương Đế, the tyrannical Sở Hạng, and the debauched Tần Thủy Hoàng, were also arranged by divine mechanism to stay on their thrones for a long time, despite their unjust actions against many meritorious officials! (Smiles!) Well, that is just worldly life. It is the same in religious life; everything happens according to divine justice. The heroes with heavy responsibility to the country would have to fulfill their duties, and their merits would be reported to the divine court or recorded in history, though dismissed by those foolish leaders.

Alas! Resentment can erase such great works of the past! Some just look at the actions of others, yet know nothing about the divine will of the Supreme Being. You are aware of the situation, but don't devote your time to create opportunities to guide living beings in time to save them! I ask you four friends, among you, who has ever suffered in life for the happiness of living beings?

(T... D... answered)

(Smiles!) That is nothing compared to virtuous people of antiquity. If the Supreme Being did not found the Tao early enough, even 20 to 30 years later, all current primary souls would have to re-incarnate many times more. Time has flown away quickly. Living beings are getting lost and confused, without having the torch or wisdom to light their way.

M...Ng..., do you know what would be the result? Probably not! But for the sake of your divine position, please take care of to living beings. Will you do so?

(M...Ng... responded)

(Smiles!) Responsibility is responsibility. If you like to work, any amount of work would not be enough, any time wouldn't be early enough. When you think that it's too early, that is because your mind isn't made up. The Supreme Being has modified the Way out of love for His children. Couldn't you make up your mind to become more generous, in order to deserve that love?

Unjust? Just? (Smiles!) Even myself, I could not determine whether it's right or wrong. Nobody could predict the future. In misfortune, there may always be sudden luck and vice versa. It's difficult to predict. Just do what is needing to be done. Talking about right or wrong, no one in this world with a physical body could say that they are right. Many evil events happen without a revealed cause. That is the case of discord used by the divine will, by the Three Religions Court to challenge people, or by demons to disturb the Tao. But they all lead to divine

results. At the end, you just need to return to the Master with your sincere heart and all the service you have given to humanity.

The congregation was divided into three. M...Ng..., where do you like to serve? Holy See, the center, or the Delta? (*M...Ng...: At the Holy See*)

The Holy See is the head of the Tao. If you'd like to serve there, according to the instruction of the Master, you can go ahead. You may change your way of practice depending on the situation, according to your own responsibility, and I don't want to interfere with your decision. But if you hesitate, it would be too late. You should evaluate yourself. Secular life is different from religious life. You should recognize your mistakes that have caused sufferings to yourself.

(*Ascension.*)

■ *TNHT 1972, p. 197–199, Collection of Selected Holy Messages, Book Two, 1972*

87. Ly Thai Bach congratulates the Hộ Pháp for his patience and hardship in improving the congregation.

- ▶ *Hộ Pháp Residence, the 18th day of the 10th month of the year Ất Hợi (November 13, 1935)*



HERE IS LÝ THÁI BẠCH.

Greetings to Hộ Pháp, dignitaries of Hiệp Thiên Đài, Cửu Trùng Đài and Overseas Mission.

Wait for the Thượng Phẩm to release the corbeille a bec.

I come to the private residence of the Hộ Pháp, so I excuse you from the rituals. You may all stand up. Hộ Pháp, because there was no séance set up, I could not come to chat with you. Secondly, because the divine mechanism has changed, it was useless for me to come. Today because of the enthronement ceremony, I'm pleased to come here to congratulate you all. I want to thank Hộ Pháp for his patience and hardship in improving the congregation. I am ashamed for not helping. Thanks.

(Hộ Pháp addressed:.....)

(Smiles!) Needless to say, even if I would like to do anything, my hands are tied in front of a powerless Sacerdotal Council. What fortune! The divine mechanism has not been corrupted, so now I have a chance to execute my power.

(Hộ Pháp addressed: The divine mechanism has changed; I would like to return to you the responsibility of

Giáo Tông, so that you may be fully empowered to handle the divine arrangements.)

(Smiles!) But I am afraid that it isn't so. Firstly, since I have given it away, I would not take it back. Secondly, it's easy to administer, but difficult to discipline. If you don't have half of my power, you would not be able to run the Sacerdotal Council. So leave it as it is for now. Listen to this poem and try to understand:

*The lifeboat pushes out from shore,
Saving lives before they're drowned.
I hoist sail, Providence mans the oar,
Of this ship no storm e'er floundered.
Superior Spirits will bid you laugh
Whilst Karma's sunk by gale,
Swing wide your evil-smiting staff,
Beat shut the doors to Hell!*

(Ascension.)

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