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## FOREWORD

Religious faith is one of the important elements that constitute the spiritual life of the mankind. There might be certain groups of "heretics" making use of religion to fool the innocent people, but they cannot overshadow the lofty objectives of religion in teaching people to be upright. The accomplishments of religion, law and morality in maintaining social order, upholding public morals, developing good human nature and promoting harmonious relationship among the people are imperishable. That is why the various religions can go on forever with their lofty goals without distinction of race or intelligence of the people. Religious belief is one of the fundamental human rights which everybody deserves. This right is acquired through wars, sufferings and dedication and sacrifice of numerous faithful followers. It is indeed won through a long, strenuous and painful course. Freedom of religion has been officially recognized and protected by law everywhere in the world after the advent of the democratic era with the only exception of Communist territories. Ever since the emergence of Communist reactionary totalitarian rule, the great masses of the people under Communist domination have again been deprived of freedom of religion and subjected to all kinds of persecution.

The loss of freedom of religion and persecution of religion in Communist-controlled territories are viewed by some people as a result of Communist "atheism." As a matter of fact, it is not so simple as they think; it is the Communist ruling system that causes so. To make it easier to understand, the Communist ruling system comprises political totalitarianism, economic monopoly and thought control (i.e., ideological monopoly). They are interrelated and mutual-supporting. The Communists use political totalitarianism and economic monopoly as a weapon to force the people to give up all other ideologies and accept Communist ideology, and then use the Communist ideology forced on the people as an

assurance to maintain their political totalitarianism and economic monopoly. Religious belief is also a matter of ideological nature. As long as a person has a religious faith, he will never accept Communist ideology. Therefore, the Communists are determined to destroy and eliminate all religions.

China is a country of multi-nationalities and multi-religions. Despite wars between different nationalities during the evolution of Chinese race since ancient time, various religions are generally compatible. They maintain their respective beliefs, and they are not mutual-repulsive or mutual-interfering, although some of the religions which were originated and introduced into China from other countries may have shown signs of mutual repulsion in other parts of the world. It is the compatible and congenial spirit of Chinese race and Chinese culture which brings about such high degree of harmony.

After the Chinese Communist takeover of the Chinese mainland, all the people on the mainland were suddenly thrown into a dark, miserable abyss, not only religious adherents. However, religious adherents apparently are subjected to dual persecution. On the one hand, they are constantly under the Chinese Communist yoke of enslavement and suppression, and on the other hand, they are kept under strict control by the Chinese Communists and suffer spiritual humiliation. The reason is that to the Chinese Communists, such ideological "heresy" of religion is an implacable enemy destructive of the soul, and therefore, it must be completely destroyed.

There is not much difference between the Chinese Communist regime and other Communist regimes in their motivation and purpose of intolerance and persecution of religion. However, the Chinese Communist regime takes much more drastic measures in doing so, yet it always covers up such criminal acts with artful schemes in order to deceive the world people. As a result of such deception, up to date, there are still



a number of nations and many people who consider religion nearest to their heart fail to see the truth of Chinese Communist persecution of religion. On the contrary, among those who have visited the Chinese mainland, some are deluded by Communist falsehood and misled to think that freedom of religion still exists on the mainland. Just like what was told us by Michael Lindsay who for a period of time did propaganda work for Chinese Communists but has now recognized the true face of Chinese Communists, the Westerners are inclined to approach the question of Communism with metaphysical intuition rather than rational distinction.

Through this pamphlet we intend to unveil objectively before the world the truth of Chinese Communist persecution of religion in the hope that the world people will have a general knowledge of Chinese Communist criminal acts in respect of their treatment of religion and be alert against their deceptive schemes.