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FOREWORD

At the end of Lower Period (Hạ ngươn), many people have exhausted their intellects in pursuit of material civilization. They indulge in exquisite delicacies, live in magnificent houses, and dress in luxurious silk. When stepping outside, they travel by horse-drawn carriage or car. These worldly pleasures in this transient realm cause people to become infatuated. Consequently, they compete and fight for fortune, bustling and deceptive in the arena of life; the strong win, the weak lose, the clever survive, and the foolish perish. Many intelligent individuals use their wits as weapons to harm others, while those in high positions use their power to oppress the common people. Year-round, they focus only on physical pleasures, ensuring their spouses and children are well-fed and happy, living each day for its own joy. They consider death to be an end, and regard Heaven and Hell as an absurd story. Friends betray trust, and spouses forget their marital duties, engrossed in the contemporary time, causing customs and traditions to change. Alas! As the waves of civilization surge, moral foundations waver.

If the Divine Way does not soon reveal itself for the third time, cultural and ethical values will inevitably deteriorate.

Due to His compassion, the Jade Emperor could not bear to see humanity fall into sin, so He used the miraculous power of Divine inspiration to descend and teach the Way. For over a year, He has bestowed countless precious words. Fearing that the lofty language might be incomprehensible to the common people, rendering His teachings ineffective, the Supreme Being chose to use the national language for ease of understanding.

New disciples who joined after the period of ceasing spirit writing were not fortunate enough to hear the sacred and precious words of the Great Compassionate One. Now, the Sacerdotal Council has compiled the sacred teachings received through spirit writing, printing them into two volumes to disseminate for everyone to understand.

It is thought that among the followers, whether old or new, anyone with a sincere heart for the Way would not be overjoyed to receive these Divine Teachings.

Thus, dear disciples, men, and women of faith, please cherish these sacred words of the Buddha and God. In your leisure time, reflect on them first to understand the profound mysteries of the Way, and then to cultivate your own virtue.

A household that possesses these Divine Messages Books will shine with the Divine light of spiritual enlightenment.

Tây Ninh Holy See

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Divine Message 1

Noël 1925

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

For countless ages, I hold sovereign command,
Delight in cultivation and enjoy Heaven's hand.
The sacred Way spreads across the mortal land,
A thousand years, countless names, its virtues withstand.

Tonight, December 24th, should be joyous because it is the day I descended to Earth to teach the Way in the West (Europe). I am incredibly pleased to see my disciples honor and love Me so much.

This house will be filled with My blessings (House of M. C...). The appointed time is near; wait for my command. I will perform miracles so that you may revere Me even more.

CHIÊU, KỶ, TRUNG guide, **HOÀI** nurtures life's seed,
BẢN, SANG, QUÍ, GIẢNG build the Way to succeed.
HẬU, ĐỨC, TẮC, CƯ dwell in Heaven and Earth's domain,
Hườn, Minh, Mân uphold the altar's sacred name.

(The twelve capitalized words in the three sentences above are the names of the first twelve disciples of the Jade Emperor Supreme God. The three italic words in the last sentence are the names of three attendants of the spirit writing)

Divine Message 2

January 3rd, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Operating the Planchette - Holding the Pen

Using the planchette or automatic writing requires a calm and focused spirit and mind to allow the Perispirit to detach from the physical frame, enabling it to present itself before Me and receive My teachings.

When engaging in this practice, your hand follows the guidance of the Perispirit, which conveys the message and writes it down, akin to how you carry out instructions. Understand it in this way.

What is the Perispirit?

It is the Perispirit, the spiritual body. When still in the physical body, it is exceedingly difficult to separate, as the physical body holds it back.

The Perispirit of Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas is incredibly mystical, neither consumed nor destroyed. A true spiritual practitioner, even while still in their physical body, if they achieve enlightenment, can send their Perispirit out before

death to travel the Heaven. This Perispirit is then allowed to approach Me.

If one is entranced while holding the planchette, the Perispirit can completely leave the body. I direct it to write certain words, and it follows; I mention a letter, and the physical body moves the planchette to write it. If the letter is incorrect, the Perispirit hears it and does not comply. I will instruct it to rewrite and scold the one who misread it.

When it comes to automatic writing, when I come, I cause your Perispirit to be unsettled for a moment, allowing it to detach and listen to My teachings. Your hand then follows My guidance and writes accordingly. This is a union of one part of you and one part of Me, harmonized together, enabling the understanding of Heaven and Earth and the mastery of all things.

Before operating the planchette or holding the pen, one must change into clean clothes, wash thoroughly, and then proceed before the Sacred Altar to perform the task, ensuring not to be disrespectful. When operating the planchette, maintain a pure mind without worldly thoughts. The hand holding the planchette should also be purified with incense, and the mind should be clear for a moment, then allow the spirit to exit the body to attend the teachings. One must have a refined Soul for true mystical experiences; One must practice a strict vegetarian diet to achieve a pure and advancing Soul. Cultivating the virtues of Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas is essential to support the planchette for teaching the Way to all beings. Those operating the planchette or holding the pen are like My Generals, spreading the Way to the world. My children do not think that spirit writing is a trivial matter. As for the

transmission of the Spirit to receive the Divine light, everyone has this energy within them. It connects with external energy, and then their spirit writes it down, sometimes accurately, sometimes not.

Therefore, whenever operating the planchette, one must wait for My command before proceeding.

Divine Message 3

February 20, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

The sacred throne adorned with blossoms divine,
Branches unite to form one home, a sign.
Together, we nurture virtue's firm foundation,
With steadfast hearts, attain My salvation.

The fountain of immortality is no easy find,
To grasp heaven's might, the cosmos confined.
Shed past forms through ten thousand lives,
Today, salvation flows where the world thrives.
To seek the virtuous, seeds of Dao are cast,
Transforming the wicked, sorrows are unmasked.
Though earthly woes tempt one to withdraw,
The day of Enlightenment is not far in awe!

The branch you belong to is the main branch over which I
preside, and you will understand this in the future.

I am pleased when you live in harmony with each other
always; this is a precious offering to Me. You must collectively
work for the honor of My Way.

My Way is you, and you are Me. You must empower and support one another—do not quarrel or envy each other! Fulfill your roles as I intend, and in time, you will clearly understand My will.

Enter the circle of brotherhood with care and love,
Virtue surpasses the highest ranks above.
Determined, tread the path to Heaven's gate,
Shared flesh and blood make us true compatriots by fate.

You must understand that I am wondrous. The teaching method must be adapted to each child's intelligence.

Even a mundane teacher must do the same; if a less capable child is taught in an advanced manner, how could they understand?

I forbid you from criticizing others; especially your fellow practitioners, do not wrong them, for it would be unjust. Always remember that I am present in all things.

Regardless of same lineage, we are one family,
United by one Way, thus one Father,
With righteousness, entrust our lives for a hundred years,
Teaching each other the virtue of harmony.

I instruct you on one thing: always wait for My command and do not make judgments based on your own thoughts. Your duties and responsibilities have been predetermined by Me, but the time has not yet come; you must follow My words, understand?

From now on, I will begin teaching the Way to
.....

In the Bạch Ngọc Kinh (White Jade Palace), there are both men and women; do not mistakenly think there is any distinction. There are female Immortals and Buddhas with even greater power and authority than many males.

Tr..... has received a mission from Me, wherever you go, I will follow. The words of virtue from your mouth are My words, bestowed upon you to spread the Way; teach according to the circumstances. You alone do not have enough power to convince people. Regardless of gender or nationality, if someone wishes to know the Truth, you must guide them and tell them to come listen to My teachings, so that they may cultivate themselves; initially, you should not impose too much on them.

Remember what I say from now on: even if it were stone, iron, or plants that hear the Divine Words I speak through you, they would be joyous, let alone humans. Keep this in mind and be at peace.

The sun now peeks beyond the veiled clouds,
Together, we gather to tread the sacred route.
High virtues grant the worthy hands to guide,
From closeness, we travel ten thousand miles.

I have told you: Whatever you contemplate, I have already instilled in your heart. When you plan something, it is because I have already determined it. You need not worry heavily. The Way is meant for those with affinity. Those who have become disciples of "*Evil spirits and Devious Beings*" cannot become My disciples.

The Righteous holds a natural trace of Wrong,
Between Right and Wrong, who can clearly belong?
How could mere mortals ascend to Saints divine,
To transform, you must first seek Me in time.

... Those who have already enjoyed the blessings of their past lives and now violate the Divine Laws—how can such sins ever be absolved? You know that even the laws of the earthly world are impartial, so how can one escape the judgment of Divine Laws? Even if you are My children, I will still use My divine authority to administer justice without favoritism. You must deeply fear the consequences of your sins. Fear is essential for self-discipline. To know fear is to guard yourself properly. You must understand clearly that: “*Heaven and Earth are impartial.*” Do not rely on having a “Divine Father” and become dismissive of My authority. Remember this well, My children.

Divine Message 4

February 23, 1926

To teach the young, first teach your own mind,
Education's worth blooms in union combined.
Respect for the secular upholds the Divine,
Each point of light reflects a sacred sign.

POETIC TEACHING AND PROMISES

This means: the children you teach will eventually grow up to become people of the world. That is Life. If you respect Life, then strive to teach them to be virtuous.

A point of Sacred Light is a human soul; it is the most sacred thing I treasure. If you wish to do good, strive to guide these souls to be virtuous (Explanation of the two lines of poetry).

Divine Message 5

February 25, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Trung, come to the center and perform the ceremony for ME to see...

You performed the ceremony correctly, remember to recite My mantra each time: "**Nam-Mô Cao-Đài Tiên-Ông Đại Bồ-Tát Ma-Ha-Tát**"

The grand ceremony involves performing three rituals:

- The first time, offering incense and flowers,
- The second time, offering wine,
- The final time, offering tea.

You must personally present these offers.

When performing the ceremony, clasp your hands together, but with the left hand in the TÝ position, the right hand facing up underneath, and the left hand placed on top.

From now on (February 25, 1926), Jan 13th of the Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần) you must make a ceremonial robe with wide sleeves and a loose collar, similar to a Daoist robe, but with nine fastenings and in sky blue. Remember to wear spiked shoes to serve Me, while for everything else, keep your feet bare.

What is prostration?

- It is an outward expression of inner reverence and respect.

Why clasp the hands together?

- The left represents the Sun, the right represents the Moon, which signifies Yin and Yang. The unity of Yin and Yang initiates the creation of Heaven and Earth, giving rise to continuous transformation. This is the Way (Đạo).

Why prostrate twice to the living?

- It symbolizes the origin of sentient beings from the union of Yin and Yang. This is the Way (Đạo).

Why prostrate four times to the deceased?

- Because two prostrations represent the human aspect, while one prostration is for Heaven and one prostration is for Earth.

Why prostrate three times to Deities and Saints?

- It is to prostrate to those in the third rank of Heaven, and it also signifies the unity of Essence, Energy, and Spirit. This is the Way (Đạo).

Why prostrate nine times to Immortals and Buddhas?

- Because it honors the nine Lords of the Nine Heavens who initiated creation.

Why prostrate twelve times to Me?

- You do not know, do you?

The Twelve Heaven Creator (Thập Nhị Khai Thiên) is Me, the Lord of the Universe, who holds the Twelve Time Spirits (Thập Nhị Thời Thần) in My hands; the number twelve is uniquely Mine.

... It is not yet time for you to fully understand why the Holy Symbol "The Eye" is used to worship Me, but I will give a brief explanation for you to understand a little.

The Eye is the master of the heart.

The Two Lights are the Lord

Light is Spirit,

Spirit is Heaven,

Heaven is Me.

The spirit has been the missing element of the mystical mechanism since the Way was sealed. Establishing the "Third Amnesty of God" (Tam Kỳ Phổ Độ), only I allow the **"Spirit"** to unite with **"Essence and Energy"** to form the complete **"Three Treasures,"** which is the mystical mechanism for transcending the ordinary and entering sainthood.

Remember to explain to your fellow followers why they worship My Eye.

... The ranks of Deity, Saint, Immortal, and Buddha, since the closure of the Way, have remained governed by unchanged laws and unaltered methods of cultivation. However, each time, the Heavenly Court has dispersed the Spirit, preventing it from uniting with Essence and Energy.

I have come to restore the Perispirit to you so that you may attain the Dao. You must understand that **"the Spirit resides in the eye."** Explain this clearly to your fellow followers. The essential foundation of Immortals and Buddhas lies in this principle. I advise you to always remember My Name whenever you speak of the Dao.

Divine Message 6

March 13, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I tell you this in advance so that later you do not blame Me for not having enough authority to fully guide all disciples.

You must understand that: in all things, there is truth and there is falsehood; if there were no truth, how could one recognize falsehood? And without falsehood, how could one distinguish truth? ... Laugh...

I tell you that to be worthy of being My disciple requires great asceticism. The more I love you, the more I will test you. Only those worthy of being My disciples will be welcomed into the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh); otherwise, the gates of Hell will invite you. Love and hate, who can truly understand this, oh!

Therefore, I do not refrain from giving advice out of dislike, nor do I refrain from sending demons to tempt out of love. I warn you in advance to guard yourselves; around you, whether near or far, I have released a pack of wolves among you. I constantly encourage them to seize the opportunity to attack you; however, I have already given you a suit of armor that they cannot see - it is your virtue.

Therefore, strive to keep this armor until the day you are reunited with Me.

Listen and strive to follow.

Divine Message 7

Vinh Nguyên Temple, April 7, 1926

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Dipankara Buddha is ME,
Shakyamuni Buddha is ME,
The Grand Supreme Daoist Lord is ME,
Now known as Cao Dai

Divine Message 8

April 8, 1926

SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA DESCENDS

Shakyamuni Buddha,
Transforms the Buddha Way,
Transforms the Buddha Dharma,
Transforms the Buddha Sangha to return to the Great Way,
understand this, all sentient beings!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Celebrating the Third Amnesty of God; all Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas are greatly joyful and laugh heartily. I do not fear the suffering of the three evil paths. I am ready to follow the teachings of the Jade Emperor, known as CAO DAI, THE GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA.

CAO DAI

Listen, Lich, have you heard what the Phật Như-Lai (Buddha Tathagata) said?

What is the Third Amnesty of God?

- It is the Third Amnesty Era.

Why is it called Phổ-độ? What does Phổ-độ mean?

- Phổ means to spread out.

What is Độ?

- It means to save sentient beings.

How can the two words Phổ-độ be fulfilled?

What are sentient beings?

- Sentient beings encompass all of humanity, not just a select group as you might think.

How can the two words Phổ-độ be fulfilled? I ask?

- You must reveal the precious methods and not hide them anymore. You must train to perfection, within this month of May, to follow Trung and go spread the Way.

Listen and obey.

... You must wear attire like Trung's, but in pink.

Divine Message 9

April 22 and 23, 1926,

March 11th and 12th in the Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần).

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

You three listen to the instructions for the upcoming Heavenly Ordination:

Are you happy?

Every day that the Way is delayed is a day that harms Humanity. I am eager, but the Heavenly Plan cannot be rushed, so universal salvation has encountered obstacles. Therefore, you three (Trung, Cư, Tắc) should arrange things as follows:

Trung, listen, move the ancestral tablet of Li Bai to beneath My statue; clean everything inside and place a chair next to the altar. Then, set a large chair to serve as the position of Giáo Tông (Pope); three more chairs should be placed in a row below it for the three Đầu-Sư (Cardinals). You must cover these four chairs to ensure they are pure. Place the Pope's Heavenly Robe on the top chair. The Thượng-Thanh robe should be placed in the middle; the Ngọc-Thanh robe on the right side. For the chair on the left, you must write a large piece of paper with the word "THÁI" and stick it on the backrest.

Right at the My altar, place a chair in front of the position of the three Cardinals, and set up an ancestral tablet. Instruct Lịch to write it as follows:

Write: "*CỨU THIÊN CẢM ỨNG LÔI THINH PHỔ HOÁ THIÊN TÔN*" and also draw a "*KIM QUANG TIÊN*" talisman to be prominently displayed in the center, so that everyone can see it clearly.

Place My séance table in front of the Ngũ-Lôi (Five Thunders) altar. After the séance, move the table to make space for the two Cardinals to kneel and take their oath.

Additionally, set up a table near the window, facing inward.

Cử, listen carefully: Instruct Tắc to bathe thoroughly (use incense to purify him) and have him choose a clean set of Western-style clothes, dressed as usual with a hat...

(Laughs...)

Ideally, he should wear a ceremonial outfit like traditional opera costume, but since he is poor, I do not require it.

Have him stand facing the Giáo-Tông (Pope) position, cover his face with nine inches of red cloth.

Lịch, you write a talisman (*Giáng-Ma-Xử*) for him to hold.

All of you must maintain purity from this day forward, eradicating all mundane thoughts and impurities, so that on the day of the oath, it can be properly taken.

Cử, when bringing the three Heavenly Robes to place on the three thrones, you must hold the pen with incense as usual so that I can bless the three Heavenly Robes and the three thrones. Then, call the two Cardinals to kneel before their

respective Precious Thrones for Me to inscribe talismans on their bodies. After the two Cardinals bow, they must proceed to My Sacred Altar to perform the ceremony (twelve prostrations) and before the Pope's position (nine prostrations). Then instruct Giăng to announce: *'Return to your positions,'* and the two will ascend and sit on their thrones.

All disciples will be divided into three groups and kneel. Instruct Tắc to climb onto the table, and you hold the pen with incense at the Five Thunder table for Me to summon him. Then, come before Tắc so that I can expel his Perispirit. Remember to instruct Hậu and Đức to purify their hands with incense, and if he shows any signs of distress, they should support him.

Then, instruct the two Cardinals to descend from their thrones, kneel before the Five Thunder altar, clasp their hands above their heads, and kneel in front of the (Kim-Quang-Tiên) talisman to take the following oath:

"I am Lê Văn Trung, also known as Thiên Ân, Thượng Trung Nhựt, and Lê Văn Lịch, also known as Thiên Ân, Ngọc Lịch Nguyệt. We swear by Heaven and Earth, before the Sacred Law of the Five Thunders, to fully practice the Heavenly Way and guide our fellow disciples as followers of the Jade Emperor of Cao Dai. We vow to adhere strictly to the Supreme Being's commands and not to misuse power to create false faiths. Should we commit any offenses in the future, we swear to be eradicated by the Five Thunders."

At the Dharma Protector Vi table, kneel down and bow, saying the following:

"If in the future I violate the Heavenly Laws, I swear to be condemned by the Dharma Protector to the Three Cycles of Reincarnation, unable to escape."

Then instruct Giảng to announce *"Take your position"* again, and the two Cardinals will return to their thrones. All disciples will come and bow twice to each.

Next, it is the turn of the disciples. Each will come to the Five Thunder table and swear:

"What is your name?..... What is your surname?..... I swear that from now on I will only follow one Cao Dai Jade Emperor, without changing my heart or mind, in unity with all disciples, upholding the laws of Cao Dai. If in the future I have a divided heart, may Heaven strike and Earth punish."

Then, at the Dharma Protector table, they will swear the same, and finally, they will come and bow to the two Cardinals.

Divine Message 10

April 24, 1926,

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

From the beginning, I established the Five Branches of the Great Way:

Human Way (Nhơn-Đạo)

Deity Way (Thần-Đạo)

Saint Way (Thánh-Đạo)

Immortal Way (Tiên-Đạo)

Buddha Way (Phật-Đạo)

Depending on the customs and cultural evolution of humanity, the True Teachings were established, because in the past, Càn (Heaven) could not fully observe, and Khôn (Earth) could not fully comprehend, leading humanity to practice the Way only within their own regions.

But now, Humanity has united. Heaven and Earth are fully comprehended, yet these very religions have caused much discord among Humanity. Therefore, I have resolved to unify them under one origin. Furthermore, previously, I entrusted the True Faiths to the mortals, but over time, they deviated further from the Sacred Teachings and created Mortal Teachings. This caused Me great pain, as for nearly ten thousand years,

Humanity has fallen into sin, enduring many lifetimes in Hell (A Tỳ)

I have resolved to personally save you and will no longer entrust the True Faiths to mortals. However, I must establish a structure with ranks to facilitate guidance among you, so that elder siblings may lead younger ones to the Divine Isle.

Therefore, I have established the position of Giáo-Tông (Pope), meaning the eldest brother, and three positions of Đầu-Sư (Cardinals), meaning Giáo Hữu (High Priests). No one in this world is permitted to claim authority from Me to govern the souls of Humanity. Only those with great virtue may hold the positions I have awarded. All disciples are equal and must not form factions or parties. Those who commit sins will be expelled by Me, to prevent any disorder.

Divine Message 11

*The night of April 25th, the morning of April 26th, 1926,
14th into the 15th of March, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)*

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Today, the light of Heaven shines supreme,
Yet human virtues remain a distant dream.
Await the time when brilliance gathers whole,
Left bears scant grace, Right carries heavy toll.

- Đức and Hậu are ordained as Immortal Daoist Assistant Medium (Tiên-đạo phò cơ Đạo-Sĩ).
 - Cư is ordained as Assistant Medium Immortal Crane Daoist (Tá-Cơ Tiên-Hạt Đạo-Sĩ).
 - Tắc is ordained as Guardian Immortal Youth Assistant Medium Daoist (Hộ-giá Tiên-đồng tá-cơ Đạo-Sĩ)
 - Trung and Lịch have already received their mandates; they should follow their ranks and My directives.
 - Kỳ is ordained as Immortal Noble Master and Daoist Preaching Instructor (Tiên-Sắc-Lang-Quân Nhân-Thuyết-Đạo-Giáo-Sư).
 - Bản is ordained as Immortal Daoist Minister and Preaching Master (Tiên-đạo Công-Thần Thuyết-Đạo-Sư).
- Cư, follow My instructions and carry them out.

Divine Message 12

Trường-Sanh Temple (Cần-Guộc)

Sunday, May 30, 1926, April 19th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I wonder: how can it be that My disciples are so ignorant?

What does “*Chiêu kỳ trung độ dẫn hoai sanh*” mean? It means that even unborn children must be saved. Why then do you turn away virtuous men and women?

Promise to open the door.

All sentient beings, listen:

Since I descended and established Buddhism nearly six thousand years ago, the true transmission of the Buddha Way has almost been altered. I have often heard people say that the Buddha speaks without words. Now, I am determined to use mystical means to teach the Way, without descending again, to restore Buddha Way to its complete form.

In this manner, from now on, if sentient beings do not cultivate themselves, they will fall into A-Tỳ (the deepest hell), and they will no longer be able to say that “*Buddha Way has no teaching*” to excuse their sins.

I tell all sentient beings that: Encountering this Third Universal Amnesty of God and not practicing will leave them with no hope of salvation.

This is a place where I reestablish the practice of “ceremony and worship”.

To the Assembly, listen:

In the middle of the temple, near the two altars dedicated to Quan Âm (the Bodhisattva of Compassion) and Quan-Thánh Đế-Quân (Saintly Emperor Guan), a shrine must be established with My Sacred Statue in the center. To My right, place the statue of Quan Âm (Guanyin); to My left, place the statue of Quan Đế (Saintly Emperor Guan). The statues of other Immortals, Saints, and Buddhas should be placed on the lower tier. The temple shall be named Ngọc Hoàng Tự (Jade Emperor Temple).

Divine Message 13

Monday, May 31, 1926

April 20th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Trung, you must go to the house of G... now to oversee and arrange the worship according to the present, until the completion of the New Laws.

G..., I praise you.

The holy heart, even if it must endure the hardships of the world, still retains its essence. You are different from ordinary people only in this regard. An ordinary person, even if separated from their homeland since childhood, always longs for it. The saintly heart, even if cast down to the world, still remembers the Celestial Realm. If not, who would dare to agree to descend to save the world? You must cultivate and attain the Way. Look upon the countless beings who have not yet escaped the cycle of reincarnation, and let your compassion save them from suffering.

Divine Message 14

Hội Phước Temple, Cần-Giuộc
Saturday, June 5, 1926
April 5th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Cư, read Divine Messages.

Tắc, recite Cause and Effect.

Thích-Ca Như-Lai (Shakyamuni Buddha) is Me, wishing to save sentient beings, assuming the name Cao Đài Đại-Bồ-Tát (Cao Dai Great Bodhisattva). Do you understand?

The Thái Đầu Sư (Buddhist Cardinal) is here; since you do not know how to cultivate the Way, I have assigned the Ngọc-Đầu-Sư (Saint Cardinal) to teach you the Sacred Dharma.

The thirty-four monks do not know the true principle of cultivation. I will be the Chief Examiner to educate them. Obey My command.

You all must receive and practice the method, receive and practice the method. Respect this order.

**SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA NOW KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA**

All Monks, listen to this teaching:

Since the time of the Lục Tổ (Sixth Patriarch), Buddhism has been sealed off, so those who cultivated diligently could not achieve enlightenment; the True Dharma was lost due to Thần Tú (Shenxiu), who established separate laws that distorted Zen teachings.

Because the Divine mandate had been issued, I had to allow this to happen, resulting in the decline of the true Buddhism for nearly three thousand years. Due to the Third Amnesty of God, Heaven and Earth have expanded, and secret edicts from the Tây phương Cực-lạc (Western Pure Land) and Ngọc Hư Cung (Jade Void Palace) have been issued to save sentient beings. The Original Principle of Buddhism has foretold today's events; yet the monks did not seek the true principle to understand.

Many have endured ascetic practices to follow the Way... Oh! How pitiful! There is effort, but there has never been a reward, and because of this, I am deeply saddened.

I have come not only to save the monks; in this world, there are few Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas who have descended into the mortal world, and I am striving to save them as well.

Monks and sentient beings with a foundation and destiny, encountering this Third Amnesty is the final chance; you must strive to cultivate and not remain lost in false laws. Whether you

achieve the Way depends on your own practice. The practices of Buddhism have become so distorted, resembling "Unorthodox Ways and Sects". The true transmission has been lost. Monks do not know where the error lies; they continue to cling to the laws of Thần Tú (Shenxiu), hoping to reach the Western Pure Land, but the gate to the Western Pure Land remains closed, so how can they be certain of attaining true enlightenment? I have come with this mystical method, and from now on, I will allow you to use this mystical method to learn; in the future, you cannot claim that you failed because of ignorance or lack of true teachings. From now on, monks are not allowed to say that the Buddha speaks without words.

Divine Message 15

Tuesday, June 8, 1926

April 26, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA NOW KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA

CAO DAI

(Two Frenchmen serving at the altar)

This is not how one presents oneself before God.

Ascend

Another invocation

Cao Dai, The Highest Lord

Oh! Blessed race! I will satisfy your curiosity. As humans, do you know where you came from?

Among all the creatures existing on this globe, you are the most blessed; I elevate you to Me in spirit and wisdom. You have all the evidence to recognize yourselves through celestial promotion.

Christ The Savior came among you. He shed his holy blood for redemption. What benefit have you gained during almost two thousand years of his absence? You preach His Gospel without even understanding it. You distort the meaning of His holy doctrine. Humanity must endure suffering because of the transformation of the Holy Apostles.

The most precious throne in the world is that of the first of His disciples.

This doctrine, instead of bringing peace and harmony to humanity, brings division and war.

That is why I have come to bring you the peace so long promised.

Christ The Savior will return later.

I bid farewell to you. You will learn many more things from My disciples.

Divine Message 16

June 27, 1926

May 18, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Nhơn, you must begin from today until the day of the Ngọc Đàn ceremony at Vĩnh Nguyên Tự to practice and perfect the music. When entering the ritual, do not play the Bát Nhã drum; instead, play the Ngọc Hoàng Sấm drum. This means striking it 12 times per round, completing 12 rounds, and repeating this cycle three times.

The Bạch-Ngọc bell should also be struck accordingly.

When the ceremony begins with the announcement “*Start the Music,*” the drums must be played, and seven pieces must be performed in full.

During the offering ceremony, play three pieces of Nam-Xuân, and the Lễ Sanh (Student Priest) should offer the ceremony in seven steps, following the character for “Tâm” (Heart). When reciting prayers, play “Đào-Ngũ-Cung,” then resume playing for the disciples to chant the scriptures.

Lịch, the New Laws you have established are complete with all the rites as descended from Me, so instruct the disciples to follow them precisely in performing the rituals.

Nghĩa, you must learn the chanting thoroughly.

Tell Đức the same. The three of you must remember My instructions carefully.

Those of you - Nghĩa, Hậu, Tràng, Cư, Tắc, Sang - should wear white garments and follow the order as follows:

Nghĩa and Đức stand outside the chanting area, at the Hộ-Pháp (Dharma Protector) altar, with Hậu and Tràng standing next to them; three of you at the back; Tắc in the middle, Cư on the right, and Sang on the left.

For the three inner altars, instruct Lịch to arrange them as follows:

Center: Thượng-Đàn

Right: Ngọc-Đàn

Left: Thái-Đàn.

The positions of the sacred seats of the deceased disciples should be arranged according to their groups, following My altar.

Kỳ and Kim will lead the chanting inside, at the inner altar. Arrange them as follows:

Kỳ on the right, Kim on the left.

Bản and Giới, as one pair of Lễ Sanh (Student Priests), will go in the middle along with another pair, Tỷ and Tiếp.

On the left will be Nhơn and Tường, on the right will be Giảng and Kinh.

Arrange the outer area with three altars, each served by the Lễ Sanh (Student Priests).

When it is time for the inner chanting, let the Lễ Sanh (Ceremonial Officers) perform the rituals. Place the offerings on the three outer altars; when the Lễ Sanh (Student Priests) chant, bring them inside for the Dignitaries to offer.

Trung, you must ask the two Elder Minh-Đường members to serve inside, assisting with the offerings at the Thượng-Đàn; Kinh and Chương will serve at the Ngọc-Đàn, while for the Thái-Đàn, I will decide on the day.

Laughs ...

Minh, I will guide him to come.

Laughs ...

Each of the three outer altars must have two Dignitaries to present the offerings.

Tương and Tươi will be at the middle Thượng-Đàn.

Muội and Vân will be at the Ngọc-Đàn, while the Thái-Đàn Dignitaries will be determined on the day.

Laughs...

Bản, stand up, I will demonstrate how to write the character for "Tâm," then I will continue teaching.

(Swipe first with the toes of the right foot, raise it, swipe once to create a dot... Stand with both feet aligned... Swipe, step back slightly.)

Cử, you walk to show them.

Children, watch how I do it.

Hiếu take water.

How you walk will form two inverted "Tâm" characters.

Cử, walk correctly, then walk again.

Cử, well done, you must do it this way. If you want to appear graceful, when you step, slightly bend down.

Laughs...

Well done, Bản... Let's continue.

Read again, Nghĩa.

When the outer chanting says "Tea" "Kneel," the Dignitaries should kneel and raise the tea above their heads.

One pair of Student Priests in the middle will hold the twin lanterns and step forward. When chanting "Kneel," also swipe the left foot, step the right foot, kneel down in unison with the other three pairs of Student Priests. When the music starts, gradually stand up in unison, facing the Sacred Altar.

... That's right... Once you stand up, turn towards the Main Altar, place the twin lanterns and offerings in front of your chest; when the drum sounds the second time, present them; then when the music starts again, match the rhythm and take seven steps; at that time, Nhơn will coordinate the rhythm for you.

Laughs...

Trung, you must strictly follow the New Laws and conduct the rituals properly.

Divine Message 17

July 5, 1926

CAO DAI

K..... Listen to My teaching.

People in this world, if they want to be wealthy, must find ways to create wealth. That pertains to the physical body. For Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas to achieve enlightenment, they must have merits.

I have come to save you by establishing a school of merit for you to achieve the Way. Whether you achieve enlightenment or not depends on your own will. I tell you, K....., oh! If you do not attend the school I have established to attain your position, you will not achieve enlightenment anywhere else.

K....., oh! - The gates of the White Jade Palace admit few, while the realm of A-Tỳ (hell) is crowded. You must carefully practice the Way. The more I love you, the more you will regret in the future.

I understand your heart's repentance and have already forgiven your past sins.

Your duty is especially important. At the Ngọc-Đàn, you will receive your command.

July 15, 1926

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Cử, Tắc, you must bring the four young ones and find eight more, dividing them into four groups of three for each direction:

An..... East.

Bích..... West.

Tri..... South.

Hoàng..... North.

Instruct them each to carry a small flag, made as follows: Blue, Red, White, Yellow, Black, three flags for each direction. Three of you in the center will also carry flags. If making fabric flags is not feasible, buy colored paper; the flags should be nine tấc (approx. 35 cm) long and three tấc (approx. 12 cm) wide, cut diagonally... Listen and obey.

Once everything is arranged, Cử, you must hold the pen with incense for Me to sanctify. Instruct Vân, once the sanctification is complete, to stay inside until the ceremony concludes; if he steps outside, he risks going mad.

Instruct the young ones to remain in deep meditation; Tắc, you must keep a close watch on them at all times.

Instruct Lịch to distribute the flags to the young ones, as he must recite an incantation.¹⁷ The sacred teaching instructs the establishment of the Female Division.

Divine Message 19

Saturday, July 17, 1926

June 8, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Đường-thị! I entrust you with the task of establishing the Female division. It is not just about household chores from morning to evening.

Your responsibility in spreading the Way during this Third Amnesty is very challenging; as many Men as there are, there are equally as many Women. If men can become Immortals and Buddhas, why can't women? I have already said that the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) includes both Men and Women, with many Women holding more power than Men.

Therefore, you must follow My instructions and establish the Female division. Listen and obey, I will always be by your side, collaborating with you; do not worry.

H....., I give you full authority to lead and teach the Female division. Wait for My call to hand over the responsibilities to you, and I will share your burdens.

Divine Message 20

Ngọc-Đàn (Cần-Giuộc)

July 17, 1926

June 8, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Joy to all Disciples, all Beloved Daughters

Great joy! Great joy!

Saint Cardinal (Ngọc-Đầu-Sư) may teach the Dharma and preach the Way.

Anyone who maintains a vegetarian precept for ten days or more is eligible to receive the precious method.

All disciples must observe a vegetarian precept.

Why is this?

It is not that I am enforcing the old laws, but those laws are very precious; without adhering to them, one cannot become Immortal or Buddha.

I will explain:

Every person in this world has two bodies: One is called corporeal, while the other is called spiritual, called the spiritual. The spiritual body arises from the physical one, hence

it is called semi-visible, because it can be seen and also not seen.

The invisible, mystical, spiritual body is cultivated from Essence, Energy, and Spirit (Tinh-Khí- Thần).

It is lighter than air.

When it exits the physical body, it takes the image of the physical body as an imprint. When one attains the Way but has Essence and Energy without Spirit, it cannot merge and sustain life.

If there is Spirit without Essence and Energy, it is difficult to reform the Perispirit.

Therefore, these three elements must unite.

It is a substance that merges with the celestial ether, and in the celestial ether, there is always a divine light. The Perispirit must be refined and purified to be lighter than air to exit beyond the Universe.

It must have the original nature of Supreme Saint, Supreme Immortal, Supreme Buddha to manifest as a Saint, Immortal, or Buddha.

A pure physical body is necessary to manifest a pure Perispirit.

If you still consume meat while cultivating the Way and accidentally receive a spiritual manifestation, how will you be able to disperse it?

If, unfortunately, you experience a reversal, even upon achieving enlightenment, the residual impure energy will still remain. This impure energy, being a material substance that

conducts spiritual currents (a good conductor of electricity), would cause you to be struck down and destroyed by lightning before escaping the atmospheric boundary. On the other hand, if you are wise and choose to remain hidden in the world as a Human Immortal, your cycle of worldly reincarnation will still not be complete.

Therefore, I require you to practice complete vegetarianism to cultivate the Way.

Divine Message 21

Thursday, July 22, 1926

June 13, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Death, ordinary people often think that death is the end because they do not know the Way and thus misunderstand it.

Among all humanity on this Earth, many worships evil spirits, and since evil spirits embody death, naturally, those who follow them exist within the realm of death and must face annihilation. Therefore, they can never understand what eternal life is... Laugh ... If I had not arrived in time, you too would be trapped within the realm of death.

Evil spirits are like a spoiled grain of rice that is rotten and cannot sprout to bear fruit.

A true practitioner of the Way is like a good seed: when sown, it grows into a tree, the tree blooms, and the blooms bear fruit, which in turn continues to multiply endlessly. For this reason, you must shed your physical form, allowing your spiritual blooms and fruits to generate the Perispirit. The Perispirit then transforms infinitely, multiplying and increasing endlessly. This is the Way.

Thus, from one Perispirit of the Divine Father, additional Buddhas, Immortals, Saints, Deities, and all of humanity in the Universe are created. Therefore, you are Me, and I am you.

For example, in Buddhism, they honor Nhiên-Đặng (Dipankara) as the Supreme Teacher; Nhiên-Đặng (Dipankara) was born in the time of the Hiên-Viên Huỳnh Đế.

People call Quan-Âm (Guanyin) the Female Buddha, but Quan-Âm (Guanyin) was originally Từ-Hàng-Đạo-Nhân (Bodhisattva of Compassion) in a transformed form. Từ-Hàng was born during the Phong Thần (Fengcheng era) of the Shang dynasty (nhà Thương).

People call Thích-Ca Mâu-Ni (Shakyamuni Buddha) the Founder of Buddhism; Thích-Ca (Shakyamuni) was born during the Zhou dynasty. (nhà Châu)

People call Lão-Tử (Laozi) the Supreme Lord of Taoism; Lão-Tử was also born during the Zhou dynasty.

People call Jesus the Supreme Lord of the Saint Way, and Jesus was born during the Han dynasty.

I ask, who gave birth to these Beings?

The Ether of the Void gave birth to Me. But what about those Divine Beings I mentioned—who created them? That is the Way. You must understand this.

Without Me, there would be nothing in this Universe, and without the Ether of the Void, there would be no Me.

Divine Message 22

Sunday, July 25, 1926

June 16, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

CAO DAI

Laughs...

T..., look at how the Heavenly robe is worn—doesn't it look beautiful?

One day, that attire will be regarded with great respect by the world.

Oh, my child! You cannot yet understand these things!

Laughs...

The role of the Lễ Sanh (Student Priest) is to ensure order and solemnity in the ceremony for invoking the Divine Father, not just to attend rituals. For every major ceremony, they must all be present. They are to dress formally, with two at the front and two at the back, overseeing and arranging the purity and sanctity of the proceedings. I remind you: if the ceremony is not solemn, I will not descend. Remember this well, my children!

Tr..., L..., K..., T... listen:

Each of you carries a significant responsibility. Consider this: establishing a nation is easier than converting a wicked person to virtue. Moreover, during this Third Universal Amnesty, you are tasked with saving all of humanity across the five

continents, so how significant is that responsibility? Your virtue and conduct must match your responsibilities. You are the lamps and mirrors reflecting Humanity; you must cultivate yourselves to be worthy.

The happiness you attain comes from learning even the smallest fragment from Me, yet you do not listen to My teachings, nor do you obey My commands...

If you have not perfected self-cultivation, how can you hope to become Immortals or Buddhas?

Divine Message 23

Ngọc-Đàn (Giồng Ông Tố)

Friday, July 30, 1926

June 21, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

THE PRECEPT AGAINST SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Why is sexual misconduct a grave sin?

The human body, although appearing as a single entity to mortal eyes, is in fact a mass composed of countless living beings. These beings are interconnected, forming a cohesive whole (the formation of cells). These entities possess life essence. Even the material that nourishes them, such as vegetables, grass, trees, fruits, rice, and all other sustenance, also contains life.

If these materials did not possess life, they would not appear fresh and vibrant or sustain life. When they wither, they die. And none of you would consume dry, withered matter. Cooking them with fire is merely a method to cleanse impurities; the living essence within them does not truly perish.

When food enters the stomach, it transforms into energy, and that energy then transforms into blood. This process can

regenerate human form, leading to the cycle of birth and death in human life. For this reason, even a drop of blood is a concentration of spiritual essence.

If you indulge in excessive lust, you are essentially destroying this spiritual essence. When you leave your physical body, this essence will appear at Nghiệt Đài (the Tribunal of Karma) to accuse you. You will be unable to deny your guilt.

Therefore, you must strictly uphold this precept.

Divine Message 24

Wednesday, August 4, 1926

June 5th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joy to all Disciples and Beloved Ones,

Listen to the teaching:

Truth and falsehood—your mortal eyes cannot distinguish between them. It is for this reason that a testing ground for Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas must be established in this world. If, during their earthly life, even an ordinary sinner could comprehend the mystical mechanisms arranged by the Divine Father, they would refrain from committing sins. Furthermore, they might achieve enlightenment and attain ranks among Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas.

How much more so for those Divine Beings who are sent down to the earthly realm and remain mindful of their conduct! Without the divine mystery of testing Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas, such trials would hold no meaning. This is why I have often told you: this is a school for the examination of spiritual merit. If you wish to reach the Pure Land, you must pass through this gate.

I urge you once more: I have descended to be among you. You can only achieve enlightenment through cultivation.

Consider the countless beings still immersed in the sea of suffering, unable to escape the cycle of reincarnation. Let your compassion guide you to save them.

Even though you do not yet see the miraculous acts, you should trust that I have come and that My words are true. If you wait until the end of your life, when the soul departs the body, to witness the miraculous mechanism, it will be too late.

Therefore, you must follow the teachings and commands diligently.

Divine Message 25

Saturday, August 7, 1926

June 29, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

CAO DAI

My beloved children,

Listen to Me.

All worldly matters are schemes of evil spirits and demons, designed to obstruct your path to the Sacred Way. These cunning plots are used by My command to test you. I have said before that I have released a pack of wolves to mingle among you; they constantly seize opportunities to attack you. However, I have already given you a suit of armor that they cannot see—this is your virtue. I urge you to keep this armor intact until the day you reunite with Me. Therefore, the Way is greatly beneficial, like armor is beneficial to your body; if you abandon the armor, your body becomes vulnerable; if you abandon the Way, you fall under the control of evil spirits.

... Do not be afraid. Today, as the Way opens, evil rises. You must wholeheartedly and diligently protect yourselves; it is not only for your own protection but also to safeguard all of My disciples.

I tell you beforehand that: All My disciples have been carefully selected, yet there are still some who, due to My permission, are tempted by demons using My name... Laugh... However, many come, that many are lost. Do not be saddened

because it is the Will of Heaven. Many are tested, few pass; this is the eternal law. Find ways to continually elevate the faith of the disciples; that is your foremost meritorious work.

Divine Message 26

*August 9, 1926, July 1, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)
(Noon)*

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I am pleased with you, My children.

Thơ, take your younger disciples to Cần-Giuộc, as evil spirits are attempting to harm My disciples there.

Guan Yu (Quan-Thánh) and Guanyin (Quan-Âm) are waiting for you... Go immediately. As for Trung, leave him to take care of urgent family matters.

(Thơ, Hậu, Nghĩa, Trùng, Cư, Tắc, and Sang arrived in Cần-Giuộc at 1:30 PM. Seeing no immediate disturbance, they delayed until 3:00 PM to seek the Supreme Being's guidance.)

Another Invocation

You, My children, were just playing around?

I instructed you to come here for an urgent matter, yet you delayed. Do you not realize this is contrary to My Holy will?

(Thơ, bowing, asks the Supreme Being for compassionate forgiveness...)

Thơ, it is not your fault.

Tương, urgently gather all My disciples so that everyone is present.

Thơ, sit in deep meditation, for tonight you will hear My instructions.

Another Invocation

Joy to all Disciples... Listen to the teaching:

Tương, do you not understand the significance of today?

All Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas are agitated because of you.

The Demon King (Quỉ Vương) came before the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) to request permission to torment and test you. I did not allow the torment; they then united the Thirty-Six Caves to plot against you. Therefore, I sent Guan Yu (Quan-Thánh) and Guanyin (Quan-Âm) to protect you, but since many of you have not yet taken the Solemn Oath, the Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas are reluctant to acknowledge you.

Therefore, I sent those young ones down to join forces with you, so that everything can be promptly established. At the same time, the Heavenly Ordination will be bestowed upon Tương, Kim, and Thơ... Thus, you must call them together to gather tonight without fail.

Another Invocation: Fourth Time (Midnight)

In this Third Universal Amnesty and the unification of the Three Religions:

For Buddhism, there is Guanyin (Quan-Âm).

For Taoism, there is Li Bai (Lý-Thái-Bạch).

For Confucianism, there is Saint Guan Emperor Lord (Quan-Thánh-Đế-Quân) to initiate the Way.

So you should set up all Three Lords to witness the séance; you must set up the Five Thunder table (bàn Ngũ-Lôi) as I instructed before; it must have the Kim-Quan-Tiên talisman, and you should write the Giáng-Ma-Xử talisman for the Dharma Protector (Hộ Pháp) table; then Cư should hold the incense pen for Me to summon the Five Thunders (Ngũ-Lôi); after that, it will come down and stand near the Dharma Protector table with Tắc and Sang; and the others assisting the séance should stand in a circle around them.

Instruct Tương, Kim, and Thơ to take the oath as before; the disciples should take the oath as during the Heavenly Ordination. Remind them to maintain a calm mind, for all Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas will witness the ceremony.

Listen to the poem of Registry Record of the Way (Tịch Đạo thi):

THANH Way revealed thrice in seven hundred million years,
Enduring as Earth, thriving in Heaven's spheres.
It restores humanity to an incorruptible state of grace,
Establishing eternal altars that radiate Buddha's embrace.

THANH is the Registry Record of the Way (tịch) for you.

Therefore:

Tương is Thượng-Tương-Thanh,

Kim is Thượng-Kim-Thanh,

Thơ is Thái-Thơ-Thanh.

You must use these names when taking the oath.

Another Invocation: Fifth Time (1:30 AM)

Tương, where are the four Student Priests (Lễ Sanh)?

Prepare the rites, I will summon the Deities, Saints,
Immortals, and Buddhas to witness the ceremony.

Another Invocation: Sixth Time (3:00 AM)

Lịch, many disciples are absent, aren't they?

Therefore, tomorrow, you must set up the altar at Chợ-Lớn,
at Trung's house, so that all of My disciples can gather and take
the Solemn Oath together.

Li Bai descends:

The Supreme One, wordless, fulfills the Way,
White clouds, with watchful eyes, see humanity's sway.
Through virtuous cultivation, golden light is attained,
Even the stars cannot fathom the success I've gained.

Guanyin descends:

Radiance of the Southern Sea guard's meditation's gates,
In shadowy realms, it guides souls to their fates.
Crave not the lotus throne of fleeting reward,
Carry the world's cares and revive the Way's accord.

Guan Yu descends:

The spirit of the Han dynasty reunites and reforms,
Forget not sacred virtues amidst worldly storms.
With loyal and courageous hearts, the empire is sustained,
In green robes and red face, true honor is attained.

Divine Message 27

Vĩnh-Nguyên Temple (Cần-Giuộc)

Saturday, August 21, 1926

July 14, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Lịch! Invite all of My disciples from Minh-Đường to come and listen to the teaching... Laughs...

Do not mistakenly think that division into factions leads to separate Ways. I will try to explain this to you clearly.

Since the time of the Way's closure, although the Orthodox Dharma has appeared outdated, its transmission remains intact in essence. The rules and principles may seem old, but the Way itself remains unchanged. Whether one attains the Way depends on one's merits and virtues.

However, there is one matter to note: the Jade Void Palace (Ngọc Hư Cung) rejected the laws, and the Thunder Sound Temple (Lôi Âm Tự) broke with ancient traditions, leading to a situation where many practice but few achieve realization.

Therefore, look back and see that in the past two thousand years, how many Immortals and Buddhas have emerged in East Asia? You only know of one, Huệ-Mạng-Kim-Tiên (Immortal Huệ-Mạng-Kim), and no others.

Divine Message 28

Sunday, August 22, 1926

July, 15 Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Đ... Listen to the teaching:

When the Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) and Thunder Temple (Lôi Âm Tự) established the "Third Universal Salvation" (Tam Kỳ Phổ Độ), the Demon King began to disrupt and undermine the True Way. Even My name was borrowed by them, though they dared not occupy My throne.

Understand further that I came with this profound mystery, using the miraculous mechanism to unite the Thirty-Six Caves, now renamed the Thirty-Six Heavens. The names of various Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas have been misused to establish Left-Handed Ways.

Do you truly understand? They turned the principles of Heaven and Buddha into tools of commerce. How grave are these sins!

Do you understand this?

The suffering of the three evil paths, the inability to transcend the secular world—these are your transgressions. You must repent and seek forgiveness. Later, I shall entrust you with significant responsibilities to save humanity and allow you to atone for your sins through meritorious deeds.

Do you hear me!

Divine Message 29

Friday, August 27, 1926

July 22, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

All Disciples, listen to the teaching:

Within the three Branches, there are Thirty-Six Saints; although the full number is not yet reached, there are already eight or nine. According to the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh), the Saints must establish their own families. For example, Lich, Trung, and Minh are the main leaders and heads of all the branches, representing Me in teaching and guiding you, so they need no further mention. As for Tang, Kinh, and Kỳ, the three must establish their families as follows:

Trang-Thanh

Kỳ-Thanh

Kinh-Thanh

All disciples saved by each one will belong to their respective families—understand this.

When returning to the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh), each person's family will be distinguished; if they do not save others, they will return empty-handed.

Those disciples who have taken the Solemn Oath will be promoted or demoted based on their merits or sins; each must save at least twelve people.

The ranks of your earthly positions correspond to your Heavenly ranks.

The positions have been prepared; strive to attain your rightful place. The earlier you strive, the sooner you will succeed.

I advise you: Do not mistakenly believe that the Heavenly Rank I grant can be obtained by anyone. The White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) is not open to everyone. Each of you has a name in the Divine Book, and your roles are predestined, not given based on earthly offerings.

If I could do so, the Way would spread quickly; however, each one's inheritance is personal. I cannot take it from one to give to another unless they abandon it, allowing Me to redistribute it.

Trang, I praise you.

Kinh, I praise you.

Bản, I love you.

Giỏi, I have arranged your position.

Tương, I rely on you.

Tạ, I entrust the suffering and the sick of humanity to you.

Học, listen to your elder brothers and fulfill your duties.

Hương, do your utmost. I will assist you.

Trước, do not remain vague and uncertain.

Nghĩa, I will highly value you.

Đức, I will entrust the Central region to you to spread the Way.

Tràng, from now on, you must always remember the punishment you have endured.

You all must maintain virtue and quickly spread the Way; as you are, so is Me. Disrespecting you is disrespecting Me, and disrespecting Me is not easy. Speak of the Way to everyone.

Whether they listen or not is up to them.

I tell you:

If anyone understands My Sacred Words through your mouths and awakens, they will have eternal life; otherwise, let them follow the demons.

The Way is precious, and precious things are not bargained for; do not lose heart. I bless the female branch.

You, too, must diligently fulfill your duties.

I bless each of you.

Divine Message 30

Saturday, September 11, 1926

August 5th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joy to all disciples, joy to all beloved ones.

Listen, My children.

Consider how a Supreme Being like Me humbles Himself to save humanity. I must call Myself an Immortal and a Bodhisattva, the two lowest ranks of Immortals and Buddhas. Ordinarily, one would place themselves in the highest and most esteemed rank; but how humble is your Master? This is why many disciples consider Me to be insignificant. Laughs...

Humility is a virtue each of you must possess; follow My example to save humanity. You must be as humble as I am. I also say, in establishing the Sacred Way, I come to save those who are sinful. If the world were not sinful, My efforts would not be necessary.

Thus, strive to save the sinful, for that is the greatest merit and pleases Me the most.

Lữ and Hiếu, gather a group of around thirty-six *'Female Young Chanters'* so that they can chant sutras for Me during major ceremonies, and the same goes for the males. Cư, Tắc, Sang, and Phú, you must also teach thirty-six *'Male Young*

Chanters! Cũ, I have told you to practice music again, do you remember?

Strive to accomplish this... Phũ, the same applies to you.

Divine Message 31

Friday, September 17, 1926

August 12, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Kiệt - You must assist Thơ in establishing the Holy Temple. I entrust you with the task of overseeing the hiring of craftsmen to make seven thrones, one larger for the Pope (Giáo-Tông), three for the three Legislative Cardinals (Chưởng-Pháp), and three for the three Cardinal (Đầu-Sư). The throne of the Pope (Giáo-Tông) must be meticulously crafted with the four Sacred Creatures, with the armrests featuring two dragons. The thrones for the Legislative Cardinals should have two phoenixes, and the thrones for the Cardinals should have two unicorns... Do you understand?

Bính - I entrust you with creating a Globe (Càn-Khôn); do you understand what that means?... Laughs... A globe like the Earth, spherical, do you understand? Its diameter should be Three meters three decimeters, it must be large to encompass the miraculous mechanism of Creation within it, and it should be painted sky blue. The North Star and constellations should be depicted on this Globe. I describe the Thirty-Six Heavens and the Four Great Continents floating in the void, not as stars, but the remaining Seventy-Two Earths and the Three Thousand Worlds are all stars. Calculate a total of three thousand seventy-two stars, and ensure they are all depicted. Refer to

Western astronomy books for guidance. At the position of the North Star, draw two steering wheels and make the North Star clearly visible. Above the North Star, draw My Divine Eye, do you understand? Ideally, the Globe should be made of glass, encased within a lamp so that it remains constantly illuminated; this serves as a precious prayer for all humanity in the Universe. If making it out of glass is not feasible in time, then adapt as necessary to complete it for the grand ceremony - Do you understand?

As for the images of Buddhas, Immortals, Saints, and Deities, once completed, arrange them lengthwise beneath the globe, do you understand?

Divine Message 32

Saturday, September 18, 1926

August 13, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

I have something to discuss with the disciples. I invite the beloved ones to step outside; I will call you back in a moment.

My children, I have established the Holy Temple; it is your common home, understand that.

I have unified the Three Religions and established the New Laws. On the full moon of the tenth month, there will be a grand assembly of all Three Religions at the Holy Temple. You should be aware of this.

The rites and ceremonies aligned with the "Third Universal Amnesty" will also originate from there; understand this clearly.

I have merged the three branches into one with the primary intention of bringing all of you in My Way into one house, with Me as the Head Father, understand that.

From now on, in the nation of Vietnam, there will be only one true Way, the Way I have established for you, called the "National Way," understand that.

I must require you to unite your minds and efforts towards this, understand!

From now on, you will have to work harder, as I will assign responsibilities to each of you. Without this, you may develop discord among yourselves, forming factions, which is a grave sin in My eyes, understand!

You must pause all other activities and focus on the grand assembly.

Divine Message 33

Wednesday, September 22, 1926

August 15, year of the tiger (bính dần)

MASTER

My children,

Trung - Do you understand how much I love humanity? All obstacles arise from the past karma of all beings. Once immersed in impurities, even I find it difficult to cleanse completely with just one cup of water. Humanity has been deeply influenced by false and deceptive affections for over ten thousand years, so how can one expect to cultivate saintly virtues completely within less than a year?

Even I, as the Supreme Being, face covert schemes that attempt to bypass My Holy Will, with forces pulling in different directions, how tragic! You, My children, are caught in between.

I teach you one thing: know how to struggle alongside Me; if it advances, you must resist, matching or surpassing its strength to achieve victory. If you withstand it, the Way will thrive; if you fall, the Way will decline. Decide for yourselves.

Holding boundless power in My hands, a single glance from Me could destroy it, but Divine justice does not operate that way; it is also a mystical mechanism for you to establish merit.

Trung, Lịch, you two must gather the Saints and request to inaugurate the Way. Prepare a petition and submit it to Me for review and correction.

Divine Message 34

Wednesday, September 29, 1926

August 23, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

I teach you disciples this once so that you understand and remember daily.

Many of you spread the Way with fear and reverence for those receiving the teachings. I ask: Is this contrary to the truth?

Yes, it is!

An ignorant person teaching another ignorant person will result in both remaining ignorant until the end of time.

Seeing such an ignorant person provokes others and then suffering by saying, "*Our Way is mistaken*," is this against the true principles?

Yes, it is!

It is like a person seeing someone caught in the rain and getting wet, jumping out to cover them and also getting wet, and then praising the coolness of the rain—that is foolish.

I see a disciple, when speaking about the Way to someone, feeling shy and hesitant; is this against the true principles?

Yes, it shows a lack of confidence. Teaching others out of benevolence already elevates your value, so what is there to be ashamed of?

It is like a child being scolded, fearing humiliation, and then trying to scold back equally, ending up more humiliated than before.

I see many who do not fully understand the mysteries of the Way, being criticized by others, and then belittling themselves even more. Is this against the true principles?

Many of you are like this.

Remember always: your Master is the Celestial Master; knowing Him alone is enough.

The position in the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) does not favor the aggressive, but it is curious that those aggressive in virtue often break down the door to enter, and such positions are often seized by them.

You must be gentle yet firm, weak yet strong, humble yet powerful, patient yet authoritative; cultivate behaviors opposite to worldly ways, and you will be closer to the ranks of Immortals and Buddhas.

Divine Message 35

Friday, October 1, 1926

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

THE ALMIGHTY SUPREME BEING

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You may find it strange, My children, to see Me come to you in this way. Do you not realize that the current state of the world is marked by extreme violence, and the time of ultimate destruction is near? Humanity is slaughtering one another because they have failed to use science for righteous purposes, leading instead to division and war.

The Holy Way of the Savior, due to misunderstandings, has inadvertently increased the desires of the strong against the weak and has been misused to empower the oppressors over the oppressed.

There must be a new doctrine capable of guiding humanity with compassion for all living beings.

Only Vietnam has maintained reverence for its ancestors in accordance with ancient traditions, even though it has remained under external domination since its inception. It is My wish that it retains this essence forever....

Divine Message 36

Monday, October 4, 1926

August 27, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

THE MASTER

Listen, male disciples:

Master Confucius had three thousand disciples, but only seventy-two sages remained.

Master Laozi had one disciple, Ngươn-Thi.

Master Jesus had twelve disciples, but when he was arrested, only one, Peter, remained.

Master Buddha had four disciples, three of whom abandoned him, leaving only one.

Now, when I descend to the world, I have chosen:

One Buddha

Three Immortals

Thirty-Six Saints

Seventy-Two Sages

Three Thousand disciples.

Look at this and understand, you have something that humanity, from the beginning of time until now, has never had.

Over sixty years ago in the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh), the Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas saw My great wrath and volunteered to descend to save the world.

I see that these Beings commit even greater sins than ordinary people. Do you know why this is? You have the three true religions—Tam Giáo—that you respect; today, you also have an additional true religion, a rare privilege for any nation.

Because the ranks of secular titles must correspond to the ranks of Heavenly titles, I should have subjected you to poverty and hardship, but I could not bear to do so, hence the situation today.

I tell you this:

Even if a Great Heavenly Emperor descends to the mortal world and does not cultivate, it will be difficult to return to their original position.

Understand this, My children.

Divine Message 37

October 12, 1926

MASTER

My children

Do you know why I want you to wear coarse cloth?

Because coarse cloth is a symbol of virtue; as you understand the Way, you must know that frugality is the foremost virtue while you are still in this world. Extravagance and ostentation in this life are considered a loss of virtue.

Divine Message 38

Phước-Linh Temple

Sunday, October 24, 1926

September 15, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA UNDER THE NAME
CAO DAI IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Since the New Law has not yet been issued, I must explain.

Since you already have the Holy Statue of Me, the presence of the Jade Emperor's figure no longer holds any significance. I tell you clearly: The reason from the First Patriarch (Nhứt Tổ) to the Sixth Patriarch (Lục Tổ) they revered Me sitting in front is because the earlier position signifies greatness.

Creating Heaven and Earth originates from Me, giving birth to Immortals and Buddhas also comes from Me; I have said that one true spirit transforms the Universe and all humanity. I am the Buddhas, and the Buddhas are Me.

You are the Buddhas, and the Buddhas are you.

Only with Me do you exist, and only with you do the Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas exist.

I created the Eight Trigrams to form the Universe, which is why it is called the Dharma; with the Dharma, the Universe and all beings were created, and then there were humans, which is why it is called the Sangha.

I am the Buddha, the Master of both the Dharma and the Sangha, establishing the religions to reunite you with Me.

I established Buddhism when Heaven and Earth were created, so Buddha Way came first, followed by Immortal Way, and then Saint Way. Now, at the end of this era, things must return to their original state, which is why the order must be reversed.

For instance, in uniting the Three Religions:

Saint Way comes first,
Immortal Way in the middle,
Buddha Way last.

Therefore, I must sit behind the Buddhas, Immortals, Saints, and Deities to lead them back to the formless essence, which is Nirvana. Regarding the ceremonial offerings:

Wine represents ENERGY,
Flowers represent ESSENCE,
Tea represents the SPIRIT.

Divine Message 39

*September 15, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)
(Inaugurating the altar at the house of Mr. Hồ-Quang-Châu,
Phan-Thị-Lân)*

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joy to all disciples, joy to all beloved ones.

Châu, listen to the teaching:

From this day forth, no race shall divide in three,
I gather My children into one family.
From South and North to lands beyond the sea,
The True Way's sovereignty belongs to Me.

I will assign you the significant responsibility of spreading the Way in Central Vietnam, so strive to cultivate virtue and practice diligently.

Thơ, you must expand the Holy Temple for all beings to seek the Way, without distinction of rich or poor, as all are My children. Urge the beloved ones to come to the Holy Temple to seek the Way!

Another Invocation

The Master, My children

Đạo-Quang, continue to initiate the altar for them and teach them how to worship Me according to the New Laws.

There is no need for them to formally seek the Way, as they are already My disciples.

Laughs...

How long will it take for you to fully understand who I am?
How sorrowful!... How compassionate?

Trung, do not worry about it; they suspect you of being involved in national affairs. I pleaded a lot for you, and only then did they reluctantly agree. Politics and the Way never truly intertwine; I speak little, but you must understand much.

Divine Message 40

Wednesday, October 27, 1926

September 17, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
IMMORTAL GREAT BODHISATTVA MAHASATTVA
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

Humanity currently suffers from many calamities.

I have sent Allan Kardec, Flammarion, as well as Elijah and Saint John the Baptist, who were forerunners announcing the coming of the Savior Jesus Christ. One was persecuted, and the other was killed. And by whom? By humanity. My own Son was also killed by you. You only venerate Him in Spirit, not in Holiness. I wanted to speak to you just once during the time of Saint Moses on Mount Sinai, but you could not understand Me. The promise I made to your ancestors about your redemption and the coming of the Savior has been foretold, yet you did not pay attention to it. Now I must find a more mystical method to win you over. You will not be able to deny before the Great Judgment that I have not saved humanity through effective means. No matter how lenient I am, I cannot erase all the sins you have committed since the creation of humanity. From now on, the world must endure darkness. The spirit of virtue has been lost, and hatred has spread throughout the world.

The French and Vietnamese races are the two most blessed. I desire that both remain united forever. My doctrine

aims to teach you to live in harmony, sharing common interests and life.

Therefore, you must unite forever according to My will and spread the doctrine of peace and mutual love throughout the world.

That is all for you tonight.

Divine Message 41

October 28, 1926

September 18, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

M... and V...

Come closer, My children.

Do you think that Heaven cannot do whatever It desires?

M... I assign you a thankless but humane role. Because of your noble sentiments, you save a nation from collapse, a nation that has absorbed an ancient civilization.

You sacrifice yourself to bring true teachings to that nation; this is the merit reserved for you. Read the My Holy Words. My teachings will be universal. If humanity practices spiritual cultivation, it will be the foundation for peace promised to all nations. You will show France that Vietnam is a nation worthy of respect from France.

That is all for you today.

Divine Message 42

Great Ceremony (Chợ Lớn)

October 29, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joy to all disciples, beloved ones, and daughters.

Listen, My children. I must speak clearly so you do not misunderstand and blame Me. A kind Father never punishes his children without reason. I have come to guide each one of you, so how could I bear to drive you away? I see that you have been tested by the establishment of the Three Lords (Tam Trấn), and I understand that many of you have suffered. I endure this pain and sorrow while watching over you. If I did not allow these tests, the Three Lords (Tam Trấn) would blame Me for being too lenient and thus losing all sense of fairness, especially Li Bai (Lý Thái Bạch), who complains the most.

Even if Guanyin and Guan Yu asked, it would not be granted. Especially on that day of testing, which coincides with the inauguration of the Holy Temple, you can understand how harmful it would be, but you must endure it. If you fall, it is because of Me. If I knew you were not strong enough, I would not have subjected you to this. I warned you in advance through prophecies, but you did not read the Holy Words, and My teachings were ignored, leading to the grave sins you have committed.

From now on, the power of reward and punishment is in the hands of Li Bai. Seek salvation through Him.

You ignored My teachings, so now you must bear the consequences of punishment.

(Đ... Q... submits a petition). Laughter...

Đ... Q..., all of the Master's disciples should only know unity, not division. Anyone who harbors intentions to create factions or divisions is an enemy of the Master. Do you understand?

You know that I have always instructed my disciples that in all matters, they must wait for My directive. Did I give you permission to seek the Way or perform any sacramental rites for T...'s mother? Your deceitfulness has caused T... to lose much of their faith. Do you understand?

That treasury seems to have tempted your heart greatly, hasn't it?

T..., you must compose yourself and reflect carefully. I do not need to say more.

Trung, Trang, Tương—remember the tasks I have entrusted to you. I have already instructed you. Do you understand?

Second Invocation

LI BAI

Greetings to all fellow disciples - Heavenly ordained Dignitaries, be at ease.

From now on, the power of reward and punishment has been entrusted to Me. Therefore, you fellow disciples must wholeheartedly strive to solidify the foundation of the Way,

aligning with the Heavenly Will to ascend to a higher, noble status. Do not cling to vague habits, for it would waste all the hard work up to now and fail to follow the Heavenly Will of the Master, the Supreme Being who has wholeheartedly cared for all beings.

Establishing a new religion is not a common occurrence, and being born at a time to encounter such a Way is even rarer. To succeed, there must be clear and just rewards and punishments. Rewards stimulate those who contribute, while punishments deter the deceitful.

Rewards and punishments may not be tangible, but they bring a joy that no one more noble in this world has experienced, and a sorrow that is unmatched. Even if one repents for many lifetimes, the past cannot be undone. The seats of ultimate bliss (ngôi Cực Lạc) are already occupied.

Many disciples have worked hard to build the foundation of the Way, yet their desires remain unsettled by worldly conditions.

Despite their significant contributions, they hesitate to advance further, and their resolve weakens when faced with difficulties. Alas! How unfortunate!"

Having the Supreme Being guiding and cleansing sins, if one does not seize the opportunity, preferring to compete for worldly gains, if not for the Great Compassion and Mercy of the Supreme Being, the efforts would have been wasted.

From now on, I must pay closer attention to guiding your steps, fellow disciples. You must strive even harder to align with the Heavenly Plan.

Those blessed will attain higher positions, while those less fortunate may fall into the Three Dharma. Luck and destiny are unpredictable, so do not blame me.

I bid farewell to you, fellow disciples. I take my leave.

Divine Message 43

Ôn Môn, Friday, November 12, 1926

October 8, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

K...

If you understand the mysteries of human reincarnation, which are not as ordinary as you might think, then you will not be sad nor blame Me. In the Bạch Ngọc Kinh (White Jade Palace), all are My children, which means you are siblings to one another.

Your positions require multiple lifetimes of rebirth to reach the highest state, which is Nirvana. Even a single word between you can lead both down to the mortal world to advise and assist each other. You should not call it a burden of fate. Although the new religion has just been established for less than a year, the Saints and Buddhas have already spread it across all five continents.

It is no different from how, before the opening of the Human Way, there was already Zhou Gong (Châu Công) spreading teachings.

Before the Saint Way of Jesus came into being, there were Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, and Saint John the Baptist.

Before the Daoist Way emerged, there were Hong Jun Laozi (Hồng Quân Lão Tổ), Laozi, and Tong Tian Jiaozhu (Thông Thiên Giáo Chủ) spreading teachings.

Before Buddha Shakyamuni came into establishment, there were Dipankara Buddha (Nhiên Đăng Cổ Phật) and Brahma spreading the Dharma.

Before I descended to establish the Way in Vietnam, the Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas used this mysterious means to spread the Way to all nations.

Divine Message 44

Từ Lâm Temple

Saturday, November 20, 1926

October 16, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

GIÁO TÔNG (POPE), meaning the eldest brother of you all, has the authority to represent Me in guiding you on the Dao and in Life. He has authority over your physical aspects but not over your souls. He is permitted to communicate with the Thirty-Six Heavens and the Seventy-Two Earthly Realms to seek salvation for you. All disciples must obey!

CHƯƠNG PHÁP (LEGISLATIVE CARDINAL) of the three branches, which are Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism. The laws of the Three Religions may differ, but before Me, they are regarded as one. They have the authority to review laws before they are enforced, whether issued by the Pope (Giao-Tong) or presented by the Cardinals (Dau-Su). If there is disagreement, they must appeal to Dharma Protector (Ho-Phap) at the Heavenly Union Palace (Hiep-Thien-Dai) to seek My guidance for amendments or to establish new laws. They are responsible for reviewing scriptures before dissemination. If any scripture harms morality, they must prohibit its publication. All disciples must assist in enforcing these laws in accordance with worldly laws. I urge you to help them. Each Legislative Cardinal

(Chuong-Phap) has a separate seal. All laws must bear these three seals to be valid. All disciples must obey!

ĐẦU SU' (CARDINAL) has the authority to govern the spiritual and worldly aspects of the disciples. They can create laws, but these must be submitted to the Pope (Giao-Tong) for approval. These laws must be carefully examined to ensure they benefit humanity. The Pope (Giao-Tong) must forward them to the Legislative Cardinal (Chuong-Phap) for review before approval.

They must obey the commands of the Pope (Giao-Tong) and act according to the laws issued by the Pope. If any law contradicts the welfare of humanity, they are allowed to petition for its repeal. I urge you to love and support them. If you have any needs, you should petition them.

Although the three branches differ, their authority is the same. Any law issued by the Pope must be endorsed by all three branches. If any law lacks unanimous approval, it must be returned to the Pope, who will instruct Legislative Cardinals to review it. They each have a separate seal, and all documents must bear these seals to be valid. All disciples must obey!

PHỐI SU' (ARCHBISHOP) consists of 12 members from each branch, totaling 36. Among these are three Principal Archbishop (Chánh Phối Sư) who can act in place of Cardinals but do not have the authority to amend laws. All disciples must obey!

GIÁO SU' (BISHOP) consists of 72 members, with 24 from each branch. They are responsible for teaching disciples on the Dao and in life. They must care for you as an elder brother

would. They maintain the records of all disciples and oversee matters of life and death.

In large towns, they can preside over ceremonies as Cardinals and Archbishop do. They have the right to petition for the repeal of harmful laws. They should be close to each disciple, offering help as if they were family. All disciples must obey!

GIÁO HỮU (PRIEST) is tasked with spreading My true teachings. They have the right to petition for law amendments. There are 3,000 Priests, with 1,000 from each branch. Their numbers should not increase or decrease. They can preside over the ceremonies at temples in small provinces.

LỄ SANH (Student Priest) are chosen from among the disciples for their virtue to conduct ceremonies. They have the right to establish altars for each disciple. Remember that Student Priests are beloved by Me and should not be oppressed. Only by becoming Student Priest can one progress to higher ranks. Exceptionally, I may bestow titles without following this path. All disciples must obey!

If a Cardinal wants to be promoted to Legislative Cardinal rank, three other Cardinals must nominate each other.

If an Archbishop wants to be promoted to the Cardinal rank, it requires the nomination of 36 Archbishops.

If a Bishop wants to be promoted to Archbishop, it requires the nomination of 72 Bishops.

If a Priest wants to be promoted to Bishop, it requires the nomination of 3,000 Priests.

If a Student Priest wants to be promoted to the Priest rank, it requires the collective nomination of all Student Priests.

If a disciple wants to be promoted to the Student Priest rank, it requires the collective nomination of all disciples.

The rest will remain bound by these rules, except for those I appoint through divine revelation.

For the position of Pope, the two positions of Legislative Cardinal and Cardinal can contest, but the entire discipleship must vote for the final selection, unless I bestow the title directly.

All disciples must obey! I bless you all.

Divine Message 45

Từ Lâm Temple

Tuesday, November 23, 1926

October 18, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

MASTER, My children,

My children do not be troubled; what happened at the Holy Temple is but a setback on My path of Dao. It pains Me greatly, but it is part of the Heavenly Plan; I always know your efforts, but I must painstakingly accommodate each of you to build the foundation of the Way. That is why many events occur due to the minds of many. I constantly use your intellect to foster all essential matters in morality. The incident at the Holy Temple, although a delay in the Way, is also due to the corrupt hearts of many. A pure and righteous heart forms the essence of the Immortals and Saints, whereas a corrupt heart is where demons infiltrate. Just trust that with My help, the foundation of the Way will be established for you. I also have ways to discipline the deceitful; you must rely on Me, proceed steadily; do not rush, and do not retreat, then one day you will achieve your goals.

I bless you all. I ascend.

Divine Message 46

Wednesday, November 24, 1926

October 20, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

MASTER, My children,

Reflecting on the event the other day at the Holy Temple that turned into a scene of demonic chaos, which deeply pained Me.

What do you think about this matter, My children?

That is the progression of the Way, the divine mechanism of Heaven, which you cannot fully comprehend. Yet, I am saddened by the fact that many of you have slandered this matter. I even considered severely punishing them, but upon reflection, I felt compassion for them. Many of my disciples wish to abandon their path of cultivation, discarding their grass sandals and removing their ascetic scarves in the hope of returning to worldly life. The Way is rugged and difficult to traverse, which has led to these challenges. Entangled by the dust of the mundane world, tempted by wealth and fame, and enamored by positions of prestige, they grow weary of the Way. Understand this: I am deeply saddened, but this is the divine mechanism of Heaven, and how can one escape it? I have endured countless hardships for your sake.

Since the creation of Heaven and Earth, out of love for you, I have endured countless hardships and tribulations, nurturing you and establishing the foundation of the Way; I hoped you

would use this as a guiding light to reform yourselves and return to righteousness.

However, every time I have tried to build the foundation of the Way, it has been ruined by you.

I am saddened, My children.

I bless you all. I ascend.

Second Invocation

Listen to Me, My children: The recent events have become a subject of much debate, causing a stir within the foundation of the Way. Some call it evil; others call it righteous. The signs are clear in the Heavenly Book. Engaging in debates is futile; those with destiny, those without fortune, whether they believe it or not, cannot alter the mechanism of Heaven. The longer the path, the more challenging the journey, the higher the foundation of the Way, the greater the achievement.

Oh! I have endured hardships for My naive children, wanting to reach out and save all beings from the cycle of suffering; but they are already deeply entangled in worldly attachments, their resolve unsteady. Upon facing difficulties, they lose heart, stumble over obstacles, and consider retreating. I am pained to have to use mystical mechanisms to alter the course of fate; you must find your own way.

Divine Message 47

Sunday, November 28, 1926

October 26, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

THE ALMIGHTY SOVEREIGN descended under
the name CAO DAI to teach the truth in Vietnam

L...,

A private séance is rarely established for anyone, regardless of how significant the request might be. However, because I understand your benevolent heart and charitable nature, I grant your wish.

Beyond your moral intentions, you seek to understand this new doctrine, which some of your compatriots have misinterpreted in a cunning manner.

In this country (Vietnam), the people are very gentle and harmonious, so I came just as the Savior came to you to eradicate false teachings and spread the true Way across the globe.

People living in this world, regardless of their race, share one common Father, who is Heaven, controlling your destinies. Why do you divide yourselves due to religious differences when you all must suffer together to cleanse your sins in this world?

You have set foot on the path that leads to a serene place, enjoying happy days in Nirvana. Continue walking on this predetermined path to reach the final goal.

Many Divine Beings will guide your steps. Your prayers will be heard.

This is sufficient.

Farewell!

Divine Message 48

Thursday, December 2, 1926

October 28, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

Holy Temple of Tây Ninh

LI BAI

The Master has sent me to organize and solemnize the Holy Temple.

I establish the following rules from today, which must be observed upon entering the Holy Temple:

Men and women must not be in close contact.

Men should stay on the eastern side, and women on the western side.

The two sides should not mingle: men with men, and women with women.

No laughing or joking with each other.

Except for husbands and wives, or siblings, no one is allowed to converse privately. If a conversation between men and women is necessary, it must be in the presence of two witnesses, one man and one woman.

Even though men and women might mix while cooking in the kitchen, they must not intermingle when serving food.

Thơ, Thanh, you must write down these prohibitions and post them in the Holy Temple. Understood?

Divine Message 49

Monday, December 6, 1926

November 2, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Greetings to all disciples, beloved daughters, all women, and faithful women.

Beloved ones, listen:

Out of great compassion and immense mercy, I have established the foundation of the Third Universal Salvation of the Great Way (Đại Đạo Tam Kỳ Phổ Độ), based on the virtue of cherishing all life. Its principle is to elevate those with merit to a noble position, freeing them from the cycle of reincarnation, and to guide those with virtuous nature into a realm of peace, far above the lowly ranks of this burdensome earthly world.

Alas! Earthly joys and sufferings are not imposed on anyone, yet many seek them out. The path of cultivating virtue to escape the secular world is the guiding principle, yet many avoid and denounce the Divine Way, manipulating words to consider themselves superior to others, without realizing a severe punishment awaits them in Hell. Those who have merits become more honorable, while those without fortune remain in confusion; their life's virtues become more obscure, knowing, and not knowing, as Divine laws have decreed. Once one's

meritorious deeds are repaid, the serene realm welcomes worldly guests at the end of their journey.

Being born into a life with a true and righteous Way is no easy matter, yet walking the thorny path is even more challenging; venturing into the deep mountains to seek the precious gem is harder still. The ease or difficulty lies in the heart—do not bring obscure and unclear habits into the path of virtue, for regret will come too late.

Divine Message 50

December 9, 1926

MASTER, My Children

Listen to Me:

Today, we have lost one of My disciples, one of your fellow believers who has shared with you the responsibility in the Third Universal Salvation.

Tương's fate was also predestined; he was fortunate to return to Me in the last days of his earthly life. Death can sometimes be joyful and sometimes sorrowful. If people understand the meaning of life, knowing how to make themselves useful to society and cultivate their nature, then death is merely the anticipated return of a traveler who has completed their duty and is ready to receive their well-deserved reward.

Although, Tương has not yet achieved as much as others, his virtuous heart has cultivated the Divine Way, and his position will be different from the ordinary. His Perispirit must still present itself before the Three Religion Court to await orders, depending on his accumulated merits and sins. This is My Divine Will, which has established individual laws for each of you. Disciples should understand this.

Regarding his funeral, you should collectively ensure that it is conducted properly in accordance with human Way.

Trang, inform Trung, Thợ, Tương, Hòa, and all the ordained Dignitaries to be present to send him off on his final journey, to the place where he will rest for eternity, honoring him as a person of virtue. Only those with unavoidable commitments may be excused. Concerning the honoring within the community of disciples, you should make timely arrangements. The prayer rituals should follow the procedures observed during the funeral of Hậu's mother, but it is different a bit.

Divine Message 51

Séance at Chợ Lớn, December 13, 1926

MASTER, My Children

It is not a small matter that I have established the foundation of the True Religion for the people of Vietnam. Since you understand the value of the Way, you must earnestly and respectfully uphold it. Only when the success is achieved will you clearly see the Divine mechanism. By that time, it will be too late to establish merit as you can now, because every difficulty and obstacle is part of the initial phase. Therefore, I urge you to sincerely practice the Way, which cannot be maintained by mere words alone.

I see many of you have joined the Way with the intention of conducting unwholesome deeds. Out of My love for humanity and My desire to save everyone, I often welcome many thoughtless ones, hoping they will repent and correct their mistakes to receive blessings. However, if they do not know how to repent, how can they hope to be saved? When the final judgment comes, seeing Heaven and Hell will be too late. You must examine yourselves thoroughly.

Divine Message 52

Wednesday, December 15, 1926

November 11, Year of the Tiger

LI BAI

Greetings to all disciples, followers, and female believers.

Prepare the altar with reverence so that the Master may preside.

Tell the French individuals that this is a Holy Temple (House of Prayer) and should not be regarded as a matter of mere curiosity.

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

M... Stand up and read.

Everything happens at a predetermined time.

You have seen and understood things that many of your compatriots are seeking to understand.

Only after much research and study of spiritualism have I brought forth this new doctrine.

Did I not prophesy that spiritualism would become the foundation of religion of the future?

Certainly, you have sincerely and genuinely wished to foster a spiritual connection between the French and Vietnamese people, and I am determined that they live together in a community of shared interests and activities.

You will achieve the aspirations of a righteous person. Your prayers will be answered. In the future, you will be one of My faithful disciples, spreading peace and mutual love throughout the world.

A French missionary group will be established soon.

You need to return to France in 1928 to advocate for My teachings at the World Congress of Religions.

You will become important and empowered by Divine Will.

That is all I have to say to you. Farewell.

Divine Message 53

Friday, December 17, 1926

November 13, Year of the Tiger

Li Bai

M.D... Wait for the Supreme Being to come.

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

**The Almighty Sovereign Descended To The World, Taking The
Name Cao Dai, To Deliver The True Doctrine In Vietnam**

D., stand up and read.

*I want you to understand that without My will, nothing on
this earth could exist.*

*There are many who, pitifully, believe they fully comprehend
the mysteries of the Creator. But I never let anyone reveal the
secrets of Heaven on this earthly realm. To reach Me, one must
pray. I always respond to sincere prayers. This is sufficient to
prove to you that I am the Jehovah of the Hebrews, the Lord of
the armies of Israel, the Nameless Holy One of the Jews, the
Great Benevolent Father of Jesus Christ the Savior. You only
need to pray to Me with the name Cao Dai, and you will receive
inspiration and acceptance.*

You have come here with a sincere heart to do what is right for the people entrusted to you. Therefore, I entrust you with spreading this teaching to the people under your care.

Only in this way can humanity be held in the love of living beings and bring about a lasting peace in your life.

Divine Message 54

Sunday, December 19, 1926

November 15, Year of the Tiger

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

My children, listen:

There is something you have not yet understood, to grasp how precious the Way (Đạo) is and to cultivate your mind and virtue.

You were born in this world, live in this world, suffer in this world, and eventually die in this world. I ask you: After you die, what happens to you?

Where do you go?

Not a single one of you understands this profound mystery. I teach you: The cycle of reincarnation transforms from matter into plants, from plants to animals, and humans must undergo thousands upon thousands of reincarnations to reach the human rank. In the human rank, there are still different ranks. Even a King on this earth has not yet reached the lowest level of the 67th Earth. In the 67th Earth, humanity also has ranks. The value of each earth increases continuously until the First Earth, through the Three Thousand Worlds; beyond the Three Thousand Worlds are the Four Great Continents, and through the Four Great Continents, one enters the Thirty-Six Heavens;

even in the Thirty-Six Heavens, one must continue to practice to reach the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh), which in Buddhism is called Nirvana.

From this, you can understand how many ranks there are; these are the ranks of the Heavenly Realm.

There are also ranks in the Demon Realm; it mimics the Heavenly Court to form its hierarchy, with enough positions to torment, control, and judge you. The great power it possesses is granted by Me, allowing them to tempt, incite, and seize you, making you its servants.

I have often said: the scales are not balanced if the weights on both sides are not equal. The Divine Law of Justice requires this. I have lost many of My children to them.

I have shown you the paths of righteousness and wickedness, wealth, and poverty, so now I also show you the direction to avoid getting lost. Understand that within the Three Thousand Worlds, there are demons reincarnated among you, how could there not be in the "Seventy-Two Earths"?

Alas! Demons are many; they create false scenarios everywhere to lure you.

Therefore, I have prophesied:

I have released a pack of wolves among you, inciting them to attack you daily, but I give you a suit of armor that they cannot see, which is your virtue.

Thus, your virtue is the method to repel demons and also the means to guide you back to Me. Without the Way, you are servants of demons. I have said that virtue is like an endless

ladder for you to climb to the highest ranks, equal to Me, or I would even humble Myself to elevate you higher.

Thus, I advise you: if a person does not cultivate, but fulfills their human duties, is fair and upright, when the soul departs from the body, it will reincarnate in a nearby rank, and who knows when they will be able to reunite with Me? Therefore, I grant a broad right to all humanity in the Universe: if they awaken and cultivate in one lifetime, they can return to Me; but alas!... My eyes have not yet been blessed to joyfully see such a person.

So, I remind you: The Way is something you should cherish greatly.

Divine Message 55

Sunday, December 19, 1926

Nov 15th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

MASTER, My children

Most of you know French, I use it to make the teachings clear.

What are the titles? What are wealth and fame?

Titles are a collection of positions created to entice people to varying degrees. These titles are given by society to others.

What is the value of these titles?

The value of these titles depends on those who create them.

Anything created by humans is worldly and does not last; it often deteriorates and disappears soon after the person who received it loses their life. You should seek spiritual titles, as those are eternal. Wealth is a general term for valuable things that humans gather in this world.

What does this wealth consist of?

Gold and silver are merely ordinary metals.

“Hong” is a color substance.

While “luc” is a material formed from animals. Do you truly consider these things valuable?

Considering their origins, these things are not significant. You should seek the richness of Heaven's virtues. Only then can it be called eternal. Such treasures cannot be stolen.

Fame often opposes virtue. It is fleeting and usually achieved through deceit.

Heavenly fame and authority are the most enduring and can withstand all tests.

(Trung asks: What must we do to attain the ranks, wealth, and fame of Heaven?)

I respond, "PRACTICE THE WAY (TU)."

Divine Message 56

*The Grand Ceremony in Chợ Lớn
December 20, 1926*

MASTER, My Children

Disciples, listen!

For complete order, laws are necessary. If there are laws, they must be followed in practicing the Way (Đạo) to avoid errors. Many have earned a little merit and thus gained My favor, intending to encourage them to advance. Yet, some do not respect My decrees and instead act on their own, causing discord within the Way. Should they not be punished? If I did not guide you with compassion, the Deities and Saints would have punished those individuals even more severely! Be careful in your practice of the Way!

Disciples, listen! The Heavenly Way guides humanity, and the Holy Path leads ordinary people. Born into a fortunate time, you encounter a true Way. If you do not cultivate your nature and refine yourself to walk the path of eternal bliss, escaping the Three Realms of Suffering (Tam Đờ), you will eventually regret it when it is too late.

Out of compassion for all beings, I established the Third Amnesty of the Great Way to save those with merits. If you do not hasten your steps, as the final time approaches, the Saints and Buddhas of the Three Religions will request the closing of this era. Even if I wish to save more, it will be beyond the Divine Plan.

Divine Message 57

December 24, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I greet My children.

My children, if I were to say that I have labored tirelessly since the inception of the Way, witnessing its rapid spread today should bring Me great joy... Yet, why am I filled with sorrow? My children, you have endured immense suffering in this earthly realm... For ten thousand years, you have been under the oppressive control of malevolent forces. This is why I have forsaken the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh) and the Golden Gate (Huỳnh Kim Khuyết), descending to save you. If My coming did not alleviate your suffering, there would be no purpose. How could I then establish the New Laws to further bind you... This is why I am sorrowful... I reveal this truth to you: the laws I have instructed you to collectively establish influence your virtues of the Immortal and the essence of Buddha. Therefore, I have to accept it; without the laws, we defy Divine order, and without Divine order, how can one enter the White Jade Palace?

Therefore, fulfill your duties completely, and Li Bai will descend to revise the laws.

Divine Message 58

*Major séance Chợ Lớn
December 27, 1926*

MASTER, My children

My children, many of you do not devote yourselves to honoring Me, believing that having My altar in your home is primarily for personal or familial gain, rather than recognizing it as a source of purity to cleanse your worldly sins. Many still remain unclear; though they worship Me, they are uncertain of the purpose or the benefits of the Đạo (the Way).

Alas! Having stepped onto the path of Virtue, if one does not try to seek and understand principles of the Way, then how can performing the duties of a disciple be of any benefit to the Way? The Divine Way has been established thrice, and people have erred in countless ways. Being born into the world, one has yet to realize that they have taken on a role, awaiting the time when the soul returns to Heaven, leaving the mortal body behind to reflect upon the actions taken on the stage of this troubled world. If one has not fulfilled their responsibilities and has not yet become complete in themselves, how can they hope to be useful in the path of virtue for the common good? Your conscience is a Divine gift from Me to guide you in correcting your errors and rewarding your virtuous deeds. Performing a righteous act aligns with the Divine Will, while committing a wrongful deed defies the Heavenly Law. Saints and Deities record both right and wrong, and the day of final judgment awaits to dispense rewards and punishments. Understand this well!

Divine Message 59

Cầu Kho, January 8, 1927

MASTER, My Children

I am pleased to see humanity seeking repentance, disregarding long paths, coming together to step into the path of Virtues.

You must understand that to be human is to know the Way; not knowing the Way means not being truly human. The distinction between the righteous and the unrighteous will soon become clear. If you still harbor any confusion in your heart, how can you quickly reach your goal?

You must unite in mind and effort, abandoning all common vices, to achieve the Way. Therefore, I advise you to use all your intellectual and physical strength and not to hesitate like timid girls; otherwise, you waste the Sacred Light I have bestowed upon you.

Do you understand?

Divine Message 60

Chợ Lớn, January 10, 1927

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Disciples and Followers, listen:

Birds return to their nests; water flows back to its source. Since ancient times, human life on this earth has been akin to travelers passing through. To fulfill one's duties completely requires steadfastness and hardship; only with perseverance can one achieve a lofty position; only through suffering can one understand the difficulties of life. The flurry of activity, the allure of wealth and position, in the end, are no different than a fleeting dream. Each rank has a role assigned by the Creator who governs the universe; whether noble or lowly, one must strive to fulfill their responsibilities so that, when life ends and the soul leaves this world, one can return to their origin and reclaim their merits. Those who fulfill their roles are judged by the Court of Justice, their merits and sins weighed, to be placed in a higher position than this Earth 68. Those who fail in their duties to humanity will be condemned to the underworld, to pay off their karmic debts until they find the right path again and reclaim their former position. If one does not know how to correct oneself, the Divine laws will continuously compound, and the sufferings of Hell (A-Ty) must be endured for countless ages to atone for one's sins. Humans, for this reason, must endure millennia of being submerged in the cycle of

reincarnation; borrowing and repaying, repaying, and borrowing, with karmic debts that never cease. Even the Deities and Saints, if they do not recognize the Way as the guiding principle to purify themselves from worldly stains, will find it difficult to escape the sea of suffering in this world.

Fortune shines upon the South with a guiding light from the Great Benevolent One, leading worldly travelers out of darkness to avoid the path of delusion. Using the monk robe instead of official attire, enduring hardships in place of luxury, embracing virtue as the ladder to ascend the Heavens, clearing the clouds, gazing into the natural realm, comprehending the miraculous mechanisms to become serene and elegant wanderers among the deep forests and green mountains. To cast off all mundane trivialities is a challenging task for worldly beings; few eagerly seek the spiritual realm, while many plunge into the abyss.

The Heavenly Way traverses the mundane world, and the Holy path leads worldly travelers; if one does not recognize this, the drop of water on the willow branch will no longer wait to relieve suffering.

Divine Message 61

Tây-Ninh, January 16, 1927

December 13, the year Bính Dần

LI BAI

I praise the followers... Great joy... Great joy...

Thượng-Tương-Thanh, observe my actions and emulate them.

Invite the Legislative Cardinal of the Confucianism Branch.

Thơ, be at ease.

Stand and divide into two groups.

Legislative Cardinals and Cardinals take your seats. The Cardinals of three branches come forward. Thái-Thơ-Thanh must carry the annotated laws, the New Laws, and present them to the three Cardinals. The three Cardinals will simultaneously rise, bow, and accept the laws, ensuring all six hands hold the six Law Books together, at the center. They will then proceed to offer them up; the Legislative Cardinals must also bow and accept them at once, lifting them to the altar, facing inwards and raising them to their foreheads. Instructions: I entrust these laws to the two Legislative Cardinals to review them again; within one month, they must be returned to the Dharma Protector for my revision. A pure chamber must be prepared to simulate the Heavenly Union Palace (Hiệp-Thiên-Đài). The Twelve Time Lords (Thập Nhị Thời

Quân) must be present, as well as Thượng-Sanh and Thượng-Phẩm.

You must seek further instructions:

The two Legislative Cardinals should leave the laws before my statue tonight.

Dương must wear the Hiệp-Chướng per laws, don the ceremonial robe as instructed per laws.

Nường must prepare the Heavenly Robe like Thơ's.

Once the laws are placed, return to your seats, then ascend the altar and descend.

All Heavenly Ordained Dignitaries shall bow to the Master.

Second Invocation

LI BAI

The Divine Laws of the Way are still incomplete.

Laughs...

How could the esteemed members know what to establish?

What a pity! Without the mysterious and secret regulations, the laws cannot be completed, and without complete laws, how can the Way be established?

Laughs...

I have petitioned the Great Compassionate Father to add these crucial secret regulations to the laws; thus, the esteemed members must also pray earnestly with me, starting in the last

ten days of this month. Inform all Holy Temples and followers to unite in sincere prayer: work together with me to earnestly request the Holy Laws. Listen.

When the Way is esteemed, the esteemed members will naturally be esteemed. Thus, know your own worth and strive to perfect yourselves and others. From now on, I will watch over the esteemed members more closely; if I must strictly administer rewards and punishments, it is to enhance your value. Therefore, do not harbor any resentment.

Divine Message 62

January 17, 1927

December 14th, the year of Bính Dần

MASTER, My children,

Thượng-Trung-Nhật, you are the elder brother, and it is your responsibility to instruct your younger siblings one last time. I have often said that I came to establish for you a foundation of True Way, which means that anything deceitful is not of Me. I came with the primary intention of teaching all humankind to achieve peace, not to incite further discord among them. I have also frequently stated that your honor and glory are not of this world.

I came to establish in your country a foundation of the True Way capable of saving souls. Both you and your entire nation can attain a prominent position through this True Way. Where does this prominent position come from? It comes from your virtue. Virtue triumphs over brutality, as you often see in the world. I am the Supreme Being, holding the power to reward and punish. Do I not have the authority to do everything by Myself? The need to rely on human hands is simply due to your lack of virtue. This is what causes you to be punished. From now on, you must have faith in one Master and heed My instructions: uphold Virtue steadfastly. Anything that contradicts the True Way is but the schemes of evil.

I bless you all.

Divine Message 63

Tây Ninh, January 18, 1927

December 15th, the year Bính Dần

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

My children, all beings; rise, Heavenly Ordained, while others remain seated... Listen to Me:

Why must you abstain from alcohol?

I have taught that the human body is a cohesive mass of divine spirit. These divine spirits are ever-living; you must understand that the internal organs are also formed by living entities, but whether they act knowingly or unknowingly, they do so under My Divine command.

I have previously explained how alcohol harms the human body physically.

Human physical bodies are inherently animalistic; they need food and drink to sustain life. When alcohol is consumed, it travels through the digestive system and reaches all the internal organs. The human heart, akin to a central machine sustaining life, becomes overwhelmed by the intrusion of alcohol. This forces the blood to circulate erratically, preventing the lungs from having sufficient time to purify the blood. The impure blood then accumulates within the body, causing material impurities to penetrate the organism. Consuming

such impure substances results in illness, gradually weakening the body until death follows. Some may even suffer partial paralysis due to alcohol consumption.

I explain the harm alcohol causes to the soul, describing how it disrupts the spiritual essence (le sperme évaropé) that envelops the body like a protective shell, with the brain as its center and the top of the head (Vi-Hô) as its gateway. The Dharma Protector stands guard at this gate, preserving the Spirit as one cultivates the Way. When unified with the Energy (Kí), this force reaches Perispirit, allowing one to transcend mortality and become a Saint or Deity. However, when the brain is disturbed by erratic blood flow caused by alcohol, Perispirit cannot remain calm and loses control, causing the body to become like an animal again. This degeneration destroys human qualities, making it impossible to attain the status of Deities, Saints, or Immortals.

Moreover, such spiritual disorder leaves the body vulnerable to evil spirits, inciting sinful actions that lead to countless cycles of reincarnation.

Therefore, I strictly forbids alcohol consumption.

I bless you all. I ascend.

Divine Message 64

Séance at Mỹ-Lộc Temple

January 18, 1927

December 15th, year of Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Greetings to all disciples and all beings, male and female.

Calm, Calm.

Beings have yet to understand how precious the Way is. The Way emerges from the mundane and unites with My Divine essence, creating and transforming throughout the Universe. Those who understand the Way are fortunate, while those who do not are unfortunate.

Understand this! I grant permission to seek the Way and to submit petitions.

Out of My compassion, I welcome all beings and allow the Local Guardian Deity of the land to descend and teach the people within their duties.

I ascend.

LOCAL GUARDIAN DEITY

Greetings to all Heavenly Ordained.

Greetings to all fellow practitioners and all men and women in the village.

Divine grace spreads in four seas, guarding precious names,
The imperial seal grants authority to complete salvation's aims.
Prosperity and peace bring harmony to all,
Blessings and longevity follow those who heed the call.
Excellence is achieved through sincere prayers and devotion,
Worldly blessings flow, bringing fortune in motion.
All people, from commoners to all, find peace and unity,
Living in harmony leads to mastery of the Way and serenity.

Since I was appointed to govern this land, I have been wholeheartedly devoted to ensuring the well-being and prosperity of the people, taking care of their needs, and supporting them in their endeavors. Now, under the mandate from the Jade Emperor, I am allowed to communicate through divine means to express the importance of the Way to the people.

People are often unaware of the Divine Plan set forth thousands of years ago. As the end of the Lower Period (Hạ Ngươn) approaches, humanity faces great calamities, with only one in ten surviving. Alas! How sorrowful! Considering that the Divine Plan has been set, how can it be changed? We must open our hearts to kindness, repent, and diligently cultivate our spiritual practice. If the entire nation united in supplication, might Heaven take notice? Therefore, the Jade Emperor, along with the Buddhas, Immortals, and Saints, established the Third Universal Salvation to save humanity adrift in the sea of suffering. If one encounters the boat of Bát Nhã (Prajna) but does not board it or follow it, surely, they will remain stranded at the edge of the sea.

Dignitaries performing rites should come forward to receive my blessing.

Joyful! Rejoicing! The entire populace knows the Way, with only a few exceptions. From now on, I will dedicate myself wholeheartedly to care and attention, even more than before. I inform the Dignitaries why I am so diligent in my duties. The Jade Emperor has commanded me to support the distinguished followers of the Way, thus my concern has increased significantly. Whenever there is a calamity or infectious disease, I will instruct you on how to avoid harm.

Regarding rituals and offerings, I prefer the use of vegetarian foods or fruits, not animal sacrifices. I also explain to the dignitaries that offerings are meant to show respect and reverence; the Deities or Saints do not consume them. Therefore, it is better to offer fruits than food. If someone has faith, any offering is acceptable because it demonstrates reverence, according to ancient customs. Now, I want to follow the Divine Will of the Jade Emperor. How should the dignitaries proceed?... Answer me? Laughs.

Well, I bid farewell to the Heavenly Ordained dignitaries, the virtuous disciples, and all beings in this village. I withdraw.

Divine Message 65

Séance at An Hóá, Jan 22, 1927

December 19th, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joyful Greetings to All Disciples and Humankind

This land is welcoming Me for the first time, and thus many still harbor doubts.

My children and I, out of great compassion, do not shy away from hardships to spread the True Way. Regardless of the misdeeds of those lacking virtue, continue steadfastly on your path. Right and wrong will become clear to them later. Thus, I will gladly join you in gathering both men and women...

Tương, you must speak to them about the essential matters. Here is a poem from Me for all:

The vast Cosmos unites under Heaven's reign,
Mankind like desert sands lost in a deep terrain.
When calm waters are met, one finds peace anew,
But storms may overturn a fate once true.
Through mortal years, harsh trials life may send,
Yet one moment of virtue frees all to ascend.
Who would foresee the South birthing gentle light?
The Great Way spreads, proclaiming truth's might.

Let the Female Branch come to Me. Beloved daughters, in the Third Universal Salvation, I do not distinguish between high and low, rich and poor. I advise only one thing: maintain your virtues daily according to the principles of human morality, which is the Four Virtues (Tứ Đức). Do you understand?

The foundation of human ethics in the land of South Vietnam is not mistaken, but you often get corrupted by worldly habits, which is why I need to remind you not to be mistaken again. Do you hear me?

Now, for the Male Branch. Listen carefully. You often see things that offend and upset you. Do you know why?

When a government official abuses their power to oppress the good people, or when a fool rebels against their parents and friends, causing disorder, do you know why?... It is because they lack the Way.

I bless you all. Ascend.

Divine Message 66

January 26, 1927

December 23, Year of the Tiger (Bính Dần)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Joy to all disciples and all beings; all beings listen:

The boat awaits the winds to glide on the Milky Way,
Leading Southern travelers beyond the worldly bay.
In brown robes, they journey to the Pure Land's light,
Sharpening wisdom's sword, casting off worldly might.
Heaven's decree heralds the world's transformation anew,
The Holy Way flourishes as souls are cleansed and true.
Through a life of austerity, one's spirit ascends,
In the pine forest, freedom swiftly finds its end.

The Heavenly Way has been revealed three times, yet worldly people commit countless errors. They find meaningless joy in this river of illusion, forgetting entirely the virtues taught by ancient Saints and Sages. Engaged in endless struggles for gain and fame, their fleeting lives are full of deceit. Having been born into this world with a special role, they do not strive to complete their spiritual journey, but instead, they burden themselves with the concerns of physical existence and trivial matters. They create needless sorrows and take divine virtues

lightly, using meaningless actions to satisfy their immortal desires.

Spring does not wait for anyone, and life's journey becomes increasingly difficult. As time passes, the light fades and shadows lengthen; the path of hope seems endless while life's journey appears weary. The inevitable, indifferent death will come, painting the separation of life and death, turning joy, wealth, and fame into a fleeting dream. Eventually, these will be gone forever, leading to endless guilt and suffering. The mirror of retribution will illuminate all wrongdoings, and the cycle of reincarnation will drag one into endless misery and torment. This is the ultimate end of worldly beings.

The paths of the Immortals, the Way, and the Saints guide humanity, helping them avoid sins, leave the wrong paths, and walk the righteous way towards eternal peace and tranquility. In serene forests and calm streams, one can elevate to a high, pure state, escaping the bondage of reincarnation. Those who hurry will find peace; those who cling to the world will suffer. The miraculous Way of Heaven teaches self-reflection to avoid future regrets.

Let all beings understand this!

Divine Message 67

Chợ Lớn, January 31, 1927

MASTER, My children,

Time passes swiftly, the shadows lengthen as spring fades and returns. The landscape remains unchanged, but human behavior and virtue have changed significantly. Each passing spring marks another step in the Way; last year was one way, but now the True Way has dimmed and are obscured from the world, while the mirror of wisdom shines brightly on the worldly people. I am pleased with your efforts in building the foundation of the Way, strengthening bonds of mutual love and support. Continue to persevere and follow the path you have worked hard to pave, guiding future generations. The disciples here are entangled in worldly affairs and unable to fully grasp the Holy teachings. Therefore, Li Bai has decided to hold a Grand Ceremony at the Cầu-Kho Temple, allowing all disciples to attend.

T... You should also attend and join your fellow disciples; the same applies to all disciples.

Divine Message 68

Cầu-Kho Temple, February 1, 1927

I am displeased with those who are absent today. Time is pressing, yet you still hesitate. The profound depth of the Way is such that a mundane mind cannot grasp its deeper meaning. If you cannot rise above worldly matters, your efforts following Me for a full year are in vain. Life in this world is full of struggles, and you, living in this era, encounter numerous modern challenges, which is why you have turned your attention to the path of virtue. Otherwise, you too would be like others, immersed in the pursuit of power and wealth, endlessly competing.

Therefore, you must pay attention to revitalizing the Way; it is a means to preserve the national essence and also a way to transcend the mundane. The Divine plan cannot be revealed here, but you should understand that your place in the highest ranks among beings requires extraordinary wisdom and character to be truly human. You must recognize that each race created by Me has its unique spiritual essence. Unfortunately, humanity often fails to seek out these natural truths, focusing instead on immediate gains, neglecting conscience; instead of compassion, they resort to violence against each other; they have opportunities for harmony but choose schemes of destruction.

If you follow My Way of justice, avoid such pitfalls, and work together toward a great unity, you will not only fulfill the Will of Heaven but also bestow blessings upon humanity. Do you understand?

Divine Message 69

Tây-Ninh, February 1, 1927

January 1st, Year of the Cat (Đinh-Mão)

TAOIST LEGISLATIVE CARDINAL TƯƠNG

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters.

Rejoice... Rejoice... Rejoice... Joy... Joy... Joy...

Great blessings for all of humanity, great fortune for the Earth number 68; I still need to perform meritorious service of salvation to enter the Thirty-Six Heavens, thanks to the Great Merciful Father for saving me. Advise all brothers to consider your Heavenly positions as precious treasures; whenever you feel weary on the Way, remember my name, and resist being tempted by evil spirits.

Tương here, though having no significant merit, still attained this position, let alone you brothers who have the mission to save all beings in the Nine-Two (hundred thousands) Original Beings. Your former positions will certainly be elevated. Reflect on this to find joy in practicing the Way.

Divine Message 70

Tây Ninh, February 1, 1927 (01-01-Đinh Mão)

**JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI
TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION**

My children... Greetings to you all.

Trung, Cư, Tắc; do you remember how it was on this night a year ago, and how it is now?

Trịnh-thị Beloved Daughter, Hiếu, have you seen how I kept My promise?

Last year, on this day when I established the Way, I had only 12 disciples. Four of them fell into the hands of the Demon King, leaving only eight. Among the remaining eight, a few were lazy and did not practice the Way. I ask you, if it were not for My authority, even a great Buddha descending to Earth wouldn't be able to save over forty thousand souls with just six disciples within a year.

I am delighted and praise all forty thousand of My disciples. Thơ, you have been devout, and through your devotion, you have guided many others. I praise you.

Bính, I reward your efforts by promoting you to Archbishop. I appreciate your love and virtue. Your work has saved many souls from suffering.

Bản, I promote you to the bishop rank. Trò, I promote you to the Priest rank. Many others will also be rewarded on the ninth when Li Bai will bestow honors.

I bless all of you, even those do not present here. I lift the medium, and you all pass through it to receive My blessing; I pray for you to be as devout as Thơ, to become truly holy. This year, the Way will spread across the world. The number of disciples will increase immensely, and your responsibilities will grow heavier. But remember, to love Me is to love the Way, and to love the Way is to love all beings. If you recognize the significance of Me, you will respect the Way, and if you respect the Way, you must also respect all beings.

In this month, Li Bai will gather the Female Branch to establish it fully. I have great expectations for your efforts.

I bless you all once again.

I ascend.

Divine Message 71

Tây Ninh, February 1, 1927 (01-01-Đinh Mão)

LI BAI

The Sacerdotal Council listens as I grant ceremonial attire to the Female Branch; listen and henceforth observe this fine attire for conducting ceremonies according to ranks.

The Female Cardinal wears a ceremonial robe similar to that of the Male Cardinal, with a Ni Kim Cô (headpiece) like that of temple nuns, made entirely of nine layers of white fabric, and the robe embroidered with lotus flowers. The Kim Cô (headpiece) covers from head to toe. Wear the Phương-Thiên crown, which at the top, at the level of the hair, has the Supreme Being's Divine Eye, surrounded by a ring of Light Energy (Minh Khí). Wear white shoes marked with the character 'Hương' (Fragrance) on the top. Understood?

The Female Archbishop wears the same ceremonial robe but does not wear the Phương-Thiên crown. The robe has 3 bands (3 dải) but there is the Divine Eye on the chest, surrounded by a ring of Light Energy. (vòng Minh Khí), listen!

The Female Bishop wears a robe with three bands (3 dải), a white Kim-Cô headpiece, and no shoes.

The Female Priest wears the ceremonial robe like the Female Bishop but without a crown. Instead, she wears a lotus flower on the head, with the Divine Eye on the flower.

The Female Student Priest wears a robe like the Female Priest, but with a piece of thin fabric draped across the head, tied at the back, with one end long and the other short. A lotus flower is also worn on the head.

The Master has to wait until everyone is present to bestow the titles. Lâm Hương Thanh, dear Sister, you must write letters to invite everyone for the ceremony on the fifteenth of the lunar month. The Master will come to bestow titles and establish the Female Branch. Understood!

Divine Message 72

Tây-Ninh, February 5, 1927

(November 4, Year of the Cat, Đinh Mão)

LI BAI

Greetings to the fellow disciples, sisters, and all beings gathered here.

It is sorrowful for humanity, and painful for humanity!

The world is too cruel, and those sins and punishments are deserved. Out of love for humanity, I have gathered for ten days at the White Jade Palace to plead for the deliverance of humankind, but the Heavenly Law is not easily altered. The catastrophe of annihilation is near; after mutual slaughter, a time of deadly plagues will come. Seeing the punishments makes me furrow my brows, but I bear it with a heavy heart, praying and pleading earnestly; you, dear fellow followers, do not fully understand, wandering about as if soulless, which is even more heartbreaking. I think there is no need to speak much about a small country, already known as the Holy Land, that is Vietnam, but I could not ask for forgiveness of the sins for Saigon, Chợ Lớn, Gia Định, Huế, Hải Phòng, and Hanoi. Alas! Alas! Alas!

Divine Message 73

December 24, 1926

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I am pleased to see you all gathered tonight, showing your sincerity and respect. I commend the virtues of many of the disciples and beloved daughters. Your gathering is not just for the sake of spirituality but also for fostering mutual love and support. Last year at this time, you were still wandering in the dream of the mundane world, and the path was still obscured by worldly dust; the veil of worldly matters had not yet been lifted. Time passes quickly, and human nature and relationships have changed significantly: some seek spirituality through meditation, while others pursue fame and fortune. I am also pleased to guide the mystical mechanisms, hoping that you will wholeheartedly strengthen the foundation of the Way to guide all beings away from sin. Together, you will help each other ascend the path to ultimate bliss, clearing the clouds to see the pure and sacred path that past Saints and Sages have strived to reach with great effort but have not been able to achieve.

I also say: many of you have not fully devoted yourselves to supporting the True Way. Out of compassion for your karmic conditions, I have benevolently bestowed Heavenly Titles upon you with the intention that you will fully practice the Way, thus allowing you to balance past sins and merits and elevate

yourselves to your former positions. However, many of you are still entangled in worldly matters, not yet turning away from the path of the mundane, still burdened by the troubles of the world, caught in the midst of life's storms. You do not understand that hardship and self-cultivation are the steps to transcend the cycle of reincarnation and attachments. If not for My compassion, the Immortals and Buddhas would have recorded your significant faults and would not have allowed you the opportunity to redeem your past sins through meritorious deeds.

You must frequently reflect on yourself, especially when you come to worship Me at night, to see if your duties for the day are fulfilled and if your conscience is at peace. If there are still unfinished tasks and your conscience is uneasy, you must strive to correct yourself and make amends. If you do this, there is no reason you cannot reach the level of the Highest Saint. I hope each of you pays attention to self-improvement, which will be fortunate for the Way. You will then be able to guide others by example. Loving and supporting each other, sharing joys and hardships, is how you offer Me joy.

Divine Message 74

February 1927

**ETERNALLY RESIDING IN THE SOUTHERN SEA,
AVALOKITESVARA TATHAGATA**

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters, and all beings.

Heavenly Ordained, be at ease... Dear Sisters, listen:

I am honored to witness the spiritual practice of female followers; from now on, unite and help guide those who follow. Many female followers have not fully dedicated themselves to the foundation of the Way, so you must put in more effort to be worthy of the beloved mark of the Supreme Being, and to bring honor to the sisterhood. Time passes swiftly, and if delayed, the path will be difficult to follow. I extend my congratulations to the female followers and urge you to endure hardships to fulfill your responsibilities completely; this is what I hope for from all the female followers.

Divine Message 75

LI BAI

Dear Faithful, gather and prepare to greet the Supreme Being

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

You listen:

Wherever I reside, that place becomes the Holy Land. I have bestowed a mandate upon the Local Deity of Long Thành, promoting him to the rank of Văn-Xương, to govern Hiệp Ninh village, teaching the people about the Way. I grant him full authority to reward and punish, to admonish the village until they repent and reform. So, people of Long Thành, you can be at ease.

As for the Holy See, I want human efforts to align with Heavenly Will, as is My virtue: you should follow My example.

Since I came to establish the Way for you, I have never exercised absolute power alone. You should choose a location that pleases the Sacerdotal Council, which will also please Me. You must work together to complete the Holy See. Everything should be centered in Tây Ninh; you understand My Divine intention, so you must be frugal and make use of available resources.

Divine Message 76

February 13, 1927

January 21st, Year of the Cat (Đinh-Mão)

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

My children. All disciples must comply.

The Heavenly Union Palace (Hiệp-Thiên-Đài) is the place where I reside, holding the spiritual authority of the Way. As long as the Way exists, The Heavenly Union Palace will remain.

I have said that the five branches of the Great Way were secularized because, in the past, I entrusted the True Way to mortal hands, and over time they strayed further from the Sacred Teachings to establish secular teachings. Therefore, I have resolved to personally guide and teach you, rather than entrusting the True Way to mortal hands again.

Furthermore, the Heavenly Union Palace is the place where the Pope communicates with the Thirty-Six Heavens, the Three Thousand Worlds, the Sixty-Eight Earths, and the Ten Hells to pray for the salvation of all humanity. I have spoken about its spiritual functions; I should also speak about its worldly functions.

The Heavenly Union Palace is under the administration of the Dharma Protector, with the Left side being managed by the Superior Being (Thượng Sanh), and the Right side being

managed by the Superior Rank (Thượng Phẩm). I have also chosen the Twelve Time Lords and divided them into three groups:

1. The roles under the jurisdiction of the Dharma Protector regarding the Law are as follows:
 - Hậu is the Guardian of the Law (Bảo-Pháp) (1)
 - Đức is the Presenter of the Law (Hiển-Pháp)
 - Nghĩa is the Initiator of the Law (Khai-Pháp)
 - Trùng is the Receiver of the Law (Tiếp-Pháp)

They are responsible for protecting both the secular and spiritual laws; no one can bypass the Law without the knowledge of the Heavenly Union Palace.

2. The Superior Rank (Thượng Phẩm) has authority over the spiritual aspects, under the jurisdiction of:
 - Chương as the Guardian of the Way (Bảo-Đạo)
 - Tươi as the Presenter of the Way (Hiển-Đạo)
 - Đãi as the Initiator of the Way (Khai-Đạo)
 - Trọng as the Receiver of the Way (Tiếp-Đạo) (2)

They are responsible for the spiritual matters at the Meditation Halls and overseeing the disciples at the Holy Temples, protecting them and ensuring no one violates the laws to cause them undue hardship.

3. The Superior Being (Thượng Sanh) is responsible for the secular aspects;
 - Phước as the Guardian of Life (Bảo Thế)
 - Mạnh as the Presenter of Life (Hiển Thế)
 - Thâu as the Initiator of Life (Khai Thế)

- Vĩnh as the Receiver of the Life (Tiếp Thế)

I advise you to act with impartiality in practicing the Way.

I want you to understand that with great authority comes significant responsibility and punishment.

The Master bestows blessings upon you.

Explanations:

- (1) Bảo: to protect, Hiến: to offer, Khai: to open, to initiate, Tiếp: to receive.
- (2) Mr. Cao Đức Trọng was the last to be ordained as Tiếp Đạo (Receiver of the Way).

Divine Message 77

Cầu-Kho, February 19, 1927

MASTER, My children.

I bestow titles and positions upon each of you based on merit, as requested by the Court of the Three Religions. However, upon reviewing the disciples who have received titles, few are truly deserving. Therefore, those who have been awarded should not rejoice and forget their responsibilities, while those who have not been rewarded should not be disheartened and lose their dedication to the Way. Do you understand?

I hope you all understand the importance of self-reliance, which would bring Me joy. If you join the faith in large numbers and receive many Heavenly Titles but lack the necessary qualities, you must ask yourselves if it brings any real benefit. Do you understand?

Divine Message 78

Initiate Ceremony at Phước-Long Temple, (Chợ-Đệm)

March 1, 1927

MASTER, My children.

The emotional transformation of a person is often a natural response to the harmony of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, when the mind is calm, one often feels a nostalgic longing, constantly seeking out the mysterious and reflecting deeply within their wisdom; this is the mark of those who inherently possess natural sensitivity and insight. There is another type of person who also has this spiritual nature but does not apply their intellect to noble pursuits; instead, they habitually act aggressively, contemplate violent deeds, and commit sinful acts; these are the ones who defy Heaven and do not understand the concept of reincarnation. They believe that human life is fleeting and will disappear after a brief time, so they devise cunning plans to accumulate wealth, indulge in their desires, and ignore the cycle of reincarnation.

I ask: So where does the human intellect, which knows love and hate, joy, and sorrow, and is present in all of humanity, go in the end? Is it possible that such wisdom could just disappear, My children? I ask this for you to ponder and answer for yourselves.

If you answer correctly, you will easily understand the Way, but if you remain ignorant, you will stay ignorant...

I teach the Female Branch to value the Three Obedience's and Four Virtues, and the Male Branch to value the Three Bonds and Five Constants. When the Human Way is achieved, it aligns with Heavenly Way, understand?"

Divine Message 79

Great Ceremony at Cầu-Kho

March 5, 1927

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Many of you mistakenly believe that entering the Way means abandoning all worldly affairs; thus, you day and night dream of a very lowly aspiration: to retreat to a secluded place to practice meditation. I tell you, if your meritorious deeds are not sufficient and your worldly duties are not fulfilled, you cannot hope to achieve enlightenment. Therefore, to attain the ultimate goal, there is only one thing to do: spread the Way and save humanity. If you cannot do this, then find other ways to create virtuous deeds, and even with limited spiritual practice, you can still achieve the highest position. You must understand the Holy Will of the Master and cultivate great aspirations. Regardless of the path you take, you need the spiritual light to guide you steadily. Whether you are a king, a teacher, a craftsman, or a spiritual practitioner, you must have great aspirations to achieve success. No profession in this world is useless; it is only useless when one does not dedicate themselves to it.

My Beloved Daughters! Often, when you look up and see those of high status, you think you are unfortunate; when you look down and see your fellow beings who are lowly, you despise them. This is a lack of the Way. I advise you to open your

minds and love humanity, to align with My Will. You must maintain your virtues, treat those above you with humility and harmony, and treat those below you with tolerance and kindness.

Understand?

To the Male Branch... New Disciples! Listen.

For a long time, due to the principles of Heavenly Justice, you have endured much suffering, and it is because you have not cultivated the noble aspirations, I have given you. You have remained in a lowly and confined state, unable to free your minds from the darkness, thus hindering your progress. From now on, as you have entered the Way, you must focus on the True Way and advance together to avoid the thorny path. Do not let selfish interests cause you to lose your human dignity, for that would waste the Sacred Light I have placed in your bodies. Do you understand?"

Divine Message 80

April 5, 1927

MASTER, My children

Trung, due to your many essential responsibilities, I have sent T... to take your place to spread the Way and personally instruct the disciples in the northern provinces. You have reached a difficult path, and because of this, your future merits will be complete. I have allowed you and the worthy disciples to manage and work together to fully establish the foundation of My Way that you have been building. The concern and dedication of all of you will create deserving merits. Therefore, no matter the task, remain steadfast, and even the most challenging path will lead to the goal. With My compassion guiding you from this day forward, you can use the sincerity I have instilled in you to guide others. Both the elder and younger must support each other, respect, and guide one another, using a pure heart as a bright mirror for future generations. The road ahead is long, and the path of the Way is full of obstacles. If you do not rely on each other, once My words are no longer with you, how will you manage?

All the things you intend to do can be achieved. Your concerns and worries will be guided by the Divine Beings to help you out of the darkness, but success or failure also depends on the determination of each individual. If you follow the righteous path, no matter what, you will support each other in fulfilling your duties. If you complain about difficulties and

stop moving forward, even the easiest tasks will not be accomplished. Destiny is determined by Heaven, but your efforts are necessary to achieve complete results.

I want you to know: Many Priests do not understand their responsibilities; you must remind them. Each Priest should at least understand the foundations of the Way; they should frequently study the Divine Messages I have taught and take turns teaching the Way to the male and female followers. Many Priests do not know anything about the Way; if the followers cannot learn from them, what use are the Dignitaries? You must remind them, and the Holy Council should meet once a month to guide each other in preaching the Way in each session. Understand?

I bless you all.

Divine Message 81

April 12, 1927

MASTER, My children

My children, I have seen clearly how devoted you are to the Way. Many of you wish for the Divine Beings to punish the immoral actions of those who are faithless, in order to strengthen the Way and hasten its success. However, the Heavenly mechanism cannot be altered to satisfy the desires of ordinary mortals. You should pity those heartless ones instead of harboring resentment. Out of compassion, I guide you, temporarily adjusting the mystical mechanisms, so that you can use the sincerity I have instilled in you for so long to deal with the adversaries until your meritorious deeds are complete.

The Way must be steadfast; do not act rashly, nor should you be lazy and reluctant. Strive diligently and resolutely, work together to clear the thorny paths for easier progress in the future. The Divine Plan includes all actions, but out of love for you, I must adjust the course to ease your hardships. You are free to conduct your tasks, and the more you worry and work towards unity with Me, the closer you will come to walking the same path as I. Those who carelessly disrupt the foundation of the Way will face the corresponding severity of punishment.

The Court of the Three Religions has requested to cease the mission here many times, but I cannot bear to do so because of your steadfast devotion. Li Bai and Guan Yu also asked to

punish the faithless, but I did not agree because I want you to endure a little more of this hardship.

... Each of you is concerned with making the foundation of the Way steadfast and enduring; this is to honor me. In the past, the Saints took significant effort and time to establish the Way!

The Way I have sown has not been long, yet what is the state of the world? All these things should give you enough encouragement to continue moving forward.

Divine Message 82

April 15, 1927 (Phú-Nhuận)

MASTER, My children.

You do not yet understand the mechanism of the Divine Plan; you mistakenly think that I cannot control the unrighteous ones. You always want to see them punished immediately to satisfy your desire. But My Divine intention is not like that. I have already told you that if you do not establish yourselves in this temporary worldly life, I will not carry you to success. Therefore, the matter of self-establishment is something you must take responsibility for. I have opened the Way for you because of justice, which is already a great blessing for you. If I continued to carry you, you would not make an effort for the Way. I have also said that as long as you see any injustice in this world, the Way is not yet complete.

Since I have given you the initial direction of the Way, you must realize how great and noble your responsibility is. If you do not understand the duty of the Way, how can you be worthy? Therefore, I advise you to maintain your heart and behavior with order in the Way, so that all difficulties will melt away like frost.

You pursue the Way for justice, and it is justice that defeats dictatorship, making the Way righteous. Do you understand?

Divine Message 83

April 20, 1927

LI BAI

Trung, Virtuous Friend, I leave this word for you to know that among the disciples of the Compassionate Virtue, many have not kept the Master's teachings and have not fulfilled their responsibilities in human interactions to show love and respect. Instead, they harbor resentment and division. I have been paying attention to this issue, hoping that you will care and clearly explain to fellow believers about what will happen in the future. Compassionate Father always teaches the believers to support and love each other, sharing joy and burden, to enhance the esteemed Way. However, not long after, the teachings are no longer respected and followed; if this continues, the Sacred traditions will eventually be lost. How then will the interactions among the believers be? I want you, virtuous friend, to take on the responsibility of clearly explaining this to the fellow believers. I will be paying attention.

Hatred and indifference, if introduced into the Way and spread among each other, instead of fostering love and guidance among beings, will lead to increased resentment. Ultimately, this results in chaos, endangering their lives and condemning their souls to eternal suffering. The Compassionate Virtue always teaches that the establishment of the Way depends on the determination of the followers, especially the Divinely Ordained Dignitaries. Any matter within the Way should be discussed and agreed upon by the Saints

before implementation, ensuring a stable path. If there are difficulties, it is the responsibility of you who have pledged to the Compassionate Father to guide all the Master's disciples. You have been granted the authority to adapt and manage the practice of the Way, so working together harmoniously is paramount.

You, virtuous friend, focus on human ethics and do not neglect and disappoint the Holy Will of the Compassionate Father!"

Divine Message 84

April 27, Year of Đinh Mão (May 27, 1927)

MASTER, My children,

The Sacerdotal Council is like this, My children? How sorrowful! How tragic! I had hoped that there would be no need to speak out; waiting for your sacred essence to increase somewhat, you would then understand My suffering for you, a burden I have carried since the creation of humanity. However, I had not anticipated how powerful your earthly nature would be, completely overshadowing the little sacred essence I have placed in your hearts; therefore, I am compelled to speak plainly now.

Oh, my children! Let me ask you this: do you know how much suffering I endure each time I try to save you?

The Supreme Power of the Supreme Being, if you fully understood it, you would see it as a very heavy burden, like a yoke and a drum.

I created humanity as your lineage, only intending to bestow the ranks of Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas in the universe, to make the Divine qualities stronger than the earthly qualities. Yet, it turns out that not even one in a million possesses these qualities, so how can I not feel pain? I have never punished you. Since the creation of the universe, I have brought you into being with the love of a Father with kindness that surpasses all bounds, causing the children to disrespect

and rebel against Me, just like the Golden Crowned Messenger (Kim Quan Sú) Asura (A Tu La), whom the Holy Teachings call Lucifer, who rebelled and caused turmoil in Heaven. Even the Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas blame Me! My children! Being the one who holds the scales of Divine justice, how could I be biased? To be fair, I must follow the Heavenly Law, and according to it, you, My children, must endure endless suffering. If you were in my position, what would you do?

Every time I sorrowfully weep for you, I have to secretly descend to the earthly realm, deciding to forsake the position of the Supreme Being to establish the Way, only to be mistreated, scorned, driven away, and ultimately subjected to being killed by you. Oh! How tragic! How tragic! All the religions I have risked My life to establish have fallen into the hands of the Lord of demons, who deludes you. Many Heavenly Immortals still face punishment; how can other Divine spirits I am molding escape it? I have not punished the Golden Crowned Messenger (Kim Quan Sú), so how could I punish you? Yet, the punishments of the Heavenly Law are difficult for even Me to avoid. You create your own punishments, just as the Heavenly Law established by Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas dictates. I have granted My enemies the benefit of My grace; how could I deprive you of your share? But you have refused it, deserving pity and also disdain.

Each time I come to establish the Way, I must take responsibility for you, much like a poor person taking on debt. All the sins and wrongdoings you commit, I bear them all. You have been given freedom and leisure, yet instead of cultivating virtue and correcting yourselves, you have the audacity to

commit more sins in the presence of Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas, which is truly infuriating.

I am unsure whether I should abandon the Way and face downfall with you, or wait for the Way to abandon Me.

Who does not feel pain when parting? If I had not pleaded with Li Bai to delay the punishment until the establishment of the Holy See, for you to use your merits to offset your sins, there would not be even one-tenth of you left. Take My words as a remedy for your sins and fear the commands of Li Bai.

I remind you once again.

I bless you all. I ascend.

Divine Message 85

Séance of May 29, 1927

LI BAI

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters

Be at ease.

The Way is established thanks to the virtue and humility of each disciple of the Merciful Father. If one enters the Way but remains caught up in worldly disputes and competition, then no matter how many disciples or how much merit is accumulated, the Way will become nothing more than a worldly discourse. The true spiritual merit and virtue will not yield worthy results. Many disciples, due to their mundane nature, hinder the progress of the Way and may even cause chaos within the Way in the future.

The Merciful Father, with great compassion, has provided the means to cleanse worldly sins and lead pure souls to the realm of the Pure Land. If one does not reform oneself but instead adds more worldly faults, it burdens others. Practicing the Way in such a manner does not benefit anyone. Disciples should not debate right and wrong; let Me manage any corrections needed. It is sufficient to fulfill one's duties, while the faults of others will be dealt with accordingly.

I, too, will follow the compassionate nature of the Supreme Being. If not, I would have erased all the merits of the Great Way, leaving humanity without hope. Those who are guilty would find

it difficult to create further disorder. Good and evil, right, and wrong, are distinct paths. Those with strong determination will prosper, while those with weak resolve will falter. Heaven and Hell are separate realms, and rewards and punishments will inevitably come.

Divine Message 86

June 1, 1927

MASTER, My children.

T...! Since the foundation of the Way was established to propagate the True Teachings, many disciples have shown their sincere efforts to guide living beings and cultivate the Heavenly Way. These are the ones I trusted to pave the thorny path and clear the spiritual way, leading humanity out of the sea of misery and suffering in this mundane world.

The Way has been established, and many disciples have almost cleansed themselves of worldly impurities. However, you must endure many difficulties to propagate the true teachings for future generations. A bright example has been set, but the Prajna boat must navigate the tides of the Heavenly Mechanism, often swaying and sinking many passengers. These are the disciples without merit, who failed to maintain their purity and instead adopted corrupt practices, tarnishing the precious Way I have imparted with My love for life.

You have devotedly cared for the Way, enduring much bitterness while donning the brown robe, hoping to polish the mirror to reflect the path for those who follow, guiding them to a state of tranquility, free from many worldly troubles. This is the cherished disciple, maintain this standard and navigate the winding paths to completion. The merit scale will determine each one's ultimate fate based on their accumulated virtue. At the end of June, I must cease the spirit writing to propagate the

Way. You must use the sincere dedication you have cultivated to gradually complete the Way. These are My final earnest words, remember them well. Each one will receive their due based on their deeds, keep to the straight path and ascend the spiritual ladder, awaiting the day of reunion with Me. This is the true treasure.

I bless you all...

Divine Message 87

July 1927, Minh-Ly-Dan

JADE EMPEROR, SUPREME GOD, KNOWN AS CAO DAI TEACHING THE WAY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

I greet you all. I allow everyone to ascend. I greet you all together. Laugh... I am pleased for you, Trung. I have gathered the Immortals and Buddhas to discuss the establishment of the Way in the Great Vietnam country. You should listen to My advice and avoid conflict with each other; be united in heart and mind to revive righteousness. Although there are currently many branches and sects, one day they will all be united. Regardless of which side you are on, love each other as if you were from one family, and avoid jealousy and criticism. I established this Minor Séance knowing that you, Trung, would be here. Remember My teachings; assist Minh-Lý in achieving success. Understand that having many religions is like a part of a house—be it the main pillar, the secondary pillars, the beams, or the rafters. Even the smallest and weakest rafter is essential; though there are many parts, there is only one Master who dwells within. Trung, work hard to train your followers to be respectful and well-mannered. The success of the Way depends on propriety. Minh-Lý here serves as a seminary, a place for the spiritual training of monks, preparing them for the salvation of souls in the future. I will depart now; shortly, Li Bai will descend. Ascend.

POEMS TEACHING THE WAY

Alone and bare, I truly stand in need,
A single white lotus offers solace indeed.
At home, I borrow the dense green clouds' shade,
My steps are lifted by a white crane's aid.
I spread kindness to plant the Way anew,
Grant blessings to disciples, virtues they pursue.
When Earth awakens, Heaven shifts its form,
Buddhas, Saints, and Immortals descend in human norm.

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Newly Describing the WHITE JADE PALACE

A heavenly pavilion of resplendent jade,
A shimmering bridge of stars through night is laid.
A thousand fathoms barred by North Star's gate,
Ten thousand steps align with South Pole's fate.
The Deities are dazzled by its changing hue,
The Saints stand awed by its wonders true.
Amid flashing storms, it firmly holds its ground,
Eternal steadfastness, in time unbound.

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A fleeting dream, life like a printed scene,
With wisdom and wit, self-reflection must intervene.
Great wealth comes through grasping and strife,

High fame is built on borrowing in life.
A hundred years entangled in virtue's way,
One lifetime bound by love's debt to repay.
Know your fate, your roots, and your role assigned,
Retrace the old path to Heaven's gate divine.

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The world oppresses itself, lacking compassion,
Out of love for the world, I bring the Way's direction.
The path is long; the horse must endure,
Weakness of strength reveals a heart's allure.
Follow the Way, like Emperor Shun of old,
Who preserved King Wen's path, noble and bold.
Kings, nobles, commoners—who holds the will?
A steadfast resolve can shape the world still.

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The heavens shine, the sun and moon resplendent,
From the Nine Divine Realms, noble ones are present.
Ignoring the tigers that vie for the North Star's reign,
Disregarding dragons that battle for the Southern Plain.
In life, laws stand firm, yet deeds are lacking,
In death, all paths end in wasted tracking.
With virtue and merit, the Way is within reach,
Without merit or virtue, all efforts breach.

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Hail, Southern Nation! Hail, Southern Nation!
A small land, yet early opens the Nirvana's station.

Fortunate to meet Cao Dai spreading the Great Way,
Blessed to greet the Jade Emperor dwelling on Earth today.
Bestowing grace, aiding all through Heaven's trials,
In truth or illusion, peace reigns for endless miles.
The supreme treasure of humanity is beyond valuation,
Awakened minds uplift the world with noble elevation.

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With letters, with arms, and with tempests to see,
Sun, Moon, Yin, and Yang in harmony.
Heaven and Earth embrace all creations vast,
Humans, plants, and flowers bloom unsurpassed.
Marvelous sights for the noble to admire,
Rivers and mountains inspire songs from guests higher.
I ask you, how were such wonders conceived?
With reverence for Ngô as host, how is the Way perceived?

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The jade concealed in rare stone shines bright and proud,
Heaven never forsakes the bold and endowed.
Blessings descend, joy shared among all,
A harmonious world where all nations stand tall.
Teaching humanity to seek wisdom's grace,
The Way spreads love across the human race.
Southern men, awakened, rise with noble will,
Cultivate the heart to ease life's burdens still.

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The radiant light shines brightly in the East,

The Three Religions converge, unity increased.
Buddhist principles guide to virtuous ways,
Confucian ideals restore harmonious days.
The True Way calls for cultivation and direction,
Guard against delusions and deceitful intentions.
To know Heaven's envoy has arrived on Earth,
The Third Universal Salvation fulfills its worth.

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For countless lifetimes, My name has been known,
I emerge as Heaven's Way is shown.
I come to welcome the virtuous to dwell,
Together in one realm, one house as well.

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The chains of this time have been undone,
Do not dwell on the burdens of this life alone.
With affinity, one may reach the True Way's stream,
Persevere in practice and prayer; do not let your resolve wane.

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Each fleeting day passes, one by one,
Are Immortals and Buddhas forever undone?
Refine yourself to mastery and eternal life,
The Immortal gates feel like home, free from strife..

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One Heaven, one Earth, one unified home,
Teaching humanity to nurture hearts of virtue and wisdom.
Holding the thread of Heavenly plans to save all beings,

Perfecting the Human Way, ascending to Immortals' gleam.

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Dreaming still, not yet free from worldly snares,
Unaware of oneself, unready to prepare.
Transform your virtues; I challenge you to try,
Next month, come before Me to justify.

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Present yourself to Me, and I shall lift your steps,
I advise you, My child, to lessen your grudges kept.
If you hate others, Heaven will hate you too,
How can Heaven's disdain be any less true?

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What surpasses the joy of cultivating virtue and skill?
With pillow and blanket ready, embark on the boat at will.
Beyond, there are still Father, uncles, and kin,
Set an example worthy of being a true disciple within.

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To be a disciple of virtue is no easy feat,
Neither joy nor sorrow can one completely meet.
The suffering of life becomes one's aspiration,
While the scorn of others turns into a sought invitation.

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Compiled into a book called the Heavenly Scripture,
The Way's establishment was destined for this juncture.
Fortune favors those who stay steadfast in mind,
Hold the phoenix's tail to reach the sunlit shore in kind.

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Fragrance or charm, all bear the scent of life,
Unused treasures become mere playthings rife.
Buying and selling, like bargaining in a market's flow,
Before reaching home at dusk, life has already let go.

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The Master earnestly imparts a few words of care,
Know the Way yourself and hold it with steadfast flair.
Ignore the ignorant who mock and scorn,
Focus on what's right, let wisdom adorn.

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The Master waits at the boat for awakened souls,
Urging perseverance, avoiding resentful goals.
Even worldly tasks require effort to fulfill,
Let alone the duties of leadership on Mount Bồng's hill.

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How admirable are those who choose the path of cultivation,
In practice, they cherish not fame's temptation.
Fame is but a charm that blinds the soul,
A world without virtue can never be whole.

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Through rain and shine, the body endures countless trials,
Entrusting virtue to the halls of Chiêu Tân all the while.
True refinement lies in savoring simple pickled fare,
Far better than ruling lofty towers of Yên or gazing on Tàn's lair.

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With Prajñā's wisdom, I ask you to turn the oar,
Look within and show compassion for the suffering poor.
A hundred years may not yet perfect virtue's grace,
Advance with care, navigating life's rugged pace.

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Adapt with care and wisdom to save humankind,
Through trials and challenges, the Master clarifies the design.
Ignorance abounds, while wisdom is rare,
Failing to tread the Immortal's path leads only to despair.

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Forsake material desires, embracing the vast Universe entire,
Beyond the flesh and bones lies the soul's eternal fire.
Turn back and ask yourself: is it truly worth the strife?
A hundred years is life's span, ending in the grave's quiet life.

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Few strive to escape the worldly snare,
For they do not cherish the single word: "carefree" rare.
Dragons and snakes intertwine with life's flow,
The dragon turns snake; glory fades like a dream's glow.

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Walk alongside Sào Phủ, the recluse of old,
For the path of fame and wealth is over-told.
Step back from the mundane and worldly race,
Laugh, cry, rejoice, grieve—do you see their fleeting place?

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Listen closely, and you'll hear many voices of virtue,
Hold firmly to the Way, let it guide you true.
Though seas may shift and mountains move away,
Great virtue remains steadfast, beyond measure or sway.

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Who sets up this instrument, crafted with such skill,
That invites demons and spirits to gather at will?
They linger and scheme, intent on leading astray,
Causing the Way to drift farther from the Master each day.

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Heaven's decree has now reached your hands,
Endure the hardships, do not make demands.
Establish the Way for ages to remain,
To leave a lasting legacy, an eternal name.

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Long devoted to cultivation through these years,
Cherishing the Way, now meeting the Master clears.
Accept the role of teaching disciples with humility,
Transforming a troubled world into harmony.

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Great virtue is the mark of a worthy being,
Virtue surpasses talent by far in meaning.
With virtue and talent, the Way holds firm esteem,
Without either, all becomes an empty dream.

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Benevolence guides all actions and the Way,

Through it, leaders inspire and sway.
Wisdom led by kindness helps governance thrive,
A nation of true benevolence stays unified.

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Heaven always cherishes humankind,
Yet grieves their cold hearts, unkind.
Suppressed wisdom fears drifting beyond reach,
Compassion within wields divine power to teach.

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Flying to Hồ Dương, the phoenix calls at dusk,
Immortals descend to the world, countless in their trust.
Few turn their steps to walk the righteous path,
While many fall, their trails bustling with life's aftermath.

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Many gaze longingly at Heaven's gate,
Yet fail to grasp the willow branch before it's too late.
When the willow thrives, the world nears its end,
Amidst the turmoil, one's stand must transcend.

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Sorrows have transformed, the end draws near,
The Northern Sea will soon turn into a battlefield clear.
In troubled times, humanity strives to amend wrongs,
Following the path of virtue, they ascend to divine ranks strong.

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Do not think divine ascension is a vague tale,
Who among you has met Lão Tô upon the ocean's trail?

Using worldly means to guide and enlighten the land,
Much like borrowing the writings of Master Hò's hand.

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Parted in two, whether staying or returning,
Alone and distant, how much longing and yearning!
Fortune fades, decline brings hardship and strife,
Much like the White Monkey, lost in a daze of life.

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Dazed and unbothered, a virtuous soul stands,
With pure thoughts, one sees the Immortals' lands.
Try asking your heart; it will surely teach,
That in this world, the Lord holds supreme reach.

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Supreme authority is hard to attain,
Virtue must be cultivated to return again.
Borrow from the earthly to leave essence behind,
For a thousand years, one still upholds Heaven's design.

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Foolish for virtue, such foolishness is kind,
A devoted heart aspires to the Immortal's divine.
Tears remain unwashed from karmic strife,
Through efforts of salvation, past debts find new life.

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Past karma fulfilled, old debts now clear,
Repent and strive for the highest tier.
A lifetime of simplicity pays life's dues,

Have you seen the bitter trials life construes?

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Half a life passes, still filled with concern,
The sincere of heart earn the Lord's return.
If peace and joy are what you seek to find,
Follow the Way, and forsake desires unkind.

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Fine foods and delicacies harm the mortal frame,
Ask yourself, how many worldly cravings bring shame?
High rank, many wives, and lavish feasts abound,
Yet the heart remains burdened, worries all around.

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A worried heart, like Bàng Củ, grays atop the mountain high,
Buying an official rank causes virtue to wither and die.
What compares to a gourd filled with sun and moon's light,
Wisdom unbothered by worldly flattery or sly insight?

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Seek clearly the path to the Heavenly Abode,
Praise for talent is not true talent bestowed.
To be Saintly, to be Virtuous, know it yourself,
Do not rely on others' words or borrowed wealth.

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Who truly understands their own heart's core?
Perhaps only Heaven knows what lies in store.
Truth and illusion blur through mortal eyes,
Wait until death to see where destiny lies.

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The Master teaches you the path ahead to discern,
Wait for the coming year's harvest to select the worthy in turn.
In five or seven years, great works will take form,
By then, focus on the Way and its reform.

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Consider carefully to grasp Heaven's design,
Understand it well and act in time.
Encouraging virtue has required much toil and care,
Strive to perfect the Way and its sacred affairs.

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The burden of sacred writings weighs heavy on the shoulder,
Literary scholars endure the toil, growing bolder.
The affairs of the nation and home remain entangled tight,
Not yet the time for leisurely gazing at plum blossoms bright.

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Watching the plum blossoms bloom twice anew,
Like Confucius of old, longing for the unicorn's view.
Resenting the winds, angered by the rain's refrain,
Through the years, neglecting the spirit to sustain.

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A spirit full within the body shines bright,
Avoid entanglements with fame and power's might.
Feel the eastern winds, and know their source,
Do not spread your wings only to fall with force.

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Shattered pieces are hard to make whole again,
Like lofty mountains, beyond the reach of a boat's domain.
Know your place and find joy in contentment true,
Though not a Buddha, you can still be an Immortal too.

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Cultivate a refined and gentle character, My child,
Do not think yourself clever alone in this worldly trial.
One word lacking virtue can lead to a thousand years' fall,
Many cycles of suffering stem from the smallest causes of all.

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The noble orchid grows among common grass and flowers,
Without drawing close, its fragrance escapes the hours.
The virtuous born into a world of cruelty and wrong,
Even with saintly virtue, they blend where they don't belong.

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Cao Dai descends to the mortal realm below,
Unmoved by treasures of jade or gold's glow.
Witnessing worldly sorrows time and again,
Reflecting without tears, a faint smile remains.

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A faint smile hides tears of deep care,
Not one is lost, yet the whole flock bears despair.
Knowing old age, I don't wait for a cane,
I lean on the foolish child to endure the pain.

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A kind heart stems from ancient roots,

Unmoved by fame or wealth's pursuits.
Life's fate and burdens constantly shift,
Reflect on your past, give your soul a lift.

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Your former self, unredeemed, fell to the mundane,
Reflect upon your heart to rekindle love for the Way again.
Stay true to life, do not stray into wrongs,
For wrongdoing invites demons and greed prolongs.

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In times of misfortune, Yan Zi of old,
Wore tattered sandals to visit Quang Trung's fold.
Today, you have yet to fully grasp the Way,
Simply follow the My path without delay.

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Storing virtue surpasses hoarding gold,
Wealth and glory cannot redeem the nation's hold.
The harsher the world, the firmer virtue must stand,
Mighty displays of force are not worth the hand.

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In the grove once dwelled seven wise men,
Who forsook worldly ways to cherish the Immortal's den.
Born into the red dust, the body must bear its stain,
Yet they smile at the striving of those lost in gain.

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A lofty seat in the Way is not about high authority,
It opens paths, guiding others to realms of serenity.

Chasing fame and fortune wears down virtue's grace,
Like overloading a boat until it sinks in place.

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The vessel of Prajñā's boat will never sink,
It floats like a flower, yet bears weight like gold's brink.
With the Way, even among thousands, one finds sufficiency,
Without affinity, even one soul may face adversity.

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Heaven's plan was revealed at the dawn of creation,
Calling mortals, though the call grows faint with frustration.
Still clinging to glory and worldly gain,
They ignore the nearing end of life's refrain.

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To near the Immortal Realm, leave the mundane behind,
Do not cling to this fleeting life, young minds.
A single shared feast hides a hundred drops of sorrow,
Step back now, escape the traps of greed for tomorrow.

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Within your heart, the Master resides and knows,
Yet in times past, this truth could not be exposed.
Cultivate virtue and uphold righteous ways,
The gates of the Jade Palace are soon to be displayed.

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Grown men fulfill their roles in life's design,
If you know the Way, don't treat others unkind.
Living on borrowed means with constant strife,

Best retreat from disputes, not compete in life.

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In decline, even the noble may fall to disgrace,
Great endeavors, My child, must start with a kindled blaze.
Life remains uncertain, as it has always been,
Pay no mind to venomous words of scorn or praise within.

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The rise and fall of the world, such is its way,
Do not burden the Divine with blame each day.
Good and bad reside within, inviting fortune or strife,
With sincere heart, you'll behold divine spirits in life.

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Inner honesty reflects outwardly clear,
A righteous mouth may sound harsh to the ear.
Deceitful schemes will surely meet their end,
Don't plan for one while ignoring what follows, friend.

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Guard against the sea turning into mulberry fields,
While officials remain, the court never stills.
The lure of wealth and fame entangles life,
Where now is the peach spring of ease and delight?

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Why crave the world's endless rivalries and strife,
Scrambling for a shared feast throughout this fleeting life?
All will vanish like a dream in slumber's sway,

A hundred short years—remember to live kindly each day.

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Do good completely, and Buddha and Heaven will care,
Avoid the thoughts of winning or losing; let them fade into air.
True joy comes from dwelling in tranquil scenes,
Praise or blame, anger or hate—such are worldly routines.

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Golden words call to the guests of the mortal plain,
What value holds the path to the Immortals' domain?
Earthly dust belongs to the worldly strife,
None have exchanged it for a tranquil life.

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A sincere heart will one day build the household's success,
Virtue and morality, My child, you must firmly possess.
If one plows on some days and feasts on others,
One cannot divide oneself to enjoy both endeavors.

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The cloud pedestal of Quan Vĩ bestows divine rank,
This scale of the Master measures deeds with great thanks.
Every virtue and goodness is accounted true,
Each act of merit earns rewards due.

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The Heavenly Abode is not of this mortal land,
Neither in the skies nor in the clouds it stands.
It offers the law of life and urges the young to see,
Follow the Master's footsteps, striving steadfastly.

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Naivety lingers past the springtime's glow,
Only then does one realize life is just so.
No longer chasing wealth or fleeting gain,
True treasure lies in virtue's domain!

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Oh, friends! Reflect and plan ahead with care,
Even across the four horizons, the truth is there.
Once the thread is found, take charge with grace,
Spread the foundation of the True Way in every place.

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Born into a world of scorching heat and pouring rain,
Where lies the sin, and where lies the gain?
Like birds huddled as the shadow falls near,
Joy turns to sorrow, leaving burdens to bear.

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How can a drawn bow shelter the soaring bird?
Losing kindness and grace, peace is deferred.
Adaptation may help in times of distress,
But restrain your heart, avoid schemes of deceitfulness.

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Gather together, all colors and kin,
Whether rich or poor, we share one Father within.
Lean on each other, unite as friends,
Life's journey is brief, soon it ends.

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The bell's chime calls humanity to awake,
Abandon evil, the path of goodness to take.
A past life unguarded leads to punishment near,
Rewards and retribution always follow here.

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The heavens never forsake the virtuous kind,
Revealing the full authority of the Supreme Divine.
Strive to establish kindness and help humankind,
Do not crave power and keep it solely confined.

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A wise bird seeks to perch on a sturdy tree,
A virtuous person guards their love for humanity.
Respect others as you would Heaven and Buddha above,
Extend your compassion to all beings with boundless love.

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Fame and fortune have led countless astray,
Yet many still treat others with disdain today.
To seek fame and fortune invites virtue's decay,
Serving them both keeps Heaven far away.

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Ancient books and tales hold lessons profound,
Like a bell struck clear, its echo resounds.
If the path of cultivation is not pursued with care,
The Lương Vương temple may fall into despair.

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Know that Heaven and Buddha are supremely just,

Divine wonders before your eyes reveal their trust.
Mystical power lets not a needle slip through,
Beware of deceit, for cleverness is not true.

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A flawless gem is of priceless worth,
A single chip brings silent regret to the earth.
Let a life of virtue never turn to vice,
For it may undo merits of countless lives.

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Ministers and officials lack filial care,
Fulfilling moral duties makes divinity fair.
If in the past they'd known the path of devotion,
By now, they'd reside among sacred elevations.

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Morning and night, living simply, desires are subdued,
Though the heart may plot, plans often elude.
Fulfill the Human Way as a priority,
When the door is clear, the Way flows with clarity.

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A crown on the head can't match a shade so wide,
How to raise such a lofty canopy with pride?
Shade five families to cool their hearts anew,
But to grant such comfort, what book should guide you?

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Pure gold, when met with fire, only grows in worth,
Even when called foolish, it does not lose its mirth.

Following Cao Dai, one receives saving grace,
For endless years to come, blessings will embrace.

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If red silk can cover the pure mirror's gleam,
It reflects the bond of unity, a noble theme.
Though sorrows press and the body suffers pain,
The Master advises: follow the Way, joy you'll regain.

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Success and failure rest in Heaven's design,
How can one escape the peaks and brine?
Though not towering, wisdom is profound,
Understand the mechanisms, and life's truths are found.

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Have you yet grasped where good and evil lead?
Once understood, abandon evil's seed.
Cultivate hidden virtues, layer by layer,
And you'll return to your former sacred sphere.

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Though countless books teach words of virtue,
The learned are not always wise, it's true.
Try altering Heaven's design, if you dare,
Then I shall transform evil into goodness everywhere.

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Mistakes of the past, repent with care,
Plead with your heart, reflect and be aware.
Fulfill Human Way in this worldly span,

Only then can the Heavenly Way be fully manned.

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Burdened shoulders bear the weight of worldly debt,
This mortal body suffers in hardship's net.
Not yet fed in the morning, the evening pot's in sight,
Break free, little by little, from this fated plight.

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Leave the worldly path, ascend to the Immortal Peaks,
With willow branch water, extinguish sorrow's heat.
If neither fate nor debt binds your heart's string,
Why entangle yourself in attachments unyielding?

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Burdened by sorrows, do not let worries grow,
Step firmly on rough paths, let your resolve show.
In the sea of suffering, waves relentlessly crash,
Hasten your steps, lest you miss the ferry's pass.

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Heaven's heart never favors just one or a few,
Those with virtue shine brighter in all they do.
Each reward demands great labor and care,
But the weight leads to strength to shoulder and bear.

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On your shoulders rests the weight of Heaven and Earth,
Cleverness pulls many into worldly mirth.
Chasing earthly pleasures, they forget to turn back,
Will your steps, once bright, endure or lack?

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A phoenix sings in the southern hills, the Way takes root,
Its sprout draws souls from Heaven's four corners to reboot.
The West and Asian seas await a changing hue,
White clouds of blessings spread across the skies anew.

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Why dwell on matters far and unsure,
Heaven above watches all, ever pure.
Gaze from your rooftop, see Heaven and Earth align,
Heavens are flawless, without a grain misaligned.

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Until now, Vietnam lacked the Way of the Home,
Today, I establish it, so it may bloom and become.
If asked how much effort it takes to achieve,
Tell them the young to follow, as the old perceive.

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Accumulate blessings, my child, accumulate them well,
For you're still entangled in life's binding spell.
Loving your children and grandchildren means loving the Way,
The Way isn't far—it resides within you each day.

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The nature of your wisdom—whose gift is it, say?
Bestowed upon you, it shines through rank and display.
If you know the path, turn back to the Way,
Lest you let another day slip entirely away.

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The royal path to the crown is set ablaze with light,
Untouched by worldly dust, one cherishes serene delight.
Cultivate virtue and nurture a kind-hearted core,
A thousand years of family peace will be yours to explore!

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The Way is profound, the Way is profound,
High, yet not too high; deep, yet not unbound.
The height can be reached, the depth can be explored,
Its true essence lies within the human heart's accord.

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Awaken and devote yourself at the Phạm Môn gate,
Encouraged to cultivate for saving souls' fate.
Without effort, the true destiny cannot be regained,
Awareness of the world will grant your sacred name.

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A virtuous heart reveals the Way and attains true guidance,
Preserve life and uphold Heaven to gain fulfillment's essence.
In later days, fame and gain will fade from sight,
A heart focused on the essential remains upright.

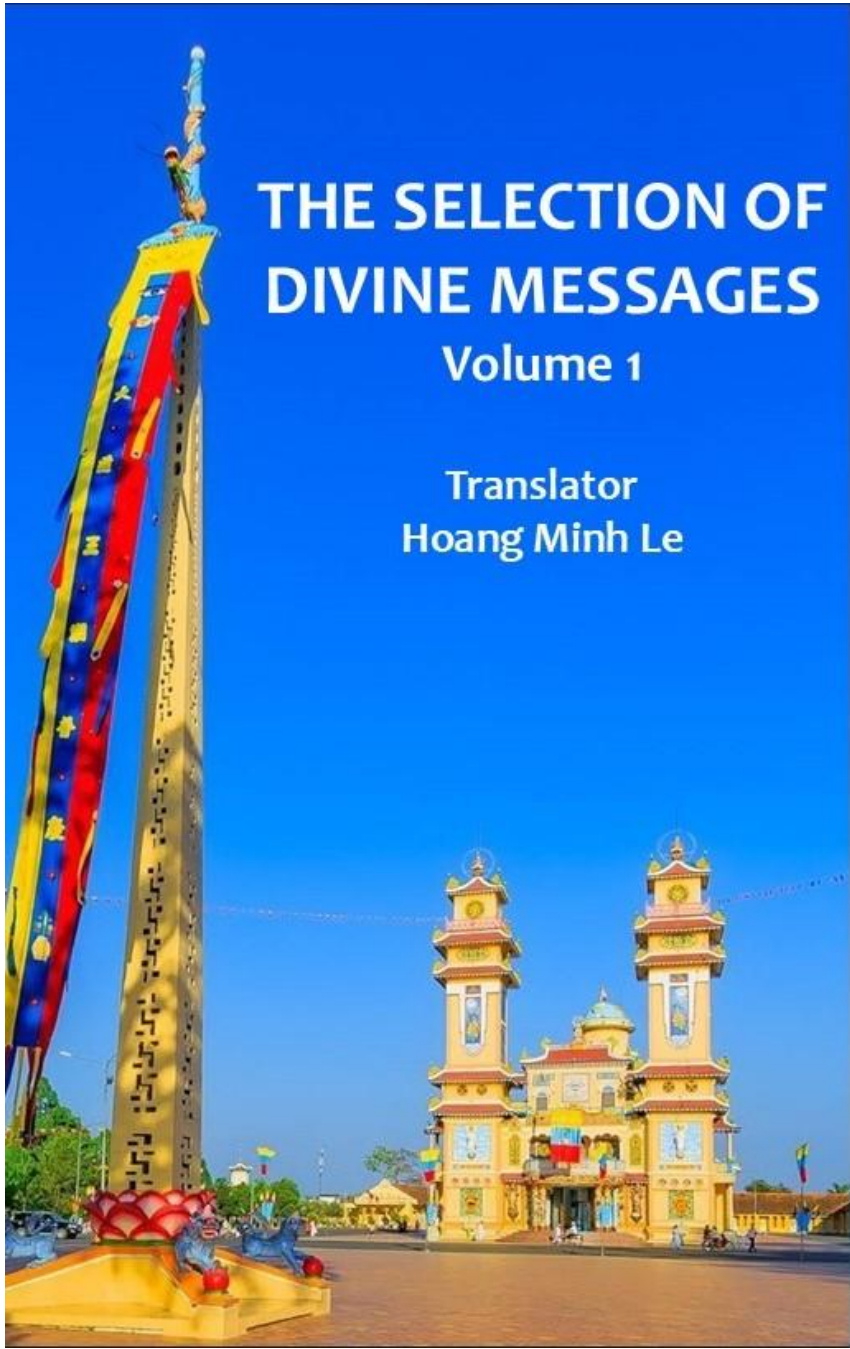
STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

The 20 poems in Chinese language following the First Divine Messages Book are unclear and difficult to understand. If reprinted, they would consume additional paper without providing much benefit to readers, so they will be omitted.

On the other hand, several Divine Messages originally in French, translated into Vietnamese, will be included in this edition to help readers gain a broader understanding.

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