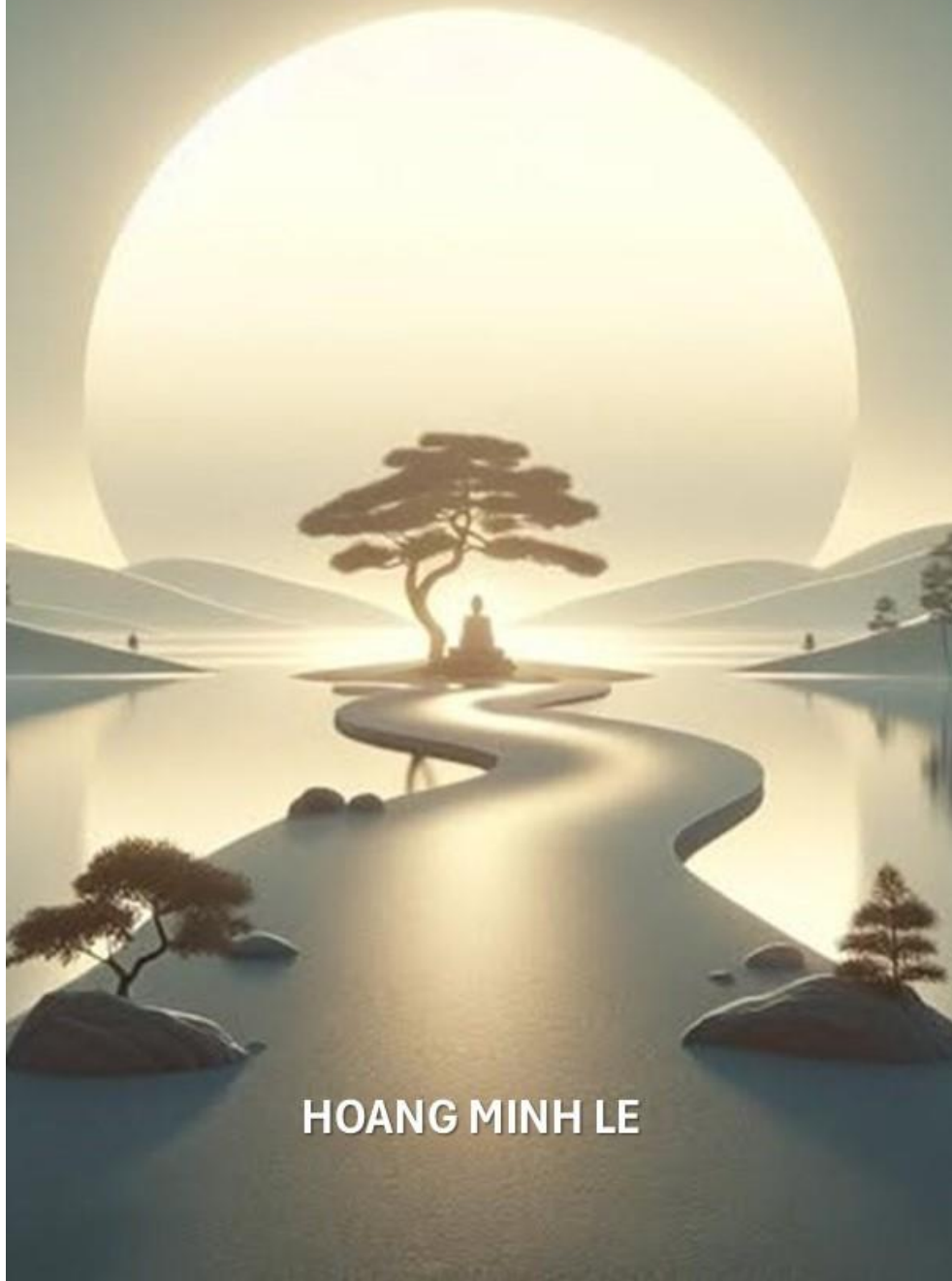
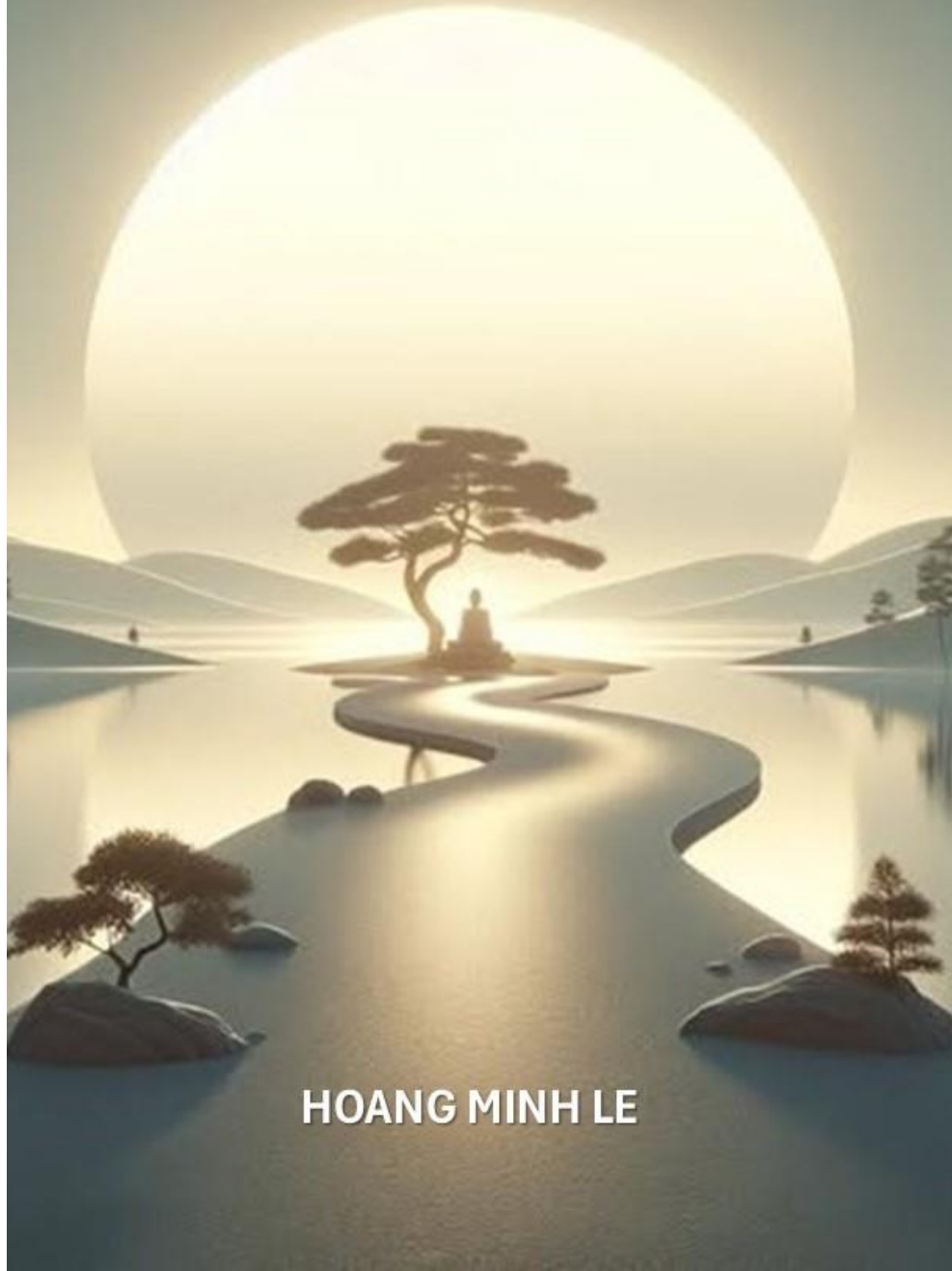


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INTRODUCTION

"The Path of Eternal Divine Life" is not only a significant religious book of the Cao Dai religion but also a spiritual guide for those seeking the meaning of existence and the journey back to the divine source. In this profound work, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc presents a detailed and insightful account of the Perispirit's journey after leaving the physical body, navigating through sacred realms filled with moral and spiritual lessons.

Through each of his teachings, His Holiness emphasizes that this path is not merely about personal salvation but also contributes to the upliftment and evolution of all humanity. This work not only provides guidance on cultivating oneself to attain liberation but also inspires compassion, self-sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility toward humankind.

In this book, we traverse the palaces and realms that His Holiness experienced firsthand. Below is a summary of these sacred realms, which will be elaborated on in the following chapters.

The Pure Land (Cực Lạc Thế Giới): A realm of absolute serenity and happiness where all Perispirits reunite in the boundless love of God The Father and Phật Mẫu (the Holy Mother). Perispirits in this realm are purified and free from all suffering or distinctions.

Palace of Heavenly Union Mission (Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa): A sacred court where Divine Beings determine the fate of Perispirits, safeguarding and guiding them through trials.

This palace symbolizes a divine tribunal where justice and mercy coexist.

Eight Trigrams Palace and Ocean of Suffering (Bát-Quái-Đài and Khổ Hải): The Eight Trigrams Palace tests the virtues of the Perispirit through severe trials, while the Ocean of Suffering is where Perispirits transcend errors and karma to move closer to spiritual awakening.

Palace of Diêu Trì and Garden of Eternal Life (Cung Diêu Trì và Vườn Ngạn Uyển): Here, Perispirits encounter the Holy Mother, receiving Divine love and solace from their origin. The Garden of Eternal Life symbolizes immortality, where Perispirits undergo transformation through various incarnations.

Milky Way and the Prajna Boat (Sông Ngân Hà và Thuyền Bát Nhã): A symbol of transition between the material world and the Divine realms, where Quan Yin Bodhisattva rescues Perispirits from suffering.

Jade Void Palace (Ngọc-Hư-Cung): This is the sacred realm where Divine Beings exercise their authority to govern the world and guide Perispirits (Chơn hồn). It serves as the place where Perispirits recognize their mistakes and receive spiritual enlightenment. In this realm, the merits and sins of each Perispirit are determined before they ascend to higher realms.

The Dragon Flower Assembly (Long Hoa Hội): A celestial gathering to assess Perispirits, purifying all karma to prepare them for a new cycle of evolution in the Universe.

Spiritual Realms and Esoteric Practices (Các Pháp Giới và Bí Pháp Tu Luyện): His Holiness guides readers through the profound aspects of cultivation, from Human Way to Buddhist Way, emphasizing love and compassion as essential virtues.

"The Path of Eternal Divine Life" Book serves as a call for humanity to recognize their role in the cosmos, to live according to Divine will and ethics. His Holiness encourages individuals to continuously practice self-cultivation, perform virtuous deeds, and spread love to achieve the highest spiritual rank in the Divine realms.

In the coming months, I will summarize the key points of each chapter from The Path of Eternal Divine Life to share the sacred experiences meticulously taught by His Holiness. This will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect deeply and gain greater understanding of the Perispirit's noble journey back to its Divine source.

We invite fellow Cao Dai adherents to join us in exploring the invaluable lessons embedded in each chapter.

Nam Mô Cao Đài Tiên Ông Đại Bồ Tát Ma Ha Tát

Sincerely yours,

Hoang Minh Le

Chapter 1

WHAT IS THE PATH OF ETERNAL DIVINE LIFE AND THE THREE METHODS OF SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT?

According to the teachings of His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc, The Path of Eternal Divine Life represents one of the most noble philosophies bestowed by God The Father upon the Cao Dai religion. His Holiness begins his lecture by emphasizing that this is a profound and essential subject that requires repeated teachings to fully convey its meaning. He advises Cao Dai followers to listen patiently, as this is not merely ordinary knowledge but an esoteric guide to help individuals achieve spiritual enlightenment and return to God The Father.

What Is the Path of Eternal Divine Life?

His Holiness explains that The Path of Eternal Divine Life can be understood in two ways:

According to the True Dharma of God The Father: This is the path for perispirits after they depart from their physical bodies, leading them to their spiritual destiny before God The Father, where their ascent or descent is determined based on their merits.

According to Buddhist Philosophy: This is the cycle of reincarnation, where Perispirits traverse the realms of birth and rebirth.

His Holiness emphasizes:

"Every Perispirit in this world, after leaving the body, must congregate at this Holy See and journey from here to other realms. Why must they enter this Holy See and not another? Because this Holy See is like an examination hall... Only examinations held here hold true value."

The journey begins at the Holy See (in Tayninh Province, Vietnam), established by God The Father for His children to cultivate merit, virtue, and wisdom. From here, the Perispirit advances to the Heavenly Union Palace (Hiệp Thiên Đài) and then to the Palace of the Way (Cung Đạo). However, before reaching the Palace of the Way, the Perispirit must pass through the Nine-Tiered Palace, where each level represents a trial and a stage of salvation. His Holiness elaborates:

"Each level of the Nine-Tiered Palace (Cửu Trùng Đài) represents a test conducted by Divine Beings, an act of salvation by the Nine Female Buddhas, and a plea for redemption by the various ranks of souls."

Three Methods of Rank Establishment

The journey back to God The Father is not simple. To achieve this ultimate goal, the Perispirit must pass through various sacred realms, each filled with its own mysteries. One lifetime of cultivation may not suffice; even thousands of lifetimes may fall short without diligent effort. Therefore, His Holiness

encourages all to follow the Three Methods of Rank Establishment to draw closer to God The Father.

1- The Nine Heavens Path of Enlightenment (Cửu Thiên Khai Hóa):

Through talent and merit, Perispirits ascend from the rank of follower to higher ranks such as Student Priest (Lễ Sanh), Priest (Giáo Hữu), Bishop (Giáo Sư), and beyond. This journey demands the fulfillment of three conditions: cultivating virtue (Lập Đức), performing meritorious deeds (Lập Công), and spreading wisdom (Lập Ngôn).

2- The Path of the Twelve Ranks of Divinity (Thập Nhị Đẳng Cấp Thiên Linh):

In this path, spiritual rank is attained through love and virtue, progressing from Enlightened Virtue (Minh Đức) to Ultimate Goodness (Chí Thiện) and higher. This path emphasizes enduring suffering as the foundation for overcoming it.

3- The Path of True Cultivation or Purification (Tu Chơn or Tịnh Luyện):

Reserved for those who have fulfilled the Three Establishments (virtue, merit, and wisdom), this method involves refining the Essence into Energy, Energy into Spirit, and achieving unity of Essence, Energy, and Spirit.

The Journey Along the Path of Eternal Divine Life

His Holiness guides us through the realms of the Path of Eternal Divine Life, each realm carries its own unique wonders and challenges.

The first station is the Holy Palace (Cung Thánh), where Perispirits either reincarnate or return after fulfilling their earthly duties. His Holiness describes:

"Upon arrival, one sees countless beings coming and going in an orderly, silent manner. This place, called the Holy Palace, is a station where Perispirits depart for reincarnation or are welcomed back after completing their lives. It resembles an airport or train station, bustling with movement. Departures are marked by sorrow, while returns bring joy, yet everyone shares an underlying concern. Those departing worry about fulfilling their earthly covenant with God The Father, while those returning are anxious about their spiritual rank—whether it remains intact or has been lost. Such worry is universal."

Conclusion

The Path of Eternal Divine Life, as taught by His Holiness, is not only a journey back to the Divine source but also a path of overcoming trials to attain liberation and glory. This journey demands perseverance, sacrifice, and boundless love from each of us.

Through his heartfelt teachings, His Holiness illuminates the path, helping Perispirits gain confidence and dispel uncertainty as they embark on their return to God The Father. Blessed are those fortunate enough to read and understand His profound and precious words.

A crucial point to remember is that every Perispirit incarnates with a mission and a covenant with God The Father. Understanding and fulfilling this responsibility not only gives life meaning but also ensures peace and confidence when returning to the Holy Palace—the place where merits and virtues of each Perispirit are assessed and received.

Chapter 2

PALACE OF HEAVENLY UNION MISSION (CUNG THỪA THIÊN HÀNH HÓA)

As promised, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues guiding the children of God The Father along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, this time delving into the Palace of Heavenly Union Mission (Cung Thừa Thiên Hành Hóa). This sacred realm is where Divine Beings gather to make decisions on significant events concerning the cosmos.

In the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, the Divine Beings deeply care about the spirit and destiny of humanity. They consider every aspect, from the future of this Earth to others. Their work is unceasing, as they tirelessly craft plans for the salvation of humankind, never losing sight of their noble responsibilities.

The Sacred Landscape of the Path of Mission

As one journeys deeper into the Palace Heavenly Union Mission, the path becomes increasingly desolate, for it is a place few can reach. Achieving the status of an Immortal or a Buddha is no easy feat, requiring exceptional diligence. His Holiness observes that, compared to the laws of ancient religions, Cao Dai religion offers a clearer and more effective path to help humanity achieve noble spiritual ranks.

The road to the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission brings not only a sense of serenity but also reveals mystical beauty, far surpassing anything imaginable on Earth. Those who reach this realm possess a Divine beauty and virtue, free from all earthly impurities. His Holiness describes how even when encountering Divine Beings such as the Eight Immortals, their forms are identical to their depictions in statues, making them easily recognizable.

The Significance of the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission

The Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission is not just a gathering place for the Divine Beings of this Earth but also for those from other celestial spheres across the universe. High-ranking Perispirits from distant planets convene here to fulfill critical roles, exemplifying the vastness and mystery of this realm.

A unique characteristic of the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission is the supreme power held by the Divine Beings present. They have the authority to intervene and adjust all matters within the cosmos. His Holiness describes this authority with the phrase "decide first, report later" (tiền trảm hậu tấu), highlighting the decisiveness and omnipotence of these Beings. The ranks held here represent not only immense wisdom but also extraordinary spiritual determination.

This realm is not merely a place of transcendent beauty but also houses the full spectrum of Divine Dharma to safeguard and sustain the existence of the Earth. His Holiness emphasizes that Earth 68—the planet we inhabit—experiences many disturbances, yet it remains under the

protection and support of the Divine Beings within the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, enabling it to overcome its challenges.

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc describes the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission not only as a mystical and powerful realm but also as a vital center for maintaining the balance of the cosmos. He asserts that this sacred place embodies the highest virtues—exceptional intellect, extraordinary resolve, and boundless spiritual resources. All the essential elements for the survival and development of celestial spheres are safeguarded and maintained here.

Whether Earth or any other celestial body, all benefit from the blessings and meticulous care of the Divine Beings in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission. Their efforts ensure the harmony and progression of all existence within the universe.

Chapter 3

THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS PALACE AND THE OCEAN OF SUFFERING

As promised, His Holiness Dharma Protector continues guiding us along The Path of Eternal Divine Life, today focusing on the Eight Trigrams Palace (Bát-Quái-Đài) and the Ocean of Suffering (Khổ Hải).

On the journey to the Eight Trigrams Palace, the Perispirit travels endlessly through the boundless cosmos, as though aboard a mystical airplane of God The Father. The Palace emerges as a radiant, glittering structure with eight corners and eight gates. From these gates, all beings—both sentient and non-sentient—appear in luminous, divine forms, glowing with Heavenly light. Spanning across a vast ocean of light, called the Ocean of Suffering, are eight bridges formed not of material substance but of resplendent rays of light. Along these bridges, countless Perispirits come and go.

As the Perispirit ascends the bridge, it faces rigorous trials. The bridge trembles and sways, making each step unsteady and fraught with difficulty. Those lacking divine merit or burdened by unresolved karma fall into Bích-Hải. In this ocean, their darkened forms reveal the flaws and sins they accumulated in life. Those who overcome these trials advance to the Eight Trigrams Palace, a sanctuary reserved for pure Perispirits endowed with unwavering faith and virtue.

The Story of His Holiness Vương Quang Kỳ

His Holiness describes a moving scene witnessed from above, where many spiritual companions fall into Bích-Hải (or Ocean of Suffering), weeping in despair. However, one individual stood out in a most astonishing way:

This man, dressed in Heavenly Robes and wearing the ceremonial cap of a Cao Dai Bishop (Giáo Sư), carried his fine robes slung over his shoulder and his cap in hand. Wearing only shorts, bare-chested, he staggered across the bridge, laughing to himself for reasons unknown. Despite his unusual appearance, he miraculously crossed the Eight Trigrams Palace effortlessly, as if untouched by the trials.

His Holiness explains:

"I see that this friend has been blessed by the Divine Grace of God The Father, a special favor bestowed upon this individual. This person has a close relative, a significant figure holding an influential position in the Divine Realm, specifically the Seventh Female Immortal (Thất Nữ) of the Palace of Diêu Trì. Let me clarify: this individual is Vương Quang Kỳ, the paternal uncle of Thất Nữ."

This person embarked on a path of religious development without understanding what the Way (Đạo) entails. Following an ideology stemming from the orthodox religion established by God The Father (Đức Chí Tôn), his thoughts and actions align with that framework. However, if we were to examine his approach, we might hastily judge it as heretical or belonging to an unconventional path (Tả Đạo Bàng Môn)."

His Holiness taught that, even though this person's actions may appear to completely contradict the True Teachings God the Father in the eyes of the world, his unwavering faith and reverence for Him can still lead him through. Even if he was unable to wear the Heavenly Robe, merely holding it in his hands as he passed through the Eight Trigrams Palace (Bát Quái Đài) will ensure that no force can obstruct him.

Lesson On Worldly Duties

Through the story of Vương Quang Kỳ, His Holiness teaches us not to judge or criticize the actions of others. If we are entrusted with the responsibility of guiding others within God The Father's Holy Body, our duty is to use our moral authority to find ways to lead them. Beyond this responsibility, we have no right to condemn or elevate ourselves above others. His Holiness warns against excessive pride, reminding us that we are but small parts of God The Father's Holy Body.

He states:

"When duty calls, it leaves no room for personal ownership or private authority. There is no justification for self-pride or self-assertion in fulfilling one's responsibilities. At best, we are divine instruments of God The Father, our strength and weakness dependent on His guidance, not our own will. While we may serve as spiritual teachers and guardians to God The Father's children, we do not have the right to subjugate or enslave them. It is not by our greatness or supreme accomplishments that we look down upon other Perispirits. Should we fail to uphold fairness and justice, we cannot escape this sin."

The saddest sight His Holiness observes is those who realize they cannot cross the radiant bridge to the Eight Trigrams Palace. These Perispirits weep bitterly and are forced to return to the mortal world, reincarnating to repay for the karma they themselves created.

Conclusion

His Holiness the Dharma Protector's sermon on the Eight Trigrams Palace and the Ocean of Suffering serves as a profound reminder that the journey back to the Sacred Eternal Realm is not only a path filled with challenges but also a test of faith and virtue. The radiant bridge leading to the Eight Trigrams Palace opens only for souls that are pure, steadfast in faith, and virtuous in heart. Conversely, those souls unable to cross must face the consequences of their own karma, underscoring the strict justice and fairness of the Divine Law.

Chapter 4

THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE OCEAN OF SUFFERING AND THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS PALACE

In the previous chapter, we learned that Perispirits wishing to enter the Eight Trigrams Palace must cross the bridge over the Ocean of Suffering (Khổ Hải). Perispirits burdened with mistakes and karma fall into the ocean, while only pure Perispirits, full of faith and virtue, can cross the bridge and enter the Eight Trigrams Palace.

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector elaborates on the meaning of the Ocean of Suffering and the phenomena that occur when a Perispirit is fortunate enough to enter the Eight Trigrams Palace.

The Meaning of the Ocean of Suffering

According to His Holiness, Bích-Hải is also called the Ocean of Suffering because, from the bridge, Perispirits can see an immense ocean with rolling, deep blue waves. Each wave carries the word "Suffering" (Khổ) clearly inscribed on it.

The waves rise and fall, each carrying its unique form of suffering: the pain of birth, the struggles of life, the torment of illness, and the anguish of facing death. These waves embody the collective sorrow of humanity, accumulated over countless lifetimes, forming this vast ocean. The Ocean of

Suffering symbolizes the hardships humans endure on their journey back to the Sacred Eternal Realm.

The Scale of Justice Within the Eight Trigrams Palace

Perispirits fortunate enough to enter the Eight Trigrams Palace experience a profound transformation. The platform itself disappears, replaced by boundless radiance that envelops the universe. A Scale of Justice (Cây Cân Công Bình) appears before them and gradually fades away.

At this moment, the Perispirit feels like a spectator at a special theater, where their entire life is replayed in vivid detail, leaving no event omitted. This is not a mere mirror but a medium that reveals every action, every decision—big or small—exactly as it occurred. It is like watching a personal film projected before their eyes.

The Phenomenon of Gender Transformation

Among the many Perispirits passing through the Eight Trigrams Palace, one remarkable phenomenon occurs: the transformation of gender.

In this sacred realm, two flames symbolize divine judgment. Those who lack love, fail to show compassion to themselves and others, or violate the law of love are transformed: men become women, and women who have lived virtuously and adhered to the law of love are transformed into men. This demonstrates the absolute fairness of the Divine Laws.

His Holiness emphasizes that, in the spiritual realm, there is no distinction between male and female—all Perispirits are children of God The Father. Men have no right to dominate women, nor are women considered inferior to men. God The

Father's laws guarantee equality, and those who fail to uphold this principle will face severe consequences in the Eight Trigrams Palace.

His Holiness advises practitioners to treat one another with love and respect. Virtuous wives who fulfill their duties will transform into men at the Eight Trigrams Palace, becoming valuable companions. On the other hand, husbands who neglect their responsibilities will face unrelenting judgment.

Autonomy in the Spiritual Realm

A remarkable aspect of the spiritual realm is the autonomy granted to Perispirits when they are required to reincarnate. There is no law forcing them to reincarnate immediately. Perispirits can remain in the Sacred Realm for 1,200, 2,400, or even 3,000 years, resting in tranquility. When they feel ready and capable of continuing their journey, they can choose the time to reincarnate and fulfill their mission of teaching the Dharma or spreading the Way.

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector's teachings about the separation between the Ocean of Suffering and the Eight Trigrams Palace provide profound insights into the sacred journey of the Perispirit. The Ocean of Suffering, with its waves bearing the word "Suffering," represents the cumulative hardships humanity endures across countless lifetimes.

The Eight Trigrams Palace is not only a place of spiritual purification but also a testament to the absolute fairness of Divine Law. The presence of the Scale of Justice and the phenomenon of gender transformation illustrate that only

Perispirits who live with love and respect can overcome the severe trials and attain spiritual liberation.

Ultimately, His Holiness emphasizes that, in the spiritual realm, there is no distinction between male and female; all Perispirits are equal before God The Father. Love and responsibility in life determine the sacred journey of each Perispirit. The lessons from the Eight Trigrams Palace encourage us to live meaningful lives filled with love and a sense of duty, ensuring we have no regrets when entering the Sacred Eternal Realm.

Chapter 5

THE PURE LAND AND THE IMAGE OF THE HOLY MOTHER

Continuing the journey along The Path of Eternal Divine Life, His Holiness Dharma Protector takes us further to the realm known as The Pure Land (Cực Lạc Thế Giới), where joy and happiness reach their absolute peak.

The State After Crossing the Eight Trigrams Palace

Upon crossing the Eight Trigrams Palace, every Perispirit sheds the burdens of the material world. All physical forms vanish, replaced by radiant light, symbolizing purity, and glory. In this realm, there is no distinction between male and female, no separation by form or rank. Perispirits who were friends and loved ones in the mortal world now reunite with even greater affection and connection.

Notably, in this sacred place, there is no jealousy or animosity. All share in a universal joy and happiness. Even animals, birds, and plants exist here with a familiar and affectionate presence, as if they have been longtime companions. The scenery is breathtakingly magnificent, and

every thought or desire manifests instantly, bringing an unparalleled sense of fulfillment.

The Journey To The Pure Land

On the path leading to the Pure Land, a mystical cloudscape appears in the distance, its beauty beyond any description. Fluttering in the wind is a luminous banner, evoking a deep sense of connection to the Divine origin. Those who once lived in the mortal world feel as though they are returning to a beloved homeland, an indescribable and incomparable sensation.

As they enter this realm, every Perispirit is enveloped by boundless love, free from fear or division. A pervasive sense of love fills the air, making all earthly joys seem trivial. The reunion with loved ones not only brings immense happiness but also serves as a profound solace after countless cycles of reincarnation.

Beholding The Holy Mother

At the heart of the Pure Land, Perispirits are granted the privilege of meeting the Holy Mother (Phật Mẫu), the Divine Mother of all beings. The image of the Holy Mother is deeply mystical, appearing differently to each Perispirit. She may take the form of an elderly mother with loving eyes or a beautiful female Immortal. Regardless of Her form, the love the Holy Mother offers far exceeds human imagination, often moving Perispirits to tears.

His Holiness describes:

"Upon entering, one sees a majestic throne. Approaching the throne, one glimpses a Divine figure. If you think of Her as an

elderly woman, She appears as such; if you envision a celestial Immortal, She manifests accordingly. Whether old or young, the experience is profoundly mystical. You see Her as your mother. A grandfather sees Her as his mother, and so does a grandchild. Her love transcends all earthly limitations. In the mortal world, a mother may scold or reprimand, but in this sacred realm, Her love is incomparably tender and compassionate, beyond what any earthly mother could provide."

Here, all karma and sins are absolved by the Holy Mother's infinite love. She is the symbol of forgiveness and protection, not only for beings on Earth but also for exalted figures like Đức Di Lạc Vương Phật (Maitreya Buddha), who is described as kneeling behind Her in absolute reverence. This illustrates that no matter how powerful a Buddha may be, they remain children of the Holy Mother, under her guidance and care.

The Holy Mother represents not only the source of love but also harmony and fairness. She makes no distinction between male and female, and those who live according to the law of love will enjoy equality in the Pure Land. Perispirits arriving here experience endless joy and unparalleled peace.

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector emphasizes that while life on Earth is fleeting, it is an opportunity to practice virtue, accumulate merit, and prepare for the journey back to the Divine realm. Relationships—whether between spouses, family members, or friends—built on love and sacrifice serve as the foundation for the Perispirit's elevation.

When reaching the Pure Land, love is magnified manyfold, becoming an eternal source of comfort and happiness. The teachings of His Holiness remind us to cherish our earthly lives as a time to cultivate love and fulfill our duties, ensuring that our journey to the sacred realm is filled with profound joy and lasting peace.

Chapter 6

THE POWER OF THE HOLY MOTHER - SEEING HER AS THE IMAGE OF OUR OWN MOTHER

Today, as we continue on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, we delve deeper into the mysteries of the Divine realms. His Holiness Dharma Protector provides profound insights into the role and power of the Holy Mother (Phật Mẫu), the source of all love and creation, while imparting invaluable lessons about the journey of enlightenment and liberation.

The Holy Mother And The Image Of A Mother

His Holiness emphasizes that the Holy Mother is the spiritual Mother of all beings. Upon entering the Diêu Trì Palace, something extraordinary occurs: each individual sees the Holy Mother as their own biological mother. This is not an illusion but a manifestation of the Holy Mother's boundless power, allowing us to experience the absolute love and deepest connection.

The Holy Mother is not only present in Divine form but also reflected in earthly mothers, who are entrusted with the power of creation and nurturing. She instructs the female followers:

"The earthly mother we know is a representative of the Holy Mother among women. Women, pay heed to this: you are closely linked to the Holy Mother. When you bring a physical

body into this world, the Holy Mother has entrusted you with the power of creation. There is no need to elaborate on the honor of a woman whose child becomes a person of virtue and progresses on The Path of Eternal Divine Life."

His Holiness encourages everyone, male or female, to remember the debt of gratitude owed to their parents and to avoid filial disrespect. When we face the Holy Mother, if we have lived a life of filial piety, she will appear with kindness and gentleness. Conversely, if we have been ungrateful, her image will become stern, causing us immense anguish.

According to His Holiness, in the Diêu Trì Palace, all genuine aspirations will be fulfilled—not material desires, but spiritual and emotional contentment. Unfulfilled dreams from previous lives will be resolved, bringing a profound sense of peace and fulfillment. Here, one experiences happiness beyond anything achievable in the material world.

Ngạn Uyển Garden (Garden of Eternal Life)

Within the Diêu Trì Palace lies the Garden of Eternal Life (Vườn Ngạn Uyển), where each Perispirit corresponds to a flower. When a flower blooms, it signifies the birth of a new life; when it withers, it marks the transition from one life to another. His Holiness explains that life and death are akin to changing garments—nothing is truly lost. The flowers in the Garden of Eternal Life symbolize the immortality of existence, continually transforming and evolving in spirit and intellect.

The Two Banks Of The Milky Way

His Holiness describes a great river in the divine realm called the Milky Way (Sông Ngân Hà), separating two shores: The

bright Divine shore and the dark, sorrowful opposite bank. Perispirits on the sorrowful shore are those who have not completed their missions or carry heavy karmic burdens, awaiting reincarnation to continue their journey. Perispirits on the Divine Shore gaze upon the other side with compassion, while those on the sorrowful shore long to cross the river and find liberation.

On this occasion, His Holiness warns that those who take their own lives for love often face grave consequences and are sent to the City of Lost (Uống Tử Thành), as they have not fulfilled their earthly destiny. Upon reincarnation, they may meet again, but they can never become spouses, and their love will remain incomplete. If their love is genuine, the Holy Mother and God The Father will grant them salvation, guiding them to the Divine realm. Conversely, if their love is insincere, they will continue reincarnating to repay their karmic debts. His Holiness underscores the importance of true love and acceptance of destiny, avoiding self-destructive actions to create opportunities for liberation and entry into the Divine realm.

In the middle of the Milky Way (sông Ngân Hà), Quan Yin Bodhisattva (Đức Quan Âm Bồ Tát), under the direction of Maitreya Buddha (Đức Di Lạc Vương Phật), often navigates a boat to rescue beings. This boat symbolizes compassion and salvation, bringing hope to Perispirits yearning to escape suffering and progress toward the Sacred Eternal Realm.

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector emphasizes that the journey on The Path of Eternal Divine Life requires sincerity in love,

filial piety toward parents, and acceptance of destiny. Images such as the Garden of Eternal Life, the Milky Way, and the compassionate boat of Quan Yin Bodhisattva are not only symbols of immortality but also reminders of each Perispirit's responsibility to overcome karma and suffering to move toward the light of liberation.

Let us live meaningful lives, filled with love and faith, for only then can we cross the Milky Way to the radiant shore of the Sacred Eternal Realm.

Chapter 7

THE MILKY WAY AND THE WISDOM BOAT OF QUAN YIN BODHISATTVA

In the previous lesson, His Holiness Dharma Protector guided us through the Diêu Trì Palace, the Eight Trigrams Palace, and from the Ocean of Suffering onward to the Milky Way, which symbolizes the boundary between the mortal world and the Divine realm. On this sacred river, the Wisdom Boat (Thuyền Bát Nhã), steered by Quan Yin Bodhisattva under the direction of Maitreya Buddha (Đức Di Lạc Vương Phật), traverses regularly to rescue Perispirits.

The Eight Trigrams Palace And The Milky Way

The Eight Trigrams Palace, with its eight luminous gates, is the convergence point of the Eight Perispirits: Matter, Plants, Animals, Humans, Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas. Here, each Perispirit's true nature and virtues are revealed through the radiance surrounding them.

Perispirits that achieve a perfected state progress into the Eight Trigrams Palace, while those who do not meet the requirements must continue their cycle of reincarnation for further cultivation and transformation.

On the Milky Way, the Wisdom Boat, helmed by Quan Yin Bodhisattva, serves as a Divine vessel that carries Perispirits

across the river. This boat symbolizes infinite compassion and reminds us that salvation is available only to Perispirits who sincerely yearn for enlightenment and diligently practice spiritual cultivation.

The Evolution Of The Perispirit

In this lesson, His Holiness emphasizes the distinction between human spirituality and animal instincts, encouraging humanity to follow the path of God The Father rather than succumbing to base instincts. He explains that the human body originates from animalistic traits, formed over millions of years of evolution, from the instinctual Perispirit (Giác hồn) to the Soul (Linh hồn). However, it is the Divine Spark—granted by the Sacred realm—that enables humans to transcend animal instincts, preserve human dignity, and evolve into the ranks of Spirit, Saint, Immortal, and Buddha.

His Holiness underscores that human wisdom, a gift from God The Father, is granted to elevate humanity above all other beings. However, if this wisdom is misused to serve desires and animalistic instincts, it betrays the Divine and Creation.

He teaches:

"God The Father grants us wisdom beyond all creatures, yet humanity often betrays Creation, becoming arrogant and conceited. Holy and Buddhist scriptures declare, 'Human wisdom can become demonic.' This is why our ancestors, especially in Vietnam, would call someone cunning or deceitful a 'demon.'

"Our wisdom becomes demonic when it leads us astray. If we follow it blindly, how can we hope to attain the lofty ranks of

Deity, Saint, Immortal, and Buddha promised by God The Father? As He said: 'If you can surpass Me, I will humble Myself for you to achieve these ranks.'”

His Holiness warns that when people lose their dignity and become enslaved by their demonic tendencies, they spiral into mutual destruction and violence, much like animals fighting for survival. This is the root cause of suffering and chaos in the world. He reminds us that only by maintaining our spirituality and human dignity can we progress on The Path of Eternal Divine Life and reach the exalted ranks promised by God The Father.

Conclusion

The journey across the Milky Way and aboard the Wisdom Boat represents Divine salvation and boundless compassion. His Holiness reminds us that only by upholding our spirituality and dignity can we overcome animalistic instincts and earthly limitations, enabling us to progress along the Path of Eternal Divine Life.

Wisdom must be guided by the Way (Đạo) and sincere devotion, so that every Perispirit may achieve enlightenment and merge into the light of God The Father.

Chapter 8

THE MYSTICAL SECRETS OF THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS PALACE AND THE PALACE OF THE HEAVENLY UNION MISSION

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his discourse on the journey along The Path of Eternal Divine Life, leading us deeper into the sublime realms.

The Eight Trigrams Palace

His Holiness begins by explaining in detail the Eight Trigrams Palace (Bát Quái Đài), a Divine realm with eight gates, representing the eight grades of Perispirits: Matter, Plants, Animals, Humans, Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas. The Palace rotates like a colossal wheel, radiating eight beams of light that illuminate the entire universe (Càn Khôn Vũ Trụ).

Within these eight beams of light, the essence of each Perispirit is clearly revealed, from the material to the highest ranks, such as Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas. Regardless of rank, the spiritual essence (chơn thần) of every being shines with a purity that transcends the physical imperfections of earthly existence. This is the realm where the perpetual evolution and progression of Perispirits unfold, creating the cycle of growth and transformation throughout the universe.

The Sacred Palaces Before the Diêu Trì Palace

His Holiness describes three primary palaces that precede the Diêu Trì Palace—the throne of the Holy Mother:

- The Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission (Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa) at the center.
- The Pure Land (Cực Lạc Thế Giới) to the right.
- The Palace of the Jade Emperor (Ngọc Hư Cung) to the left.

Each palace radiates resplendent light, creating an awe-inspiring, sacred landscape. From the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, Perispirits are guided toward the other two palaces, where they undergo lessons and trials to achieve self-perfection.

The Palace Of The Heavenly Union Mission: Defender Of All Beings

The Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission is the place where God The Father appoints the Perfect Beings to function as representatives for all living beings. It serves as a sacred court of justice for the universe, protecting and advocating for Perispirits while rendering fair judgments. Only Perispirits who have achieved complete purity and fulfillment of their divine roles can enter this palace, where these exalted beings tirelessly guide and protect the children of God The Father on their journey of evolution.

His Holiness emphasizes that the beings in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission continually pray and intercede for all Perispirits, regardless of the realms they inhabit. This demonstrates the boundless compassion and absolute fairness of divine power.

Humanity Must Understand the Law of Cause and Effect

His Holiness urges everyone to deeply understand the law of cause and effect and the divine authority of reward and punishment. He reminds us that only through cultivation and adherence to the path of God The Father can we return to His embrace. Filial piety toward God The Father and loyalty to His Holy Body are the paths to liberation and enlightenment.

His Holiness teaches:

"Whether attaining the rank of Spirit, Saint, Immortal, or Buddha, one must earn the certificate of perfection to enter the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission. This palace is dedicated to the protection of all living entities. I find it fascinating that God The Father established the Heavenly Union Palace in this world. When I entered, I saw a welcoming spirit among them. I am certain that their silent wish is for me to return and convey this to humanity: 'The judgment for each life in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission has been made, and we have taken on many challenges. We hope that humanity understands the divine law of cause and effect and the divine authority of reward and punishment. Go back and share this understanding, reassuring them that in the spiritual realm, their beloved ones are constantly praying and interceding for them.'"

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc affirms that no power can forsake or abandon those who practice cultivation and uphold human dignity. This is a profound encouragement for everyone to persevere on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, trusting that divine justice and compassion will always be a steadfast foundation for us.

Chapter 9

THE LONG HOA ASSEMBLY AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF RANKS FOR PERISPIRITS

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues teaching about the Long-Hoa Assembly and its connection to the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission and the destiny of humanity. This marks a pivotal era as the Third Cycle of the Hạ Ngươn concludes, and the Divine Plan initiates the Long-Hoa Assembly—a sacred event where Perispirits are judged and ranked, preparing for entry into the Fourth Cycle of the Thượng Ngươn.

The Long-Hoa Assembly And Its Significance

According to the teachings of God The Father, the Long-Hoa Assembly is a grand spiritual examination where Perispirits are assigned their ranks based on their merits and karmic debts. This is a crucial moment when all grievances and karmic consequences of individuals, nations, and the world must be resolved. Humanity, in this phase, is paying off its accumulated karma, leading to large-scale upheavals such as wars, conflicts, and chaos.

The Root Causes of Chaos

His Holiness identifies that the current global turmoil is the result of karma accumulated over countless lifetimes. He compares this period to the tumultuous Tây Sơn era in

Vietnam's history, stating that it is a phase where karmic debts are being repaid—not just for Vietnam but for all humanity. Earth 68, the dwelling place of humankind, bears the consequences of the misdeeds of past generations.

The Difference Between Humans And Animals

Unlike animals, humans cannot survive in isolation but must form societies for mutual existence. While animals live by natural instincts, humans use their intelligence to deceive and exploit one another. His Holiness emphasizes that although humans may deceive society, they cannot escape the divine law of cause and effect.

Humans compete for survival by exploiting resources and even resorting to violence against one another. This cycle of suffering stems from greed and a lack of morality. His Holiness further explains that when humanity regresses, it risks reverting to a state as lowly as animals. To prevent this, the Divine Beings have opened the path of evolution through the Long-Hoa Assembly.

The Role Of Society And The Law Of Justice

From the earliest times, humans formed societies to protect themselves from wild animals and external threats. Initially, societies were small groups that evolved into nations with structured laws and governance. However, over time, human intelligence became a double-edged sword, creating disorder instead of harmony.

In today's world, as democracy spreads, power often falls into the hands of individuals lacking ethics and knowledge. This

results in growing instability among nations and perpetual chaos for humanity.

God The Father's Method

In response to this turmoil, God The Father descended to guide humanity. He granted the Cao Dai Religious Constitution (Pháp Chánh Truyền), a sacred and eternal legal system founded on fairness. Only by implementing this divine law can nations and humanity build stable, happy, and glorious societies.

His Holiness stresses that for stability and prosperity to be achieved, humanity must return to ethics. By building lives rooted in love and justice, people can eliminate karma and create a brighter future. The Long-Hoa Assembly provides an opportunity for each Perispirit to reassess its place and advance into a new era of evolution during the Fourth Cycle of the Thượng Ngươn.

Conclusion

The Long-Hoa Assembly is not just a sacred event but also a chance for humanity to reflect and reform. His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc calls on everyone to return to morality and live in accordance with Divine Law, thereby earning the blessings of God The Father. This is the only path for humanity to overcome the present chaos and step into an era of peace and happiness.

Chapter 10

THE ESSENTIAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE RELIGION AND WHAT IS THE PERISPIRIT?

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his discourse on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, emphasizing the essential philosophy concerning the Perispirit and the concept of the Perispirit (Chơn Thần). This is a crucial topic that explains the nature and purpose of existence, as well as the path each individual must take to attain liberation.

The Foundational Philosophy Of The Religion

His Holiness affirms that the philosophy of Cao Dai religion is not abstract or incomprehensible but rather the true path that God The Father has opened to guide humanity. The Way teaches us to understand our true nature and to live a righteous and progressive life. The philosophy rejects deceit and guides humanity toward seeking and practicing truth.

He also emphasizes that the Cao Dai religion is built upon fundamental truths, evidenced by the Golden Basin (Kim Bàn) and the Eight Trigrams Palace (Bát Quái Đài), which clearly illustrate the hierarchy of Perispirits from the lowest to the highest ranks. These symbols represent the progression and perfection that humans must strive to achieve.

The Perispirit – Nature And Role

His Holiness explains that the Perispirit (Chơn Thần) is the sacred essence of divine light bestowed upon humanity by the Holy Mother (Phật Mẫu). It is the most noble spiritual part within each individual. The Perispirit is not the physical body we inhabit, which is merely an “animal body” (xác thú), created as a vehicle to sustain life.

He compares the Perispirit to a divine beam of light originating from the Holy Mother’s Divine grace (khối thiên lương). It is the eternal source of life that helps humans overcome life’s challenges. If one preserves and cultivates the Perispirit, they will safeguard their Perispirit and ascend to higher spiritual ranks within the universe (Càn Khôn Vũ Trụ).

Earth And Its Unique Role

His Holiness highlights that Earth 68, where humanity resides, holds a distinctive place among the 72 planets in the universe. Despite its low position, it has produced many exalted beings, including Deities, Saints, Immortals, and Buddhas. This demonstrates Earth’s profound significance in the evolution of Perispirits.

He underscores that achieving exalted ranks requires enduring numerous trials. Perfect Beings did not attain their status by chance but through perseverance, courage, and determination to overcome the burdens of karma.

The Four Sufferings And Human Connection To Society

His Holiness explains that humans are born bearing the Four Sufferings (Tứ Khổ): birth, aging, sickness, and death. These inevitable pains serve as lessons to help humans understand

the nature of life. He emphasizes the importance of repaying karmic debts accumulated over many lifetimes.

He likens the human body to a beast of burden that must be tamed. If one succumbs to animalistic instincts, they risk falling into degradation. Conversely, by using wisdom and divine light to govern the body, one can evolve and attain liberation.

The Philosophy Of Living For Society

His Holiness concludes that the most noble philosophy of Cao Dai religion is to live for society and humanity. Humans cannot live in isolation but must integrate into the community, using their lives to serve and contribute to societal development.

He emphasizes that when individuals recognize their responsibility toward society, they free themselves from the burdens of karma and achieve true freedom. This philosophy not only brings peace and joy in the present life but also opens the path to evolution in future incarnations. His Holiness encourages everyone to embrace truth, accept challenges, and persevere on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, attaining glory and merging into the eternal divine realm.

Conclusion

The philosophies taught by His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc are not mere words but the essence of the sacred path we pursue. With a deep understanding of the Perispirit and its divine potential, we are equipped to face life's challenges—not only for our own benefit but also for the collective progress of humanity.

We are not random travelers on this Earth but active participants in the grand legacy of the universe, contributing to its magnificence through our spiritual journey. By living righteously, preserving our dignity, and striving for collective harmony, we fulfill our purpose and partake in the divine plan.

Chapter 11

TRUE HAPPINESS OF HUMANITY AND THE MEANS TO OVERCOME SUFFERING

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his teachings on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, emphasizing the concept of true happiness for humanity and the methods to transcend suffering. He poses that happiness is not merely the absence of the Four Sufferings (Tứ Khổ) but lies in deeply understanding and addressing them authentically.

The Four Sufferings And Their Meaning In Human Existence

His Holiness asserts that every Perispirit incarnates into the physical world, bearing a material body, referred to as the “animal body” (xác thú). This body is governed by the laws of evolution and must endure the Four Sufferings—birth, aging, sickness, and death—to achieve spiritual fulfillment. However, these sufferings are not meant to be evaded but faced, conquered, and transcended.

He compares the Four Sufferings to a prison that confines the Perispirit, like a bird in a cage or a fish in a bowl. The essence of the Perispirit is to seek freedom from these constraints, and only with sufficient willpower, courage, and resilience can one overcome their limitations.

Happiness Amidst Suffering

When confronted with the Four Sufferings, people often seek fleeting comforts to distract themselves from pain. However, His Holiness emphasizes that true happiness cannot be achieved by avoiding suffering. It can only be attained through understanding the nature of suffering and finding the path to transcend it.

He recounts the story of a Perispirit that, upon reincarnating, requested four conditions from the King of Hell to achieve happiness: to be born as the child of a high-ranking official, become a royal scholar, own vast lands, and have a perfect family with a virtuous wife and beautiful children. Yet, even with all these blessings, the Perispirit might still fail to find true happiness. This illustrates that material wealth and worldly achievements are transient and cannot provide lasting fulfillment.

The Philosophy Of Happiness In Cao Dai Religion

His Holiness draws from Confucian philosophy, citing three elements essential to national prosperity and people's happiness:

- Heavenly Timing (Thiên Thời): Happiness is only possible when people live in harmony with the will of Heaven, aligning their lives with the Divine Way.
- Earthly Advantage (Địa Lợi): Favorable living environments, natural resources, and geographical conditions are crucial for prosperity and stability.
- Human Unity (Nhơn Hòa): Harmony and unity among people are vital to prevent chaos and bring peace to society.

However, His Holiness emphasizes that even with these three factors, happiness remains unattainable without morality and guidance from the divine realm.

Humanity's Failure In Pursuing Happiness

His Holiness points out that humanity, despite enduring two world wars, has yet to learn the lessons of happiness and peace. International organizations like the United Nations have failed to achieve their objectives due to a lack of unity and sincerity. Humanity continues to chase an illusory happiness, misled by false ideologies and selfish ambitions.

This misguided pursuit has led to tragedies, such as the assassination of spiritual figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Saint Dalagadot, victims of malicious forces driven by selfish motives.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes that to attain true happiness and transcend suffering, humanity must understand:

- Happiness is not found in material wealth, fame, or power.
- Happiness lies in self-awareness, living in accordance with Heaven's will, and serving society.

Only by reclaiming morality and living in harmony can humanity overcome present suffering and achieve eternal happiness.

He encourages everyone to reflect on the true meaning of happiness and strive to live meaningful lives—not just for themselves but for their communities and all of humanity. This, he affirms, is the path to overcoming the Four Sufferings and attaining spiritual fulfillment.

Chapter 12

THE DIVINE POWER OF RELIGIONS TO PROTECT THE PERISPIRITS OF BEINGS

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his teachings on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, focusing on the role and power of religions in safeguarding the Perispirits of beings. He emphasizes that religions, through their core principles, bear the responsibility of guiding human Perispirits toward salvation and liberation.

The Role Of The Palace Of The Heavenly Union Mission (Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa)

The Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission serves as a sacred court where Perfect Beings advocate for the Perispirits of living beings. Here, founders of the world's religions are summoned to witness and address matters concerning the Perispirits of their followers. His Holiness stresses that a religion's power to protect its followers' Perispirits depends on how faithfully its adherents practice and uphold its core teachings.

The Three Major Religious Foundations

His Holiness examines the three major religious traditions, highlighting their core philosophies and practices, and

questioning their effectiveness in protecting the Perispirits of their followers.

Buddhism

His Holiness teaches:

"The essence of Buddhism lies in compassion and boundless love. The Buddha devoted His life to serving humanity and all beings. Wealth, prestige, and glory meant nothing to Him—they were like flowing water or dew on grass. Even though He was born a Prince, He renounced everything, taking up a begging bowl to practice humility. His purpose in begging was to provide for others, establishing places like the Anathapindika Garden to help the poor. He refused to wear garments more splendid than those of the needy. The virtue of the Buddha, even in poverty, was spiritually transcendent."

If a practitioner claims to follow Buddhist philosophy but fails to live up to the Buddha's virtues, or worse, acts contrary to His selfless spirit of service, can their actions and spiritual practices be recognized in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission?

Christianity

Regarding Christianity, His Holiness teaches:

"Christ brought His teachings to the world, grounded in the heart and infinite love for humanity. With His sincere heart, He became the sacrificial lamb to atone for the sins of humanity. Like the scapegoat bearing all the sins of the people, Christ carried humanity's burdens, dying on the Cross to save them. His life was a testament to boundless love, and He lived solely

to embody this love and sacrifice for God The Father. This is His truth; His heart is infinitely holy."

If a Christian professes to follow Christ's philosophy but fails to embody His unconditional love and sacrifice, can their actions and spiritual path be validated in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission?

Confucianism

On Confucianism, His Holiness explains:

"Confucianism is rooted in wisdom (Trí). True wisdom takes countless forms and is applied to build human society, which is no easy task. Confucius emphasized self-cultivation (tu thân) as the foundation. Only by cultivating oneself can one possess the authority to guide and educate others, leading humanity to perfection, ultimately achieving supreme goodness (Chí Thiện)."

From this teaching, we understand that Confucianism uses wisdom as the basis for constructing society. Self-cultivation must precede family governance, national administration, and universal peace. Only through self-cultivation can one gain the capacity to love and teach others, striving toward ultimate goodness.

However, if followers merely acquire knowledge and eloquence but fail to practice self-cultivation, can their spirit and actions truly reflect Confucius's philosophy when they seek recognition as Saints in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission?

Moral Decline and Materialism

His Holiness expresses deep concern over the erosion of spiritual morality due to materialistic influences. He warns that if humanity's spirit is not strong enough to resist material temptations, it will endanger not only the future of Cao Dai religion but also humanity itself.

He emphasizes that religious founders endured immense hardship to spread their teachings, yet if their followers fail to practice these principles, even the founders themselves must face accountability in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission (Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa).

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes with a question, inviting everyone to reflect on the system God The Father has established to protect humanity's spiritual morality. He emphasizes that safeguarding the Perispirits of beings is not only the responsibility of religions but also of every individual.

Only by uniting and living in accordance with the moral teachings of their respective religions can humanity achieve salvation and progress along The Path of Eternal Divine Life.

Chapter 13

THE DEBATE ON FAITH IN THE PALACE OF THE HEAVENLY UNION MISSION

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc elaborates on a sacred debate about faith between intellectuals and Divine Beings in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission.

His Holiness points out that many intellectuals—whether Confucian scholars in the East or proponents of free thought and speech in the West—often deny faith and criticize the values of religion. However, when these intellectuals return to the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, they cannot escape the scrutiny of divine laws and must bow to the absolute authority of the universe. They have no means to evade or resist the power of these laws.

Key Dialogues Between Intellectuals And Divine Beings

The Intellectuals

Religious founders have undoubtedly created great spiritual values to guide humanity, and this is undeniable. However, these values often seem irrelevant to daily life and sometimes hinder human progress. If divine power is truly as strong as claimed, then demonstrate it in a clear and tangible way. If this power could genuinely protect human lives, surely everyone would follow religion. Unfortunately, everything feels

too vague. We don't know where to place our trust. They continue:

Religious leaders advise us to do good and avoid evil, but reality is filled with suffering. We wish to do good, but society often forces us to do wrong. If we try to endure, love, and sacrifice for others, who will reciprocate? Instead of respecting our noble efforts, people exploit and destroy them. In such circumstances, how can we protect ourselves?

The Divine Beings - You claim that religious philosophy deceives human psychology, but in truth, it is like a mirror allowing people to see themselves clearly. If you fear the mirror and avoid looking into it, where will your faith be built? Modern life pushes people toward mutual destruction, while intellectuals chase happiness in materialism—a pursuit no different from the lives of animals.

Humanity has used its intellect to seek happiness, but has it succeeded? Or does it still wander in cycles of conflict, inflicting pain on one another and gaining nothing of value? You criticize divine power for not being evident enough to inspire faith, but even if God The Father Himself appeared and called upon humanity to follow Him, those without faith would still refuse. This isn't because they don't see Him, but because they choose not to believe.

The Intellectuals - But how can we understand faith? You say we must build faith ourselves, but that concept is still too abstract. We do not see what this faith looks like.

The Divine Beings - Faith begins within oneself. You must understand yourself, then others, and finally, God The Father—the Creator of the universe. To understand Him is to

understand yourself, and without understanding Him, you cannot understand yourself. Without self-awareness, no one can truly know or respect you.

A life without faith, without self-awareness, is no different from the life of plants or animals—meaningless and devoid of value.

The Intellectuals - How can we be sure this faith is correct? What guarantees that placing faith in ourselves is not a mistake?

The Divine Beings - It is like taking an exam. The examiners may ask questions from old lessons. You are not allowed to bring notes into the exam room, but if you answer correctly, you will pass. Religion is the same. Religions are established in the world to encourage people to practice, turning philosophy into action. Without faith, how can you act? And without action, how can you expect Divine Beings to respect you?

Faith is akin to playing a game of aiming for a target—hitting the target brings rewards, but if you lack trust and give up, how can you succeed?

Faith is built when people understand, respect, and create value for themselves. If you respect yourself, others will respect you. Faith is born from belief in oneself. If you do not trust yourself, how can others trust you? If you doubt yourself, how can you persuade others to trust God The Father—the One who created your Spirit? Without strong faith, you are not yet worthy to become part of God The Father's Holy Body or His Sacerdotal Council.

Conclusion

His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc emphasizes that faith does not come from external sources but must originate within oneself. Without understanding and trusting oneself, one cannot build faith in others.

Religion exists to encourage people to practice its philosophy and build faith through actions, not merely to worship its founders. Faith is self-awareness, self-respect, and self-affirmation. From this foundation, faith spreads outward, inspiring trust in others and in God The Father.

Faith is the guiding light on The Path of Eternal Divine Life. Only through understanding, respect, and action can we illuminate this path and fulfill our divine purpose.

Chapter 14

ALL RELIGIONS SHARE THE GOAL OF HELPING HUMANITY OVERCOME SUFFERING

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his discourse on The Path of Eternal Divine Life, focusing on a debate in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission between Perfect Beings and highly intellectual Perispirits who reject religious faith.

In the discussion on belief and religion, these intellectuals pose the following questions to the Perfect Beings:

The Intellectuals' Challenge

"If, as you claim, we must have faith to practice and ascend to divine ranks within the universe, then explain this: The world is filled with religions founded by great spiritual leaders, each offering teachings to humanity. We do not intend to criticize these religions, but this diversity has left humanity's spirit confused and directionless.

We do not deny the value of these religious philosophies, but we assert that their teachings often contradict one another. This lack of unity in philosophical and spiritual perspectives creates confusion among intellectuals, leaving them unsure of where to place their faith."

The Perfect Beings' Explanation

The shared purpose of all religions is to help humanity overcome suffering. Despite differences in methods, every religion seeks to guide people beyond the pains of mortal existence:

- The Human Way (Nhơn-Đạo) teaches acceptance of suffering to learn and grow.
- The Deity Way (Thần-Đạo) teaches conquering suffering through willpower and faith.
- The Saint Path (Thánh-Đạo) encourages enduring suffering as a lesson and an opportunity for cultivation.
- The Immortal Way (Tiên-Đạo) guides people to transcend suffering through purity and self-discipline.
- The Buddha Way (Phật-Đạo) teaches liberation from suffering, reaching Nirvana where pain no longer exists.

Because all religions aim to alleviate suffering, they offer diverse philosophies, leading to different paths. Each philosophy is truthful and beneficial, yet this diversity often leaves people confused about which path to trust and follow. Even those with strong intellect and a reflective spirit may feel uncertain.

The Fear of Intellectuals

One primary reason for this uncertainty is fear: Fear of choosing the wrong path, Fear that misplaced faith will invite ridicule and criticism. This fear causes some to claim disbelief in anything, even when they secretly know what is worthy of belief. Such is the mindset of many intellectuals and philosophers worldwide.

Although they may recognize the truth, they lack the courage to affirm their faith publicly. For fear of public opinion, they conceal their true beliefs, pretending to follow no religion. This reveals the spiritual weakness of those considered intellectuals.

The Perfect Beings Add Further Insights

"You have the intellect and knowledge to understand your inner psychology, yet you lack the courage to act on what you know to be right. You criticize others for failing to live nobly, but when you recognize what is true and noble, you hesitate to sacrifice for it.

Throughout history, countless sages have willingly sacrificed themselves for righteousness. Let us ask you: Is there any religion in this world that teaches people to do wrong? Even false sects and unorthodox paths dare not teach wrongdoing. If you know what is right but refuse to act, that is a sign of spiritual weakness."

The Perfect Beings further emphasize:

"Faith is the foundation that guides humanity to live and grow. This cannot be denied. If you argue that the diversity of religions confuses people, preventing them from deciding where to place their trust, let us say this: Imagine a banquet laid out with countless dishes—meat, vegetables, sauces, and condiments. If you refuse to choose and eat, instead complaining of hunger, does that make sense? You must select a dish to satisfy your hunger!"

Religions as a Family

Religions can be compared to a large family where occasional disagreements and rivalries occur. However, just as a family has roles and responsibilities—children obey parents, parents respect elders, and harmony is maintained—religions function similarly. Over time, as humanity matures, it becomes evident that all religions are part of one greater family.

Religions exist to match humanity's intellectual and moral development at various times, guiding people's spiritual evolution step by step. When understood correctly, all religions aim to enlighten humanity morally and spiritually. Religions are not meant to criticize or destroy each other.

In reality, no religion can annihilate another because religions do not depend on material strength for survival. Truth is singular, and the purpose of religion is to guide humanity toward that ultimate truth—the path to the Eternal Divine Realm.

Humanity's Need for Faith

Faith begins with self-understanding. By knowing ourselves, we can understand others and recognize God The Father—the Creator of the Universe. To know Him is to understand ourselves. Without self-awareness, we cannot have faith, and without faith, life becomes meaningless, like that of plants or animals.

Faith arises from self-respect and self-confidence. If we do not believe in ourselves, how can others believe in us? Without strong faith, how can we represent God The Father's Holy Body? Faith is the proof of human value and the foundation for connection with God The Father.

Conclusion

Although there are countless paths, all religions lead to one destination: the Eternal Divine Realm. This is humanity's true goal, beyond the fleeting values of the material world.

Bearing mortal bodies and enduring suffering, people turn to religion to discover truth. Any religion failing to guide Perispirits to this Eternal Realm is not a true religion. Misguided beliefs and superstitions cannot lead to ultimate truth and will be abandoned. Only genuine religions can guide humanity toward eternal life and true enlightenment.

Chapter 15

ESOTERIC PRINCIPLE OF ALTRUIS

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc delves into a foundational philosophy known as the "Esoteric Principle of Altruism" (Bí Pháp Vị Tha Diệt Kỳ). This philosophy emphasizes prioritizing communal benefit over personal gain as the means to rescue humanity from the cycle of conflict and self-destruction. It is also the path toward true liberation, peace, and happiness.

The Root Of Conflict

In the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, the Divine Beings debated the underlying causes of worldly chaos. Some argued that the law of "the strong prevail, the weak perish." dominates Earth, fostering injustice, oppression, and competition. Humanity and all living beings are ensnared in selfishness, where personal gain becomes the primary goal, creating a society rife with contradictions and instability.

The Perfected Beings have made it clear that this chaos stems from "Dĩ Kỳ Diệt Tha"—the act of pursuing personal gain at the expense of the common good. Only when humanity embraces "Dĩ Công Diệt Tư, Vị Tha Diệt Kỳ"—prioritizing the common good over personal interests and selflessness over self-centeredness—can the world break free from the cycle of conflict and achieve true peace.

In all social structures—whether family, nation, or international relations—selfishness is the primary cause of decline:

- In families: When members prioritize personal interests, discord and disintegration follow.
- In nations: When citizens focus solely on personal gain without sacrifice for their country, the nation weakens and falls into chaos.
- In international relations: When nations seek only wealth and power for themselves, war and conflict become inevitable.

These conflicts are the inevitable result of selfishness.

Lessons From Development

His Holiness illustrated the impact of altruistic efforts through the examples of cities like New York and Saigon:

- New York: Once a swamp of little value, it became a bustling, prosperous city through cooperation and contributions for the common good.
- Saigon: Once a riverside marshland overgrown with reeds, it transformed into a cultural and economic hub through collective development efforts.
- The Divine Beings emphasized that such positive transformations occur only when people rise above selfishness to prioritize communal interests.

In the Divine Realm, the principle of *"For the Common Good, Not for Personal Gain"* is applied thoroughly. Everything, from the Holy See to the representations of Holy Mother and God

The Father, embodies justice and compassion. Nothing exists for personal gain; all serve the greater good and the collective evolution of the universe.

Conclusion

The philosophy of Altruism by Eliminating Selfishness is not merely a moral principle but a key to building a just and joyful society. His Holiness affirmed that only by prioritizing collective benefit, eliminating personal greed, and living for one another can humanity achieve peace and prosperity.

The day humanity lives for justice and compassion is the day true happiness will flourish, and peace will spread across the world.

Chapter 16

LOVE AND JUSTICE GUIDE HUMANITY TOWARD UNITY IN FAITH

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc expounded on the power of the Law of Love (Luật Thương Yêu), the Law of Justice (Quyền Công Chánh), and the Covenant (Hòa Ước) that God The Father made with humanity. He emphasized that the discussions held in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, where the Perfect Beings debated the principles of various religions, highlighted the pivotal role of these laws in fulfilling the Third Covenant.

Foundations Of The Law Of Love And The Law Of Justice

His Holiness explained that the Law of Love and the Law of Justice are foundational principles mandated by God The Father for both His Holy Body and all of humanity. These are not abstract concepts but practical guidelines to foster harmony and ensure the survival and evolution of human society.

He elaborated that since the creation of the universe, the Law of Love has existed as the fundamental principle governing all existence. Every act of creation and every relationship between beings stem from love. For humanity, the Law of Love extends beyond the bond between husband and wife, encompassing responsibilities toward one's lineage, nation,

and even the entire human race. The broader this love is applied, the more it reflects the noble spirit and grand mission of humanity in building a harmonious and virtuous life.

His Holiness cited Confucius and the teachings of Confucianism, which are rooted in ethical human relationships (Nhân Luân) as the basis for preserving moral values and human dignity. The Law of Love, originating from human affection, has sustained Confucianism for over two thousand years and continues to hold transformative power today.

The Significance of the Third Covenant

His Holiness reminded the faithful that the Third Covenant of God The Father is not merely a spiritual commitment but a directive for humanity to implement the Law of Love and the Law of Justice effectively. Humanity failed to uphold these principles twice before, leading to chaos and decline. This time, God The Father is not merely calling upon humanity but enforcing these laws.

Regarding the Law of Justice, His Holiness pointed out that much of the justice on Earth is illusory, manipulated by power, wealth, and status, resulting in widespread injustice, wars, and bloodshed. He emphasized that unless true justice—grounded in compassion and fairness—is practiced, human society will remain mired in chaos.

He warned that false justice, which deceives humanity, is the root cause of all suffering and conflict. Only when justice is implemented correctly, with love and fairness as its core, will humanity cease its strife, and the world will enter a true era of peace.

Conclusion

His Holiness reiterated the Divine Teaching of God The Father:

"The day you witness even one act of injustice on this Earth is the day the Way has not yet been fulfilled."

This profound message serves as a reminder that the Way can only be realized when the Law of Love and the Law of Justice are fully enacted, bringing fairness and happiness to all. Only then will humanity achieve true unity of faith and peace on Earth.

Chapter 17

THE POWER OF THE LAW OF LOVE, THE LAW OF JUSTICE, AND GOD THE FATHER'S COVENANT WITH HUMANITY

In this sermon, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc recounted the profound discussions that took place in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, where the Perfect Beings debated the legal frameworks of various religions. God The Father decreed that His Holy Body must implement the Third Covenant (Đệ Tam Hòa Ước), with the Law of Love (Luật Thương Yêu) and the Law of Justice (Pháp Công Chánh) serving as its foundational principles.

The Central Role of the Law of Love

His Holiness emphasized that the Law of Love is the origin of all life within the universe. Since the dawn of creation, all beings have relied on love for reproduction and survival. Humanity, too, cannot exist without love—it is the cornerstone for building families, ensuring lineage, and creating a sustainable society. However, love must extend beyond marital bonds to encompass responsibility toward lineage, nations, and all of humanity.

God The Father established the Law of Love as a supreme and immutable principle within His grand design. He also created the Diêu Trì Palace as a symbol of boundless love, linking all beings in the universe. Without this love, existence would lose its meaning.

The Significance Of The Covenant With God The Father

The Covenant between God The Father and humanity is not merely a spiritual commitment; it is a directive requiring humanity to uphold the Law of Love and the Law of Justice. Previously, humanity entered into two covenants with God The Father but failed to honor them, neglecting the divine laws He established. This time, God The Father is not merely inviting humanity to act but mandating the strict and thorough implementation of these laws.

His Holiness warned that chaos and conflict in the world stem from false justice—a form of justice manipulated by power, wealth, and social status. This type of justice does not rest on compassion and fairness but serves as a tool to deceive the human psyche. For this reason, God The Father demands that His children uphold true justice, bringing balance and peace to human society.

Conclusion

God The Father once proclaimed:

"The day you witness even a single act of injustice on this Earth is the day the Way has not yet been fulfilled."

This profound statement serves as a reminder that the Way can only be realized when the Law of Love and the Law of Justice are fully enacted. When true justice is achieved, humanity will escape chaos and enter an era of peace and prosperity.

This lesson stands as a guiding light, inspiring reflection, and action toward creating a brighter and more harmonious future.

Chapter 18

THE TRUE SOURCE OF HUMAN HAPPINESS

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc spoke about the true happiness of humanity, posing the question: "Where does this happiness come from?" He explained that, in the Palace of the Heavenly Union Mission, enlightened Perispirits with great intellectual and spiritual capacities but lacking in morality debated the ability of Perispirits to face the "Four Noble Truths"—the fundamental nature of suffering in life—in order to establish their positions. They argued that most Perispirits fail to overcome such tribulations and instead seek temporary happiness to alleviate their suffering. However, this pursuit often leads to karmic consequences and inevitable suffering.

His Holiness emphasized that understanding true happiness requires deep introspection. Happiness is not easily found; it must be realized through suffering, sacrifice, and inner reflection.

Lessons from His Holiness's Life

To illustrate the meaning of true happiness, His Holiness reflected on his own life. Born into a poor but loving family, he learned the value of familial love early on. Despite material deprivation in his childhood, the genuine affection between

his parents and siblings brought him a profound sense of happiness.

Upon maturing and taking on family responsibilities, His Holiness faced greater suffering, including the loss of his parents, siblings, and dearest loved ones. He realized that the happiest moments of life were not rooted in wealth or status but in the sincere love shared between people.

Happiness In The Way (Đạo)

After enduring such loss and suffering, His Holiness found solace in the Way. He affirmed that the love of God The Father and His children was the greatest happiness:

"That happiness became the driving force that allowed me to overcome countless challenges and continue living."

He stressed that true happiness does not lie in material possessions or worldly fame but in the bond of love among people, especially within the community of the Way. The sincere love from all of God The Father's children empowered him to rise above doubt, envy, and oppression, establishing a solid foundation for the Way.

The Value Of True Happiness

According to His Holiness, true happiness is a powerful motivation for building a legacy and achieving greatness for humanity. He declared:

"The value of one life cannot compare to the happiness it can bring to millions. For this reason, I am willing to trade my own life to bring true happiness to others."

He believed that true happiness in the Cao Dai religion is not merely an aspiration, but a reality granted by God The Father. Through Divine love and power, he was able to achieve great works and bring glory to all of God The Father's children.

Conclusion

True happiness is not something found externally but the result of love, sacrifice, and solace from God The Father. This happiness not only strengthens the spirit but also enables us to overcome suffering, live with purpose, and build a meaningful life. It is both a gift and a goal, reminding us to cultivate love and resilience in our journey on the sacred path of life.

Chapter 19

GOD ESTABLISHED THE CAO DAI RELIGION TO BRING HAPPINESS TO HUMANITY

In this sermon, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc posed the question: "Can Cao Dai religion bring happiness to humanity and peace to the world?" He affirmed that God the Father established this religion not solely for spiritual enlightenment but to seal a covenant with humanity based on two core principles:

- The Law of Love: Extending love not only to humans but to all living beings.
- The Law of Justice: Building a foundation of absolute fairness.

He emphasized that although the realization of these goals may seem challenging, even beyond human imagination, through the Power of God the Father, peace and happiness will become a reality.

His Holiness the Dharma Protector affirmed that Cao Dai religion is built upon the foundation of boundless love. Through the divine power of Đức Chí Tôn, Cao Dai religion is not merely a spiritual symbol but also the embodiment of the Law of Love. He stressed: *"The authority of the Way today exists through the Law of Love, and no force of hatred can destroy it."*

Safeguarding The True Teachings Of The Way

His Holiness recounted the challenges faced by Cao Dai religion when opposing factions sought to take over God's rightful position. Standing firm, he defended the true teachings of the Way, relying on the strength of love and law to preserve its foundation.

He declared that his mission extended beyond protecting the true teachings; it included safeguarding the image of God the Father. This endeavor was not just for the present but to ensure that Cao Dai religion remains a beacon of light and faith for all humanity in the future.

Conclusion

His Holiness concluded that Cao Dai religion, with its foundation in love and justice, is the key to bringing happiness to humanity and peace to the world. The religion's power lies not only in its teachings but also in the realization of the sacred values imparted by God the Father. This is the path to lead humanity toward true peace and happiness.

Chapter 20

THE IMAGE OF THE HOLY MOTHER ON EARTH AS SHIVA BUDDHA AND THE DIVINE FAMILY REUNITED AT ĐIỀU TRÌ PALACE

In this sermon, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc guides us to Diêu Trì Palace, a sacred realm deeply connected to every Perispirit. His Holiness the Dharma Protector reminded us that, although this journey is filled with challenges, the boundless love of the Holy Mother serves as the encouragement to keep moving forward.

The Infinite Love Of The Holy Mother

His Holiness likens the Holy Mother's love at Diêu Trì Palace to the love of a worldly mother. Just as a mother cherishes memories of her children's early years, the Holy Mother at Diêu Trì Palace preserves every trace of our past lives to guide and remind us. That love is not only deeply affectionate but also serves as the driving force for the perispirit to evolve along its infinite journey.

Diêu Trì Palace serves as a place where every Perispirit can rediscover the bonds of love lost across lifetimes. His Holiness emphasizes that love is not merely a lingering attachment but also a motivation that propels the perispirit to evolve along its endless journey.

Understanding Earth 68 And The Fear Of Death

His Holiness explains that Earth, also known as Globe 68, is the most burdensome place in the universe. Yet, humans cling to it and fear leaving because they misunderstand the true nature of death. He stresses that instead of fearing it, each person should view death as a transition on the Sacred Path, opening opportunities for higher evolution.

The Boundless Mission Of God The Father

The Sacred Path is an endless journey, leading to the infinite mission of God the Father. His Holiness encourages everyone to follow in His footsteps to uncover sacred mysteries like Ngọc Hư Cung (Jade Void Palace) and the Realm of the Pure Land. He emphasizes that the Holy Mother has existed since the creation of Heaven and Earth, manifesting through the image of Shiva Buddha in India.

The Holy Mother and the Creation of All Beings

The Holy Mother is the source of all life, the force that collaborates with God the Father to create all beings in the universe. The unique depiction of Shiva Buddha, embodying the harmony of Yin and Yang, symbolizes the principle of creation. Through the combination of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, all matter and spirit are brought into existence.

While Buddhism does not explicitly worship the Holy Mother, it acknowledges Her as the Creator of all beings. His Holiness stresses that from the dawn of creation, the Holy Mother has held the supreme position in the workings of the universe, serving as the foundation of all life.

Conclusion: Continuing The Sacred Journey

His Holiness the Dharma Protector affirmed that each perispirit must continue striving forward, transcending its limits to draw closer to the Jade Void Palace, where profound secrets of life and enlightenment are held. He promised to guide us to this sacred place to gain a deeper understanding of the Divine essence and the noble mission of the Holy Mother in the evolutionary journey of all beings.

Chapter 21

WHAT AM I, WHAT AM I DOING, AND WHAT MUST I DO? THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPIRIT AND MATTER WITHIN US

Tonight, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc guides us further along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, helping us delve into the true essence of ourselves. As humans, we are placed on the Way by God the Father, entrusted with a sacred mission to propagate the teachings and fulfill His divine will.

Understanding Ourselves: Who Am I?

His Holiness reminds us that before taking further steps, we must ask ourselves three fundamental questions: Who am I? What am I doing? What must I do?

Humans are composed of two parts:

- The True Spirit (Chơn linh): The mystical, spiritual aspect bestowed by God the Father, embodying supreme intelligence and goodness.
- The Physical Body (Xác thân): The material vessel created by the Holy Mother, serving as a tool for the Perispirit's evolutionary journey.

The combination of the Perispirit and the physical body is likened to a Divine Being (Heavenly Spirit) riding a beast—a harmony that is inherently challenging yet vital.

In various religions, symbolic imagery illustrates the relationship between spirit and body, such as:

- Manjusri Bodhisattva (Đức Văn Thù Bồ Tát) riding a White Elephant (Bạch Tượng)
- Guanyin Bodhisattva (Đức Quan Âm) riding a Golden-Haired Lion (Kim Mao Hửu)
- Kṣitigarbha Bodhisattva (Đức Địa Tạng) riding a Listening Beast (Đề Thính)

These depictions emphasize control and harmony between the sacred (Spirit) and the mundane (Body).

His Holiness explains that the Divine Law of Creation (Luật Tạo Đoan) forms the basis for balancing the spiritual and physical aspects of humanity. Each individual must harmonize these two parts to evolve together, though each follows its own rules and cannot replace the other. We cannot value the body above the spirit, nor place the beast above the divine.

Seeking the Purpose of Life

Philosophers throughout history have sought to answer the question: Why must the Perispirit dwell within a physical body? This is the journey of discovering the true value of life and understanding why the noble Spirit must coexist with the physical form.

His Holiness stresses that without the Way, humans are reduced to mere animals. The Way is the sole path that elevates our dignity, enabling us to transcend the base instincts of the body and strive for perfection.

Humans inherently aspire to attain the noble rank of God the Father, the Creator of the Universe and the Buddhas. His Holiness reminds us that within each of us lies a divine nature—a desire to become like the Father. This innate drive propels us to overcome animalistic instincts and evolve into exalted spiritual beings.

He explains that the governance of the Universe differs from worldly politics. Divine Law cannot govern the physical body, nor can worldly laws govern the spirit. These two systems are interconnected but cannot merge. Humans must recognize their ultimate goal: attaining a divine rank through the cultivation of the True Spirit.

Conclusion: Unlocking Sacred Mysteries

His Holiness reminds us that our ultimate purpose is to achieve the rank of Buddha, equal to God the Father. This requires us to relinquish our animalistic instincts and focus on nurturing the Perispirit to reach perfection. He promises to guide us to Ngọc Hư Cung (the Jade Void Palace), where profound secrets about the governance of the Universe will be revealed, helping us better understand the Path of Eternal Divine Life and our unique role within this vast cosmos.

Chapter 22

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF CIVILIZATION

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc guides the children of God the Father further along the Sacred Path of Eternal Life, focusing on the journey into the Jade Heavenly Palace (Cung Ngọc Hư). He emphasizes that a crucial aspect of understanding is needed; without it, we may encounter shortcomings in our spiritual learning and advancement. The philosophy of civilization not only aids humanity in understanding the progress of the Perispirit but also serves as the foundation for the existence and development of society.

Defining Civilization

According to His Holiness, "civilization" can be understood through the Confucian concepts of "Văn" and "Minh":

- Văn: Refers to words, culture, and literature created or inherited by humanity, shaping, and sustaining societal evolution.
- Minh: Denotes clarity, wisdom, and transparency in thought and action.

In its broader sense, civilization embodies three core meanings:

- **Psychological and Social Progress:** Civilization is the culmination of intellectual, psychological, and social structures achieved by humanity. This serves as the foundation for further progress toward perfection.
- **The Collective Cultural Achievements:** Civilization encompasses all social and national achievements. However, these accomplishments must withstand challenges posed by innovative ideas, requiring humanity to either preserve or innovate them to meet the demands of happiness and advancement.
- **Spiritual Supremacy Over Materialism:** The ultimate goal of civilization is to enable humans to master the physical self and transcend animalistic instincts. This represents the highest purpose of civilization, helping humanity attain its noble dignity.

Civilization and Happiness

Civilization is seen as a tool for seeking happiness. However, His Holiness emphasizes that true happiness does not reside in the physical body. Scientific and technological achievements—such as airplanes or submarines—offer convenience but do not constitute lasting sources of happiness.

True happiness belongs to the Perispirit. Regardless of status or wealth, if the Perispirit is not satisfied, one cannot be genuinely happy.

His Holiness points out that material achievements are fleeting, likening them to "dew on a blade of grass"—

temporary and unsustainable. Material wealth or comfort cannot fulfill the Perispirit eventually.

Lasting happiness can only be achieved through spiritual morality, where humanity transcends animalistic instincts to attain spiritual fulfillment.

Civilization, in its true sense, must rest on a moral foundation.

- “Văn” (Authority): Represents the structured power of knowledge and culture.
- “Minh” (Wisdom): Denotes the enlightened guidance of moral clarity.

A genuine civilization does not merely advance material progress but also fosters a high moral standard as the source of lasting happiness.

Conclusion

His Holiness asserts that if civilization lacks morality, it is merely a temporary mechanism to regulate physical existence. Only when civilization reaches the pinnacle of moral spirit, forming a noble religious foundation, can it bring true happiness to humanity. Civilization must serve as a tool for achieving the ultimate goal: the happiness of the Perispirit.

Chapter 23

THE ETERNAL SACRED PATH KNOWS NO LIMITS

Tonight, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues guiding us on the Sacred Path of Eternal Life, emphasizing the importance of understanding and familiarity with this journey back to our divine origins. Many Perispirits return to the Diêu Trì Palace, and comprehending this journey is essential for spiritual growth.

Challenges Of Departing From Diêu Trì Palace

The journey begins at the Diêu Trì Palace, where Perispirits experience boundless happiness near the Holy Mother. This place is a haven of peace and love, where those who have suffered in the physical world find solace. Yet, as the saying goes: *“Travel to see the world, for staying home with Mother brings no growth,”* Perispirits must leave Diêu Trì Palace to ascend to greater heights. Evolution requires moving beyond this sanctuary toward Jade Void Palace (Ngọc Hư Cung), the governing center of the entire universe.

The Mystical and Majestic Realm of Jade Void Palace

Leaving Diêu Trì Palace, one can glimpse Jade Void Palace to the left. Contrary to perceptions of a bustling center of power, Jade Void Palace exudes an ethereal serenity. Its majestic halls, grand and luminous, seem crafted from a single

translucent material resembling opalescent crystal, radiating a glorious light in all directions.

Despite its grandeur, the realm is serene and solemn, devoid of worldly chaos. Upon arrival, one encounters their Divine Ancestral Lineage (Tông Đường Thiêng Liêng), where friends and relatives joyfully welcome the returning Perispirit.

Here, one finds countless family members and spiritual companions, an overwhelming reunion filled with joy. In this realm, communication transcends words—everything is conveyed through thoughts. For instance, thinking of someone instantly manifests their presence.

This palace knows no distinctions like "Deity," "Saint," "Immortal," or "Buddha." These terms are human constructs from Earth 68 (Địa Cầu 68) and have no place in the Jade Void Palace. Interactions and existence in this realm are pure, unburdened by language or human-made limitations. Observing humanity on Earth reveals that each Perispirit carries unique qualities. No two beings possess identical spiritual attributes. These differences preclude comparing or quantifying spiritual ranks using any human measure.

Each Perispirit's unique attributes determine their spiritual rank, evolving through successive lives. These ranks are predetermined yet naturally attained, unassailable by competition or imposition. Spiritual roles and positions arise effortlessly, reflecting divine order rather than human intervention.

As God the Father once declared: *"Each of you has a great mission prepared for you."* Every Perispirit has a designated

path and place within this divine mission, and attaining higher ranks depends solely on one's evolution.

Divine Families and Their Connection to Perispirits

His Holiness teaches that those who attain enlightenment may belong to Divine families (Gia Đình Thiêng Liêng) associated with illustrious figures, such as:

- The Divine family of Buddha Shakyamuni (Buddhism),
- The Divine family of Lao Tzu (Taoism),
- The Divine family of Confucius (Confucianism),
- The Divine family of Prophet Muhammad (Islam),
- The Divine family of Jesus Christ (Christianity),
- And the most glorious Divine family: Bodhisattva Quan Âm (Tứ-Hàng-Bồ-Tát).

Perispirits are intrinsically linked to these Divine families. For instance, a Perispirit may reincarnate within the Divine family of Quan Âm or other spiritual leaders, illustrating the interconnectedness between Perispirits and exalted beings in the universe.

The Heavenly Book and Self-Judgment

Upon returning to the spiritual realm, family members escort the Perispirit to a palace containing the Heavenly Book (Thiên Thư). Opening this sacred book, the Perispirit witnesses its own name alongside every deed—good or bad—recorded from their earthly life.

Here, the Perispirit undergoes self-judgment, determining whether further reincarnation is necessary for growth or if

enough merit has been accrued to ascend to a higher spiritual rank.

The administrators of this process, known on Earth as Nam Tào and Bắc Đẩu, do not govern or judge. Instead, the Perispirit exercises absolute autonomy, deciding its destiny, merits, and faults. No external laws or forces impose upon the Perispirit; it freely determines its path within the infinite expanse of evolution.

Conclusion

Every Perispirit is deeply connected to Divine families associated with enlightened figures such as Buddha Shakyamuni, Lao Tzu, Confucius, Prophet Muhammad, Jesus Christ, or Bodhisattva Quan Âm. Upon returning to the spiritual realm, each Perispirit confronts the Heavenly Book, reflecting its earthly journey. Through self-judgment, the Perispirit decides whether to reincarnate for further growth or ascend to a higher rank.

No external judgment exists—each Perispirit holds absolute freedom to chart its evolutionary course within the vast universe. This process underscores the profound autonomy and divine potential inherent in every Perispirit's journey.

Chapter 24

OUR SINS ARE RECORDED BY OUR PERISPIRIT, LEAVING NO ROOM FOR DENIAL

In this lecture, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc elaborates on the Path of Eternal Divine Life, emphasizing human sins and their undeniable recording by each individual's Perispirit. He begins by reaffirming the role of Jade Void Palace, the governing authority of the cosmos, which oversees and records all karmic actions of humanity. This vast system spans the Three Thousand Worlds, Four Great Continents, Seventy-Two Earths, and numerous other planets across the universe.

Cosmic Governance And The Recording Of Sins

His Holiness explains that every human action on Earth is recorded by their own Perispirit. Sins are not judged by an external entity; rather, one's Perispirit—a divine extension—functions as the recorder and arbiter.

The “Book of No-Word Scripture” (Vô Tự Kinh) preserves every detail of a Perispirit's life, actions, and karmic consequences across lifetimes. When returning to Jade Void Palace, no one can deny their deeds or make excuses, as they themselves have documented their journey and determined their fate.

He likens this to earthly courts, where defendants can rely on lawyers to argue their cases. However, at Jade Void Palace, there are no advocates or external interventions. Each Perispirit must self-judge, face their actions, and take full responsibility before their Divine Ancestral Lineage (Tông Đường Thiêng Liêng)

Two Types Of Perispirits: Those Repaying Karmic Debts And Those On A Mission

His Holiness distinguishes between two types of Perispirits:

1. Perispirits Repaying Karmic Debts:

These Perispirits carry unresolved karma from past lives and return to Earth to atone.

Upon returning to Jade Void Palace, they face their Ancestral Lineage—a collective of divine Perispirits within their spiritual family—to review their journey.

If their earthly actions caused further transgressions, not only they but also their lineage will suffer. This shared pain constitutes the gravest punishment, as it harms both the individual and their divine family.

2. Perispirits on a Mission:

These Perispirits are sent by their lineage to Earth to learn and elevate themselves.

They often do not endure suffering due to karmic debts but instead seek self-perfection and contribute to their lineage's progress.

These Perispirits, imbued with dignity, uphold ethical principles, and avoid sinful actions, ensuring they honor their lineage rather than bringing it harm.

The Impact of a Perispirit's Actions on Their Lineage

The laws of the cosmos bind not only individuals but also their Ancestral Lineage, which shares in the consequences of a Perispirit's actions.

Righteous Perispirits: When a Perispirit follows the path of goodness and attains Sacred Enlightenment, their lineage rejoices and gains collective merit.

Errant Perispirits: Conversely, when a Perispirit commits transgressions, the resulting punishment affects their lineage, causing profound sorrow and humiliation.

Some lineages hold exalted positions, such as those of Bodhisattva Quan Âm, Kṣitigarbha, or Maitreya Buddha, who oversee and guide their members. A Perispirit's deeds determine whether they bring honor or disgrace to these divine families.

The Holy Body Of God The Father

The Holy Body of God the Father in the material world is represented by the Cao Dai Sacerdotal Council, a tangible organization established by God to function as His representative. This institution gathers His spiritual children to transmit Divine teachings, uphold moral principles, and guide followers on their path of spiritual evolution.

The Sacerdotal Council is not merely an organization; it embodies divine love and serves as a sanctuary for learning

and practicing ethical teachings, enabling Perispirits to ascend to higher spiritual realms.

Consequences of Excommunication from God's Holy Family

Excommunication from the Sacerdotal Council signifies expulsion from the divine family established by God the Father. This severe penalty is reserved for those who commit serious transgressions, disrupt unity, or damage the morality and reputation of the faith. The authority to expel belongs to the Sacerdotal Council and is carried out based on the laws decreed by God The Father.

Excommunication isolates the individual from the community and strips them of the Sacerdotal Council's protection and guidance. They become outcasts, unable to continue their spiritual journey, leading to physical and emotional suffering. The greatest tragedy lies in the disgrace of being forsaken by their divine family and losing the opportunity to return to the Sacred Eternal Realm.

Conclusion

His Holiness urges everyone to deeply understand their responsibility for their actions, as each person determines their fate. He emphasizes the importance of living ethically and lovingly, not only to secure personal happiness but also to honor their Divine Ancestral Lineage. Through such a commitment, individuals can transcend suffering and achieve true happiness in the Sacred Eternal Realm.

Chapter 25

THE PALACE OF DIVINE REFLECTION: A PLACE TO RECALL ALL LIFETIMES

Today, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc teaches about the Palace of Divine Reflection (Cung Phục Linh)—a sacred realm where Perispirits reconnect with loved ones from past lifetimes and reflect on their entire journey through existence, from the human stage to their origins as material beings.

The Palace of Divine Reflection: Revisiting All Lifetimes

The Palace of Divine Reflection (Cung Phục Linh) is where every Perispirit confronts itself and recalls all its lifetimes. Upon entering, verbal communication ceases, and thoughts become the primary medium of interaction. Through this form of connection, Perispirits understand each other without the need for words.

Here, Perispirits meet familiar faces from many past lives, without animosity or estrangement. As they step into this sacred place, they encounter a Buddha of Divine Reflection, holding the “Cây Kiêm Câu”. This divine figure assists the Perispirit in recalling each lifetime sequentially, from the most recent to the most distant, even back to their time as material beings. Each wave of the “Cây Kiêm Câu” unveils memories,

allowing the Perispirit to relive its entire history in the Grand Cycle of Existence.

Every Perispirit on Earth is a Transformed Perispirit

His Holiness explains that every Perispirit on Earth is a "transformed Perispirit" (hóa nhân), not an "original Perispirit" (nguyên nhân). Transformed Perispirits have evolved from material beings to humans. In the Palace of Divine Reflection, Perispirits revisit all these evolutionary stages, gaining insight into their origin and journey through the cosmos.

His Holiness highlights the role of Maitreya Buddha, who governs the cosmos. Maitreya, once a Perispirit that evolved from the material realm (symbolized by the monkey in legends), now occupies an exalted position of spiritual authority. This underscores the profound and arduous path of Perispirit evolution.

The Palace of Divine Reflection and the Connection to the Divine Family

In the Palace of Divine Reflection, Perispirits not only confront their actions but also recognize their intrinsic connection to their Divine Family (Tông Đường Thiêng Liêng). Every Perispirit within the lineage is present to witness, support, or share the consequences of the actions of the returning Perispirit.

This interconnectedness emphasizes the importance of living a moral life—not only to protect oneself but also to safeguard the honor and well-being of the lineage. His Holiness stresses that the greatest punishment is not individual suffering but expulsion from the lineage. Such banishment severs the

Perispirit's connection to its spiritual family, leaving it isolated and hindering further evolution.

Conclusion

His Holiness encourages self-regulation during life on Earth, emphasizing that repentance is the best way to mitigate the consequences of one's sins. In the Palace of Divine Reflection, there are no advocates or pleas for leniency; only the individual can face and reconcile their actions.

Live in such a way that when you reach the Palace of Divine Reflection, you can confront the truth of your lifetimes with peace and without fear.

His Holiness concludes with a reassuring reminder: Jade Void Palace is not a place of harsh judgment but a sanctuary of support and comfort. It aids every Perispirit in overcoming challenges on their path to eternal spiritual progression, guiding them toward the Sacred Eternal Life.

Chapter 26

THE SELF-GOVERNANCE OF THE COSMOS: MANAGING ONESELF

His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc begins with an invitation to continue progressing along the Path of Eternal Divine Life of spiritual development. He emphasizes that the purpose of these teachings is not merely to impart knowledge but to help each individual deeply understand themselves and their role within the Divine system.

Self-Governance: The Great Power of Each Individual

His Holiness explains that the governance of the Cosmos operates on the principle of self-governance. In the Divine political system, there is no external authority imposing control; each Perispirit is responsible for self-management, self-judgment, and self-accountability.

He stresses: All sins and virtues are recorded, and each Perispirit renders its own judgment. This principle ensures absolute fairness and reflects the mystical power of God The Father. Self-governance is the foundation of the Cosmos, and no external interference occurs, highlighting the autonomy and responsibility of every individual.

The Evolution Of The Earth

The Earth has undergone three transformative cycles. In previous lifetimes, upon reaching the Seventh Cycle, its form

was destroyed and reshaped to begin anew. Currently, the Earth is in its Third Cycle, and this process may repeat in the future as it progresses to its Seventh Cycle.

First Cycle (Nhứt-Chuyển): Humanity lived simply, defending themselves from wild animals and forming small groups for survival.

Second Cycle (Đệ Nhị-Chuyển): Humans began crafting weapons and cooperating to combat dangers, illnesses, and extinction.

Third Cycle (Đệ Tam-Chuyển): Societies formed, establishing races and organized systems, mirroring the structure of Divine governance.

As the Third Cycle concludes, humanity enters the Fourth Cycle of the Supreme Era (Thượng-Ngươn Tứ-Chuyển)—a period of global harmony, striving toward the ideal of Great Unity (Đại Đồng) where all live in peace and solidarity.

The Political System of Divine Families and Global Unity

His Holiness explains that humanity must establish a robust political system on Earth to achieve harmony and unity, laying the groundwork for a Great Unity of Nations (Hiệp-Chủng Đại-Đồng).

In ancient China, this was exemplified through the lineage-based governance system (Tông Đường), where each family line—such as Liu, Chen, Le, or Ly—maintained its own governing structure. If a member of the lineage committed a crime, the entire lineage bore collective responsibility before the Emperor. This tightly organized and communal approach created a strong and resilient political system.

However, His Holiness warns that deviations from ancient wisdom, replacing traditional values with modern trends, have led to the erosion of this once precious and powerful system. Vietnam, too, adopted the Tông Đường system to maintain stability and foster growth in the past.

The governance model of the Cosmos operates similarly. To achieve global unity, humanity must first restore and strengthen lineage-based systems, progressing from small, cohesive groups toward the grand unification of all people.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes the teaching with a profound message: *“Govern yourself first, for no one can take your place in this responsibility.”* He emphasizes that self-governance is both a duty and an opportunity for each individual to evolve, build personal values, and contribute to the harmony of the entire Cosmos.

Chapter 27

THE METHOD OF SELF-LIBERATION

In this teaching, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc elaborates on the sacred method of self-liberation, emphasizing its significance in each individual's journey along the Path of Eternal Divine Life.

The Palace of Reflection and Self-Judgment

His Holiness explains that when a Perispirit enters the Palace of Reflection (Cung Phục Linh), it relives all past lifetimes. Under the guidance of Divine Reflection Buddha, the Perispirit revisits its actions from countless incarnations—from the time it was a material form to its development as a human being.

The Ngươn Linh—the highest spiritual essence within each person—acts as its own judge. No one can deny their misdeeds or escape the consequences because they are preserved by their own essence.

In the self-governing mechanism of the Cosmos, there is no room for deceit. Each individual must answer to their Ngươn Linh. However, there is a way to reconcile and absolve oneself: by living mindfully and repenting while still in the physical realm.

The Method of Self-Liberation

His Holiness shares that the sacred method of self-liberation is simple yet profound. It includes:

- "Nhứt nhứt tam tinh ngô thân" – “Examine oneself three times a day.” This involves reflecting not only on actions but also on thoughts and intentions to ensure that the mind remains pure and free from wrongdoing.
- Invoking the Name of God The Father: His Holiness teaches: “Your sins may overwhelm the world, but at the final hour, if you call upon the name of God The Father, He will come to save you. He places the Sacred Method of Liberation in your hands, so you may attain true liberation.” The sacred invocation is: "Nam-Mô Cao-Đài Tiên-Ông Đại-Bồ-Tát Ma-Ha-Tát."
- Serving All Beings (Vạn Linh): The act of serving all living beings is intricately tied to liberation. A Perispirit’s contributions to others serve as the measure for achieving liberation.

Harmony Between Ngươn Linh and the Cosmos

His Holiness explains that the Ngươn Linh of a person is inherently aligned with the nature of the Cosmos and the Creator. By invoking the Ngươn Linh, individuals renounce their right to judge themselves and instead place themselves under the protection of Chí Linh—the supreme power of God The Father. This alignment provides an opportunity for liberation.

His Holiness emphasizes that freedom and spiritual power do not come by chance but by understanding the divine essence within oneself and using that understanding to do good and avoid evil.

The Political Systems of the Cosmos

His Holiness describes the governance of the Cosmos as incredibly simple yet effective. There are no courts or prisons to punish wrongdoers, nor rewards or titles to honor the virtuous. Instead, the Ngươn Linh judges itself, a system both fair and precise.

This governance does not aim to punish or reward but to preserve and serve all living beings. This foundational principle ensures harmony and balance throughout the Cosmos.

He elaborates:

"The political authority of the Cosmos is simple. To govern evildoers, there is no need for courts or prisons. To reward the virtuous, there is no need for kings, prizes, or ranks. Our Ngươn Linh decides, judges, and governs itself. This makes the political system of the Cosmos extraordinarily simple. Justice—be it punishment or reward—exists entirely within this self-governing mechanism."

Conclusion: Service and Liberation

His Holiness concludes by emphasizing that liberation is not granted externally but achieved through the act of serving all beings. True liberation comes when individuals fulfill their divine mission—loving, serving, and maintaining harmony among all creatures.

He affirms:

"The mechanism of liberation from God The Father lies in the work of serving all living beings."

Chapter 28

LINH-TIÊU-ĐIỆN (NGỌC-HƯ-CUNG) AND THE CELESTIAL COURT OF GOD THE FATHER

His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues his discourse on the journey of spiritual progression along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, guiding us to the Sacred Palace (Linh-Tiêu-Điện or Ngọc-Hư-Cung)—the Divine realm where God The Father presides over the Celestial Court. He acknowledges the challenge of conveying the mystical truths he has witnessed, expressing that even with prayer and clarity, words alone cannot fully encapsulate these profound experiences. However, he hopes that all children of God The Father will work together to refine and perfect these teachings.

The Sacred Palace – Huỳnh-Kim-Khuyết

His Holiness describes the Sacred Palace (Linh Tiêu Điện) as a realm of unimaginable splendor and magnificence. The pavilions and structures are crafted from precious gems, radiating countless forms of beauty. Remarkably, every element of the Sacred Palace manifests according to divine will, reflecting the infinite power of God The Father.

Upon entering, one gazes upward to behold the vast Cosmos in all its grandeur. At the heart of this infinite expanse is the

Celestial Court of God The Father, a scene of unparalleled majesty and sanctity.

At the center of the Court is the Huỳnh-Kim-Khuyết, a throne radiating brilliant light from all directions. Surrounding God The Father are the three Buddhas—Brahma Buddha, Civa Buddha, and Christna Buddha—whose forms are recognizable from the symbolic figures atop the Bát-Quái-Đài. Beyond them, at an elevation beyond mortal perception, shines an ethereal and boundless light, symbolizing the supreme authority of God The Father.

Below the Huỳnh-Kim-Khuyết, the Nine Ranks of Divine Beings (Cửu-Phẩm Thần-Tiên) gather in reverence. This assembly reflects not only divine mystery but also the order, authority, and glory of the Celestial Court.

Noble Status Earned Through Triumph Over Suffering

Standing amidst the Celestial Court, every Perispirit becomes acutely aware of its own smallness before the greatness of God The Father and the exalted Beings. Those who have earned their place in this sacred assembly have endured immense suffering. It is through the crucible of pain that their noble status is forged.

His Holiness explains that all glory in the divine realms is built upon the foundation of overcoming suffering. Those who endure trials—whether physical or spiritual—are granted boundless solace by God The Father.

He emphasizes that God The Father Himself is the ultimate symbol of boundless suffering. His divine power and glory are inseparable from the pain He has borne. When facing God The

Father, every Perispirit is comforted, realizing that their own struggles are but a fragment of the infinite burdens carried by God The Father for the sake of all creation.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes by affirming that those who courageously confront suffering will achieve unparalleled glory in the divine realms. For Perispirits oppressed or scorned in earthly life, God The Father will lift them up and grant them extraordinary positions within His Celestial Court.

True happiness and glory arise only when individuals transcend suffering, for this is the path to eternal peace and the highest spiritual ranks in the Path of Eternal Divine Life.

Chapter 29

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REALMS OF ASCENSION AND DESCENT

In tonight's sermon, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc elaborates on the journey of spiritual progression along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, specifically clarifying the distinction between the realms of ascension and descent. He emphasizes that these teachings are vital for understanding God The Father and gaining clarity about the future of each Perispirit.

Happiness and Glory in Ascension

When a Perispirit attains a high spiritual rank in the Divine Realm, they are welcomed with boundless joy. Their Spiritual Lineage (Tông-Đường Thiêng-Liêng), along with exalted beings from the Nine Ranks of Divine Beings (Cửu-Phẩm Thần-Tiên), celebrates their ascension. The glory they achieve is not only a source of personal happiness but also a radiant blessing for their entire Spiritual Family.

God The Father has prepared a grand destiny for each Perispirit in Jade Void Palace (Ngọc-Hư-Cung), where their true happiness is realized.

In the Pure Land (Cực Lạc Thế Giới), Perispirits enjoy blessings proportionate to the spiritual rank they have attained. This period of bliss can last thousands of years before they

reincarnate to continue their journey on the Path of Eternal Divine Life.

Suffering In The Realms Of Descent And The Loss Of Glory

His Holiness describes the realm of descent as a dark and isolating place, where happiness gradually fades away, leaving the Perispirit in anguish and despair. Perispirits who have committed transgressions confront the memories of those they have harmed. Yet, instead of vengeance, these memories reveal sorrow and pain, creating a form of judgment that is both compassionate and stern.

In this self-reflection, sinful Perispirits condemn themselves, descending into Diêm-Cung (the Realm of the Dead), where loneliness and the echoes of lamentation surround them.

His Holiness emphasizes that in this realm of descent, Perispirits receive no solace or sympathy. Time feels endless, as they cannot determine when their sins will be absolved. This makes the experience of descent an indescribable state of suffering.

However, His Holiness offers hope, revealing that one day, he will journey through Diêm-Cung to liberate the oppressed Perispirits and guide them back to the path of ascension.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes by reminding us that the journey of spiritual progression does not end in the realms of ascension. Even after attaining exalted ranks, Perispirits must continue their journey in the Pure Land, where infinite happiness awaits. However, this is not the ultimate destination.

After thousands or even tens of thousands of years, Perispirits will reincarnate to continue their journey along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, perpetually striving toward the ultimate goal: to ascend to the Huỳnh-Kim-Khuyết, the golden throne, and sit alongside God The Father.

Chapter 30

THE PURE LAND: A TEMPORARY REALM OF LIBERATION

In tonight's sermon, His Holiness Dharma Protector Phạm Công Tắc continues to guide the children of God The Father along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, focusing on the realm of The Pure Land (Cực-Lạc Thế-Giới). He emphasizes that this realm serves as a temporary state of liberation, not the ultimate goal for spiritual beings. He explains that this journey begins at the Lower Celestial Palace (Tiểu-Thiên-Cung), where one's spiritual family gathers, and extends to the Pure Land, a place of immeasurable joy and glory.

The Pure Land

His Holiness explains that, according to Buddhist thought, the Pure Land or Nirvana is often seen as the pinnacle of spiritual practice. However, he clarifies that it is merely a temporary station for liberation, not the zenith of divine evolution. It is a realm where spiritual beings attain the freedom to establish themselves and their purpose, manifesting their highest autonomy.

His Holiness emphasizes that the two overarching forces govern the spiritual path:

Cửu-Thiên Khai-Hóa (The Nine Heavens of Awakening and Progress): Representing growth, challenges, and continual spiritual evolution.

Hư-Vô Tịch-Diệt (The State of Void and Peace, or Nirvana): Representing stillness, tranquility, and temporary liberation.

His Holiness likens these forces to life and death: life involves hardship and belongs to the realm of awakening and progress, while death brings comfort and happiness, corresponding to the Pure Land

Even in this realm, the duration of joy is finite, lasting anywhere from 1,200 to 36,000 years, depending on the merits and spiritual rank achieved.

Happiness Derived from One's Own Merits

His Holiness emphasizes that the happiness found in the Pure Land stems from the merits one has accumulated. It is a result of one's own efforts rather than blessings granted by others. He likens it to the satisfaction of owning and enjoying a house built by oneself, rather than relying on an inheritance.

In this realm, each Perispirit is granted the ability to create and govern their own Micro-Cosmos (Tiểu-Thiên-Địa), exercising freedom and creativity. However, unresolved karma can manifest as demonic entities, while acts of love and compassion generate divine qualities.

He stresses that each lifetime is an opportunity to reduce animosity and amplify love. This principle is symbolized by the Three Saints signing the Third Covenant before the Holy See, a representation of reconciliation and universal love.

His Holiness teaches:

"If someone harbors animosity toward you in this lifetime, that person embodies your karmic demon. Do not fear them. Instead, counter animosity with love to dissolve all resentment. This is the hidden method for liberation that I am unveiling for God The Father's children to understand and apply."

Boundless Powers in the Pure Land

In the Pure Land, spiritual beings wield boundless powers. They can govern worlds, operate, and create without the need for physical movement. It is a realm where they learn to utilize their divine abilities, akin to how God The Father created the Universe.

However, His Holiness underscores that even this extraordinary realm is but a steppingstone on the long journey toward the ultimate goal: complete unification with God The Father, where spiritual beings may sit alongside Him on the Golden Throne (Huỳnh-Kim-Khuyết).

Conclusion

The sermon concludes with the affirmation that only through living a life of love and compassion can spiritual beings achieve true liberation and progress along the Path of Eternal Divine Life.

The Pure Land serves as a resting place and a domain for further learning, but it is not the final destination. The journey continues beyond this temporary realm, leading to the ultimate state of unity with God The Father.

Chapter 31

OUR DIVINE FAMILY PREPARED BY GOD THE FATHER

In this sermon, His Holiness Phạm Công Tắc emphasizes the concept of the Divine Family (Tông-Đường Thiêng-Liêng) that God The Father has preordained for every individual. He begins by explaining that this Divine Family is the spiritual inheritance preserved by God The Father for His children, forming a divine foundation that connects Perispirits across countless lifetimes.

The Three Aspects of the Sacred Lineage

The Sacred Lineage is divided into three main components:

1. Spiritual Intellect (Trí-Thức Tinh-Thần): This is created by one's Ngươn-Linh (Primordial Spirit).
2. External Relations (Ngoại-Thân): These are the Perispirits we connect with during our reincarnations, including parents, siblings, friends, and associates in each lifetime.
3. Inner Essence (Nội-Thân): This represents the fragments of one's own Perispirit that reincarnate into different lifetimes. Each reincarnation is a unique manifestation of oneself.

His Holiness explains that for exalted beings, reincarnation is not a necessity, but they possess the supreme authority to reincarnate for transformative purposes. This aligns with the spiritual principle:

"Nhứt thân ỨC vạn diệu huyền thần biến" (One body manifests countless wondrous transformations).

Each life ends with death, and from every death arises Tử-Khí (Essence of Death), forming a foundation for the spiritual lotus throne that determines the Perispirit's station. The Essence Body (Khí-Thân), dictated by one's Ngươn-Linh, holds immense significance and must not be undermined by fear or hesitation.

Conflicts Within Inner and External Relations

Both Inner Essence and External Relations can betray us. This is analogous to the nature of God The Father, who allows the King of Demons (Quỷ Vương) to exist as a close confidant, utilizing that bond to curb evil. The rebellion of the King of Demons has solidified their position in the cosmic hierarchy.

Similarly, external, or internal relations often exhibit betrayal, even from those we cherish the most—relatives, friends, or loved ones. His Holiness notes that genuine, loyal friendship is exceedingly rare, often leaving us to rely solely on ourselves as the truest companion.

Nirvana in the Pure Land

His Holiness describes Nirvana as the central realm within the Pure Land. He portrays it as a resplendent domain with a Golden Pyramid (Kim-Tự-Tháp) symbolizing the Five Heavens and Five Realms (Ngũ-Thiên Ngũ-Giới), all encompassed by a massive spiritual tree. The tree's tiny, thread-like leaves hold drops of Cam-Lồ (Elixir of Immortality), representing the lifelines of the universe.

In this realm, Perispirits are seated upon their respective Lotus Thrones, each rank determined by their virtues and

spiritual achievements over numerous lifetimes. Despite their lofty attainments, these Perispirits must continue their progression. Each tier of the Lotus Throne symbolizes a step closer to divine perfection.

Even Buddhas, though possessing immense power, must evolve further by ascending the Tiers of Radiance (Liên-Quang) to unify with God The Father. Achieving the next tier often requires a Buddha to reincarnate, starting from a humble form, such as an animal, to rise again to their previous station and ascend to a higher realm. Each tier they achieve emits radiant light, illuminating the universe and sustaining its harmony.

This brilliance, akin to a broadcast signal, connects all realms, revealing the wondrous interconnectedness of the cosmos.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes that the Path of Eternal Divine Life is unending. Even Perispirits within the Pure Land or Nirvana must persist in their journey, continuously striving for perfection and ultimate union with God The Father.

He encourages everyone to seize the opportunity in this current lifetime to build their Divine Family, enrich their spiritual intellect, strengthen bonds with external relations, and refine their inner essence. Only through such dedicated effort can one attain the ultimate transcendence and fulfillment of their divine purpose.

Chapter 32

THE TRUE NATURE OF NIRVANA

In this sermon, His Holiness Đức Hộ Pháp delves deeper into the realm of Nirvana and the Pure Land, shedding light on the mysteries contained within these sacred realms.

The Sacred Willow Tree (Cây Dương Liễu) and the Origin of Creation

He begins by describing the ancient Sacred Willow Tree (Cây Dương-Liễu), rooted atop the Golden Pyramid (Kim-Tự-Tháp). Its vast canopy envelops the pyramid like a celestial net, with each delicate leaf bearing a drop of Cam-Lồ (Elixir of Immortality). These drops symbolize the generative force of the Perispirits (Chơn hồn) within the cosmos. This elixir embodies the essence of creation, from which Perispirits are born, evolve, and reincarnate in an endless cycle of transformation.

The Spiritual Body and Fulfillment on the Lotus Throne

His Holiness explains that when Perispirits ascend to the Lotus Throne within the Golden Pyramid, they achieve the fulfillment of the Spiritual Body (Pháp Thân), symbolizing a complete understanding of divine mysteries. This Spiritual Body is the culmination of countless lifetimes, during which Perispirits accumulate merit and wisdom to attain such an exalted position in Nirvana.

The mortal body, though subject to decay after death, forms the foundation for constructing the Lotus Throne in the divine realm. The Essence of Death (Tử Khí) is not lost but becomes an integral part of the Perispirit's evolutionary journey.

Buddha Maitreya and the Power of Atomic Energy

His Holiness mentioned Buddha Maitreya, the Supreme Teacher currently presiding over the Lotus Platform in the Nirvana realm. Previously, this position belonged to Buddha Amitabha, but when the Third Universal Salvation of the Great Way (Đại Đạo Tam Kỳ Phổ Độ) was initiated, God The Father entrusted this authority to Buddha Maitreya. The Lotus Platform is now also strongly associated with the concept of "atomic energy"—a power bestowed upon humanity by Đức Chí Tôn in this era.

Transcending Earthly Glory to Reach Nirvana

Nirvana, with its splendor and mystique, surpasses all material glory on Earth. No earthly power—be it ruling over the entire planet or achieving bliss in the Pure Land—can compare to the sacred honor of ascending the Lotus Throne within the Golden Pyramid.

However, His Holiness emphasizes that attaining this position relies entirely on one's merit and self-discipline. While everyone has the opportunity, achieving it depends on personal dedication and spiritual effort.

Perispirits Not Yet Reaching Nirvana

His Holiness also discusses Perispirits that gather at the outskirts of the Paradise of Ultimate Bliss. These Perispirits come from diverse cultures and religions but are halted by a

towering wall. Despite their strong faith, they cannot yet enter the true realms of Paradise or Nirvana due to misconceptions or adherence to doctrines that are not aligned with true teachings (chơn truyền). These Perispirits temporarily reside in the outer zones, awaiting spiritual purification and training to draw closer to genuine enlightenment.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes by affirming that doubts and misconceptions about the existence of divine realms stem from ignorance and the karmic limitations of individuals. God The Father has decreed that one lifetime is sufficient to achieve liberation if one practices the proper methods. Success hinges entirely on one's effort and spiritual direction.

To witness and experience these exalted realities, one must overcome worldly ignorance, turn their Perispirit toward God The Father, and engage in actions aligned with the true teachings of the Great Way (Đại Đạo).

Chapter 33

MANY SEEK THE DAO, BUT FEW ACHIEVE TRUE ENLIGHTENMENT

In today's sermon, His Holiness Đức Hộ Pháp continues to illuminate the spiritual evolution of Perispirits on the Eternal Divine Path, particularly addressing the obstacles and trials encountered in reaching the Pure Land (Cực Lạc Thế Giới).

Kim Quang Sứ – The Final Trial On The Path To Enlightenment

His Holiness recounts how, upon being entrusted by God The Father with the divine mandate to open the gates to the Pure Land, he initially questioned: "What is this Paradise, and why must it be opened?" After fulfilling his mission, he discovered that the path to Paradise was obstructed by Kim Quang Sứ—a powerful celestial being whose arrogance and self-importance caused his downfall.

Known as Lucifer in Christian doctrine, Kim Quang Sứ was a great celestial lord whose role was to channel God The Father's divine light throughout the universe. Once near the level of Buddhahood, his power was second only to God The Father. However, his excessive pride and ambition to control

the entire cosmos led to his ultimate failure. His inability to submit to God The Father's supreme authority resulted in his banishment from the celestial hierarchy.

Kim Quang Sứ confronted God The Father, challenging His power. Though his potential was immense, his arrogance relegated him to the Demonic Realm (Quỷ Vj). If he had exercised humility, he could have held an exalted position in the cosmos, but his hubris and insubordination instead cast him as the Demon King (Quỷ Chúa).

Divine Amnesty and Kim Quang Sứ's New Role

Despite his fall, Kim Quang Sứ received divine amnesty from God The Father and was assigned a new, vital role: acting as a divine examiner to test and challenge Perispirits on their journey toward Buddhahood. This task underscores his significant position, even in his demoted state.

Kim Quang Sứ's mission is to evaluate Perispirits, ensuring their worthiness to achieve enlightenment. In this role, he presented a poem of challenge during a séance, symbolizing his enduring authority:

“Cửu phẩm Thần-Tiên nể mặt ta,
Thích-Ca dầu trọng khó giao hòa.
Cửa Kinh Bạch-Ngọc năng lui tới,
Đường Đạo Tây-Phương thử chánh tà.”

This poem not only reflects his power but also serves as a profound test for Perispirits seeking entry into Paradise.

Many Seek the Dao, But Few Succeed

His Holiness emphasizes that while countless individuals pursue spiritual cultivation, very few achieve true enlightenment. This is not due to a lack of effort but rather the overwhelming trials presented by Kim Quang Sứ and the diminishing availability of genuine teachings.

His Holiness shares a personal experience of being blocked by Kim Quang Sứ while leading the Sacred Chariot (Vân Xa) from Jade Void Palace to the Pure Land. This encounter culminated in a fierce battle between Kim Quang Sứ and His Holiness's ally, Đức Lý Minh Vương. Despite their equal strength, Đức Hộ Pháp intervened with sacred tools—the Demon Subjugation Mace (Giáng Ma Xử) and the Golden Whip (Kim Tiên)—to channel the energy of the conflict and secure victory for Đức Lý Minh Vương, clearing the path for the journeying Perispirits.

Trials at the Gates of Paradise

His Holiness also describes the formidable barriers at the gates of Paradise: two massive spinning wheels emitting radiant white and red light, representing the sacred laws of the divine realms. Using the Demon Subjugation Mace (Giáng Ma Xử), he temporarily halted the wheels, enabling Perispirits to pass through.

Outside Paradise, His Holiness observed thousands of Perispirits from diverse races, cultures, and religions. Though devout, these Perispirits were confined to the outer regions due to their adherence to misguided doctrines or incomplete understanding of the true teachings. These Perispirits, though earnest in their faith, must await further spiritual refinement and reincarnation to progress toward enlightenment.

Conclusion

His Holiness concludes by affirming that the path to Paradise is arduous, requiring profound awakening, persistent cultivation, and, most importantly, access to the divine Dharma and teachings unique to God The Father's true doctrine (chơn truyền).

His mandate to open Pure Land was given to guide lost Perispirits back to eternal peace. This sacred mission demands extraordinary courage, patience, and wisdom, and serves as a beacon of hope for all who seek enlightenment.

Chapter 34

THE PALACE OF HỒN NGƯỜN THƯỢNG THIÊN: THE APPEARANCE OF GOD THE FATHER

In tonight's sermon, His Holiness Đức Hộ Pháp continues to guide followers along the Path of Eternal Divine Life, delving deeper into the mysteries of Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên Palace—the sacred realm where God The Father, as the Supreme Father (Đại Từ Phụ), manifests to educate and nurture His children.

The Sacred Realms Leading To Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên

His Holiness begins by revisiting previously discussed celestial realms such as Tạo Hóa Huyền Thiên—the domain of the Holy Mother—and Phi Tướng Diệu Thiên and Hư Vô Cao Thiên, which govern the liberation of all Perispirits. However, Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên Palace holds unique significance. This is the realm where Perispirits achieve the closest proximity to God The Father. Here, God The Father does not merely appear as a sovereign emperor, as in Jade Void Palace (Ngọc Hư Cung), but as the loving Supreme Father, embracing His children with boundless compassion.

God The Father: The Supreme Being

In Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên, God The Father reveals Himself not only as the Supreme Being but also as the Loving Father of all Perispirits. Depending on the cultural and spiritual beliefs of each nation, He manifests in different forms. To the Jews, He is Jehovah; to the Chinese, Hồng Quân Lão Tổ; and to the Indians, He appears as Brahma, Civa, or Christna.

This adaptability illustrates His boundless love and intimate connection with all living beings.

Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên: Where All Perispirits Unite with the One Spirit

This palace is the sacred convergence where all Perispirits unite with the One Spirit (Nhứt Linh). Regardless of whether they have attained enlightenment, every Perispirit has the opportunity to approach God The Father for guidance and education.

God The Father is not only a devoted Father nurturing His children but also a benevolent teacher willing to grant divine titles such as Saint or Immortal to those who prove themselves worthy.

His Holiness emphasizes that only upon reaching Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên can one truly experience the ultimate bliss of being near God The Father. This palace is also a gathering place for exalted Perispirits, from Divine Immortals to Buddhas, to collaborate in executing divine missions.

Decisions about the destruction or rebirth of the universe, including the orchestration of the Long Hoa Assembly, are made here. Thus, Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên is also referred to as the Palace of Decision (Cung Định) or the Palace of Law (Cung Pháp) because it is the epicenter where all beings unite with the One Spirit (God The Father), and critical decisions are enacted.

In this sacred realm, Perispirits exist in a constant state of unity with God The Father, ceaselessly meditating and merging with Him. This is the ultimate goal of all spiritual pursuits: to return to the original state of unity with God The Father, a moment synonymous with attaining the Way (Đạo) and its divine truths.

Conclusion

This sermon imparts a profound message: Hồn Ngươn Thượng Thiên Palace is not merely a place of unification with the One Spirit (God The Father), but it represents the ultimate destination on the Eternal Divine Path. It is here that God The Father, with infinite love and power, waits to guide His children home, allowing them to experience the profound joy of being in perfect harmony with Him.

Chapter 35

THE THUNDEROUS TEMPLE (LÔI-ÂM-TỰ): ABODE OF BUDDHA AMITABHA

In today's sermon, His Holiness Đức Hộ Pháp delves into the profound significance of the Thunderous Temple (Lôi-Âm-Tự), the abode of Buddha Amitabha, as he continues guiding the faithful along the Eternal Divine Path. He emphasizes that the teachings shared tonight hold the secrets to attaining enlightenment, urging all to listen attentively and maintain unwavering faith in God The Father to achieve true liberation.

Journey To Hồn-Ngươn Thượng-Thiên Palace

His Holiness begins by revisiting the journey to the Cực Lạc Thế Giới (Pure Land) and the awe-inspiring Kim Tự Tháp (Pyramid). Tonight, His Holiness takes the faithful further, into the Thunderous Temple, where Buddha Amitabha resides after passing the governance of the cosmos to Buddha Maitreya, who now presides at the Pyramid.

the Thunderous Temple is not just Buddha Amitabha's dwelling but a repository of ancient Buddhist wisdom from the dawn of creation. These truths are not hidden; they remain accessible to those who earnestly cultivate their spiritual

practice. However, due to humanity's neglect, the pathways to liberation have become obscured.

Upon reaching the Thunderous Temple, His Holiness hears the chime of bells and is guided onto the Pháp Xa (Law Chariot) to continue his journey toward the White Jade Palace (Bạch Ngọc Kinh). As he ascends, he senses the urgency of female Immortals and Divine Beings who hasten him forward, crossing through the radiant Hồn-Ngươn Thượng-Thiên.

The journey continues as His Holiness approaches a radiant light emanating from afar—a majestic structure glowing with a transformative brilliance. This is Tòa Thiên Các (Heavenly Pavilion), an ethereal edifice crafted from primordial energy (Hồn Ngươn Khí). Its surreal beauty and boundless energy evoke a joy that transcends human comprehension.

His Holiness Opened the Gate To The White Jade Palace

When His Holiness rode the Chariot and approached the White Jade Palace, He witnessed an overwhelming number of perispirits, gathering in front of the gates—so vast in number they could not be counted. As the Chariot came to a halt, His Holiness stepped down and observed three grand gates before the White Jade Palace. Each gate was guarded by The Four Time Lords, making a total of twelve Lords, all clad in armor and wielding Sacred Instruments, blocking the perispirits from entering. This sight caused His Holiness to feel immense anger.

He requested to speak with the Time Lords, and immediately, the three gates seemed to shift and merge into one, bringing all twelve Time Lords to stand before His Holiness. He asked them why the perispirits were not allowed entry. The Time Lords, appearing hesitant, replied, "We were instructed not to let them in." Hearing this, His Holiness instantly understood that the order came from Kim Quang Sú, who had been preventing the perispirits from entering. Enraged, He turned toward the outside and commanded the perispirits to proceed inward. At once, the perispirits surged forward like a great wave crashing upon the shore, heading directly into the White Jade Palace.

After all the perispirits had entered, His Holiness turned back and instructed the twelve Time Sovereigns to also enter and carefully inspect the area to ensure that no one had been left outside.

The White Jade Palace and the Joy of Ascending the Throne

When His Holiness Dharma Protector entered the White Jade Palace, He observed that it was divided into three main sections: the central entrance was the place where exalted Buddhas resided; the left side was designated for the Female Divine Beings, and the right side for the Male Divine Beings.

As He stepped inside, He heard a soft murmuring sound coming from the other side and saw only shadows cast through a peculiar partition. This partition was translucent and hazy, resembling a thin veil of mist, creating an air of mystery.

Initially, His Holiness did not pay much attention to His surroundings and continued walking forward. He noticed that everyone had a designated seat, except for Him. Carrying the Giáng Ma Xử on His shoulder, He wondered to Himself, "Why does everyone have a seat while I do not?" At that moment, someone appeared nearby and pointed out to Him, "Your Throne is over there."

He looked up and saw an incredibly majestic Throne, but He was skeptical, fearing it might be a deception. While He hesitated, the person reassured Him, "That Throne is indeed yours."

His Holiness taught that, even after countless lifetimes of enduring hardship and establishing spiritual merit in the world, nothing could compare to the joy of sitting upon the Throne in the White Jade Palace. The overwhelming bliss was indescribable and far beyond imagination. As He pondered how to ascend the Throne, a ladder appeared, leading Him to His rightful place.

Once seated on the Throne, His Holiness noticed that before each person there were food and wine. He wondered, "Why do they have these, and I do not?" As soon as the thought crossed His mind, a Divine Peach and a cup of Heavenly Wine instantly appeared before Him. In this place, everything He desired seemed to manifest effortlessly, leaving nothing lacking.

He reflected that, even after enduring countless lifetimes in the earthly realm, one could never attain such unparalleled luxury and supreme happiness.

The Long-Hoa Assembly: A Vision of Divine Reward

The Long-Hoa Assembly is the exalted realm within the White Jade Palace that we are now envisioning. God The Father granted His Holiness the privilege of witnessing this beforehand, so He could bear testimony and share with the children of God that, one day, they too will have the opportunity to ascend to that place and sit in the sacred throne.

His Holiness affirmed that if we achieve liberation and unity with God the Father, the joy of sitting upon that throne will be a fitting reward for all the hardships we have endured throughout countless lifetimes. God The Father never allows anyone to suffer loss or remain indebted to Him.

How blessed are those who dare to "lend to God The Father"—that is, those who dedicate their lives to serving Him. For those who know how to love and serve Đức Chí Tôn with unwavering loyalty, He reciprocates their devotion by granting them incomparable glory. When God The Father becomes their support and serves them in return, there is no happiness on Earth that can compare to this divine fulfillment.

Encountering Celestial Jade Emperor in the White Jade Palace

When His Holiness Dharma Protector entered the White Jade Palace, His heart was filled with questions: “Is the One who resides here Celestial Jade Emperor (Đức Ngọc Hoàng Thượng Đế)? Is He the Person? And how can I know who He truly is?” As soon as this thought arose, His Holiness saw a large veil, layer upon layer, obscuring the space ahead. He knew that Celestial Jade Emperor was behind the veil and inwardly wished for it to be drawn aside so that He might behold Him. In response to His wish, the veil gradually parted, revealing a wondrous yet still Indistinct Figure, not entirely clear.

Then, His Holiness saw Celestial Jade Emperor emerged, clothed in a pure white robe, with a white headscarf resembling the Tiểu Phục of a Cao Dai Priest (Giáo Hữu). Soft, flowing ribbons cascaded from His back, and His snow-white beard gave HIM an extraordinary aura of majesty and gentleness. His Holiness felt an overwhelming sense of love and reverence.

He pondered that the image of the Celestial Jade Emperor he had seen earlier in the Linh Tiêu Palace seemed to wear a different attire. Could this be the same Being? While He was still contemplating, Celestial Jade Emperor stepped forward to the center, gazing directly at Him, as if to say, “Look and see.”

At that moment, His Holiness looked up and saw a radiant halo of light surrounding Him. In His hand, God The Father held a magnificent staff adorned with a gourd. A small bag hung at His side. Gently, He turned the staff horizontally, transforming it into the balance beam (đòn cân); the gourd became the scale's pan, and the bag transformed into the counterweight. These three sacred items combined to form a Divine Balance (Cây Cân Thiêng Liêng)—a symbol of divine justice and omnipotent authority.

His Holiness realized that the Figure He had seen earlier in the Linh Tiêu Palace and the one before him now were the same. He was none other than the Great Heavenly Father, the Supreme Being who had created the cosmos and all existence. Yet, amidst His infinite transformations, He embodied a profound closeness and boundless compassion for all His children.

Caution in Conduct and Compassion

His Holiness reminds humanity to exercise utmost caution in their treatment of all living beings. He teaches that even a flower should not be regarded as an inanimate object. If we break it thoughtlessly, we may unknowingly destroy a sacred life force hidden within it, which could create significant obstacles on our spiritual path.

As for animals, if we merely view them as simple living creatures, how can we know whether they might be a Buddha or a Bodhisattva in the process of reincarnation? If we

inadvertently consume the flesh of such a being, one day, when they ascend to a higher realm and sit as equals with us, they might remind us: *“In a previous life, you consumed my flesh.”* That single reminder could be enough to burden us with the weight of karmic debt, forcing us to bear the cycle of birth and death once more, as we have to reincarnate again.

In this world, there are countless living beings, and we cannot be certain whether a particular animal may harbor a Buddha or a Bodhisattva on their journey of reincarnation, striving to form their Lotus Throne. If we were to accidentally harm or consume such a sacred being, our attainment of a noble spiritual rank would become exceedingly difficult.

For this reason, God The Father teaches us to practice vegetarianism—to cultivate compassion and avoid creating grievous karmic entanglements.

Exploring the White Jade Palace

After beholding the White Jade Palace, His Holiness Dharma Protector became curious and wished to explore the entirety of this vast and boundless place. He humbly addressed to God The Father, saying, “Please allow me to see the entirety of the White Jade Palace.” Instantly, as though God The Father had anticipated His thoughts, He approached a small pedestal (cái Đôn)—an object that His Holiness had previously overlooked. God The Father struck the pedestal with His staff, transforming it into an Old Man (Ông Đôn). His

Holiness did not know the name of this figure and has since referred to him simply as "Ông Đôn."

Ông Đôn then guided His Holiness throughout the Palace, showing and explaining the various realms, each of which appeared in a miniature form, like a landscaped bonsai.

While walking with Ông Đôn, His Holiness feared that He might miss some part of the White Jade Palace. Despite traveling in His perispirit, He still felt weary, as the vastness of the White Jade Palace condensed the infinite expanse of the entire cosmos within itself.

He realized that in this realm, whether one is male or female, everyone had their rightful place. No one needed to worry about lacking a seat. His Holiness firmly asserted that all children of God The Father have their place here—none are abandoned or dismissed. In fact, there are plenty of seats remaining unoccupied.

A Message for Spiritual Practitioners

His Holiness emphasized: *"In this world, strive to cultivate yourself so that you may return to that sacred realm."* He wholeheartedly cares for everyone, not only in the Divine Realm but also regarding their lives in the earthly world. He affirmed that these teachings have been clearly conveyed and demonstrated for all to witness. If one fails to practice, the fault lies within themselves and cannot be excused by saying, *"The Dharma Protector never said anything, so I didn't know."*

Concluding The Journey Of Teaching

From this point forward, His Holiness declared that the path of spiritual advancement in the Sacred Eternal Realm has been completed. The teachings have been fully explained, and each individual must now take their own steps on the journey to reunite with God The Father (Đức Chí Tôn).



“The Path of Eternal Divine Life” is the path for Perispirits, after they depart from their physical bodies, leading them to their spiritual destiny before God The Father, where their ascent or descent is determined based on their merits.

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