Falun Gong meditation

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient Chinese spiritual discipline in the Buddhist tradition. Pronounced "Fah-loon Gong," it consists of moral teachings, a meditation, and four gentle exercises that are a truly unique and highly effective way to improve your health and energy levels. At the core of Falun Gong are the values of **Truthfulness**, **Compassion**, **Forbearance** (Zhen 真 Shan 善 Ren 忍).

Falun Dafa teaches that these are the most fundamental qualities of the universe, and takes them to be a guide for daily life and practice. Anyone can learn and benefit from Falun Gong exercises and meditation. For more information and free downloads of books and videos visit **FalunDafa.org**. All Falun Gong classes and activities are always free of charge.

After its public introduction in 1992 Falun Gong spread peacefully throughout China. In a few years Falun Gong became the most popular form of *qigong* (energy exercises) in China. By 1998 various government surveys and media reports placed the number of people practising between 70 and 100 million people. Thousands of people could be seen practising Falun Gong exercises in parks across China.

> ***When I first visited Beijing in 1996, every open space was filled with people practising its** [Falun Gong] **slow exercises and meditation.***
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> - Edward McMillan-Scott
> former Vice-President, European Parliament

Large Falun Gong group exercise in Guangzhou, China.

PERSECUTED FOR THEIR BELIEF

Before the persecution started Falun Gong had become an integral part of Chinese society. In 1999 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) turned against Falun Gong when the number of Falun Gong practitioners (100 million) far exceeded the membership of the CCP (65 million).

For more than 20 years, the persecution instigated by the CCP has continued unabated despite the Chinese Constitution claiming that citizens have freedom of belief.

The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong is a comprehensive nation-wide effort that encompasses many different forms of cruelty and inhumanity, imprisonment, forced labour, torture and forced organ harvesting.

Falun Gong practitioner arrested by plainclothes police in Tiananmen Square, Beijing

It should be noted that despite how violent, illegal and brutal the persecution is, Falun Gong practitioners' response has always been non-violent.

> ***Over the past two decades the campaign against Falun Gong practitioners has resulted in the imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of its followers, where they have been subjected to some of the most severe forms of torture.***
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> ***Particularly troubling are reports of the targeting of Falun Gong prisoners for their human organs. Evidence of forced organ harvesting in China emerged 15 years ago and an independent and rigorous legal project – the China Tribunal – last year found beyond reasonable doubt that this practice had been perpetrated on a widespread, state-sponsored, and systematic level.***
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> - Joint statement from UK IPAC members
> Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP and Baroness Helena Kennedy

> ***The CCP devoted considerable resources to suppressing Falun Gong and coercing adherents into renouncing their beliefs, typically through the use of violence. Hundreds of thousands of adherents were sentenced to labor camps and prison terms.***
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> - Freedom House, special report

The China Tribunal Panel, London , December 8, 2018

CHINATRIBUNAL
Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China

In March 2006 news about forced organ harvesting in China emerged for the first time. Three independent witnesses have publicly stated that some hospitals in China remove organs from imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners without obtaining their consent. The witnesses further stated that the unwilling victims are being incarcerated in facilities that resemble detention centres or concentration camps. Their tissue compatibility is systematically analysed and stored in data banks. This allows Chinese Transplant surgeons to identify and obtain Falun Gong practitioners' organs including kidney, heart, lungs, pancreas, liver, skin and cornea at short notice.

An independent people's tribunal was established to inquire into forced organ harvesting from, amongst others, prisoners of conscience in China and to investigate what criminal offences, if any, have been committed by state or state-approved bodies, organisations or individuals in China that may have engaged in forced organ harvesting.

The Tribunal was chaired by **Sir Geoffrey Nice QC** who led the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević, former President of Serbia, at the UN's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. During the the hearings the Tribunal spoke with experts, investigators and fact witnesses who appeared in person and via video link from various locations around the world to present and be questioned on their evidence.

CHINA TRIBUNAL JUDGMENT

June 17, 2019

> ***...Forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale and that Falun Gong practitioners have been one – and probably the main – source of organ supply. ... The Tribunal has had no evidence that the significant infrastructure associated with China's transplantation industry has been dismantled and absent a satisfactory explanation as to the source of readily available organs concludes that forced organ harvesting continues till today.... Commission of Crimes Against Humanity against the Falun Gong and Uyghurs has been proved beyond reasonable doubt... Governments and any who interact in any substantial way with the PRC.. should now recognise that they are, to the extent revealed above, interacting with a criminal state.***

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