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Today, we come to the Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa where we examine the (spiritual) struggle just like Gia Cát (Zhuge - 诸葛) journeyed to Wu kingdom to observe the Wu army.

Up until now Bần Đạo have explained numerous questions concerning liberated souls. Because of their lack of virtue, they find all sorts of philosophies to learn and save themselves. We have seen that the Perfect Beings at the Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa (The Realm of Divine Alliance) will not easily let them get away with it.

Tonight, it is the last time and the most essential of all, because of their questions about the power of faith and the laws left on earth by the Religious Leaders. It is an intense debate to which we should pay attention, especially the male and female Divine Dignataries.

Last time, Bần Đạo explained to you that because there are many religions, human hearts become diverted. Today, they attack Religious Laws by saying, "If religions have tangible forms and doctrines, certainly they must comply with the Divine form and doctrine. Why have Religious Founders formed religions that are different from each other? Some Religious Founders explain it this way, others another. They may also be contrary to each other. How can humanity not be divided? Lack of unity is the root cause.

Religious Founders should examine their Dharmas and Religious Laws. Their methods are different from and often against each other. They are not in accord, especially regarding ideals and the spirit of virtue, so how can humanity avoid disunity? If humanity is not united, they fall into chaos. The current chaos is due to that reason."

The Divine Beings at the Cung Hiệp Thiên Hành Hóa laugh and say: "Races on this planet do not share the same thinking and virtue. Even within one race or nation, people's personalities also differ. For example, the Buddha (Siddhartha) was born Indian and founded the Religion in India. He did not have the same heart as people from other races, but Buddhism still spread and ruled the Eastern mind. How come? Thanks to Compassion and Justice. Religious Founders established Religious Laws mainly to guide humans to the Tao, i.e. worshipping the Divine and humans themselves. There are only the Laws of Compassion and Justice. If the Buddha is not an embodiment of Compassion and Justice, His religion cannot be about (Compassion and) Justice." Unless we become Buddhas today, Buddhism is not in existence. On what foundation did that Being build His Faith? Isn't it compassion? If it had not been so, He would not have sought a sublime philosophy and instilled it in the minds of humanity. Each of us here has our own duty, but still hustles against each other. We hardly discipline ourselves like the Buddha. If it had not been for humanity, and if they had not had justice and vast love, the Buddha would not have humbled Himself to uplift the spirit of humanity.

His Holiness Lao Zi saw that humanity did not know its spiritual status. Nor did they know their true identity. He was born in China at a time when humans became corrupted. They did not know of human dignity. For that reason, they were degraded to animals. Without compassion and justice, He would not have wakened humanity to their supreme position (on earth) so they ceased their animalistic life. If it had not been for Compassion and Justice, He would never have founded such a Religion (Taoism). Today, not only East Asia but also Europe know very well His sublime virtue. People who follow Him are countless. If you reflect by your sublime philosophy, aren't the spirit and laws of Taoism formed on the basis of Compassion and Justice. The visible

methods He created aim to lead humanity on the spiritual path to the noble destination of Compassion and Justice.

Confucianism was formed by His Holiness Confucius in China. Why did He found Confucianism? Because like His Holiness Lao Zi, He saw that human morals at that time had been devastated and become meaningless. Humans at that time completely lost their humanity and degenerated to animals. He proposed Confucianism as social mores and human morals as the basis. If humans know themselves, they will know the Divine Tao and follow Divine Laws as well as the Divine Invisible. He did not mention the name of the Supreme Being as the Lord (of the Universe) or the highest Tao position; He only advocated the law of compassion and the dharma of justice as a way of life for mankind, for all human societies and for all peoples on this earth, although His laws are in complete contrast to cultures in several places. However, His means of virtue has captured the attention of nations and has been adopted to correct their identities. Therefore, during the establishment of the Cao Đài Religion, the Supreme Being prophesied that the Cao Đài Religion signalled to Nations the advent of worldwide transformation by Confucianism.

Regarding the Holy Religion of His Holiness Jesus Christ (that is, Christianity), if He had not been compassionate and merciful, he would not have offered his physical body for sacrifice to the Supreme Being and begged for redemption of human sins. He set His love as a model for others. Consequently, Christianity deserves to rule the mind of the majority of mankind. You have been shown myriad spiritual paths where mankind worships God and themselves so as to abide by the law of love and the dharma of justice. If You intellectuals still object and debate, You may beg for redemption at the three-religion-tribunal but will never be able to deny Your sins. No matter how much You argue, You cannot deny such truth. If You still insist, I would like to show clear proof that the Cao Dai Religion has come into being. The Supreme Being has Himself created the Faith for 24 years. He has come to sign the Third Covenant with humanity because humanity betrayed the first two. They did not keep their faith, and so they strayed from the Tao. Humanity is walking on the way to perdition: We fight and try to destroy each other. Because of compassion and mercy, the Supreme Being has come and signed the Third Covenant which has

been instituted as a law. We see that Divine Beings would like mankind to worship the image of the Three Saints: God and Humanity (Dieu et Humanite), the law of compassion and the dharma of justice. Although the law has myriad forms, the Cao Đài Sacerdotal Council only guides mankind to the supreme law of compassion and the supreme dharma of justice.

Besides the law of compassion and the dharma of justice, all the rest are simply methods to create the real from the unreal.

At the next sermon, Bần Đạo will preach about the powers of this law of compassion and dharma of justice.