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In my last sermon, I left a question hanging: *“Can the Cao Đài Religion bring happiness to all humanity and create peace for universal harmony?”*

Now we must answer it.

We should not only believe in the Supreme Being, but we must also know He created this Religion mainly to sign the peace covenant with humanity, to create happiness on Earth and to allow people to enjoy profound happiness on this 68th planet. Certainly, we are sure and believe that it will be achieved, especially because of the assurance by our Spiritual Elder Brother, that is, the Spiritual Pope (Lý Bạch, Li Po 李白). He said,

“A great belief begets a figure,

Already united living beings with the Supreme.”

This means that the Cao Đài Religion has been established, and will gradually progress towards its ultimate height.

We know that the Supreme Being has come and signed the peace covenant with mankind. We have seen how the agreements of human beings work, especially those amongst the great powers. Their agreements comprise of all kinds of clauses.

With the Supreme Being, there are only two articles:

1. The Law of Love. He stipulates that we love not only each other, but also all beings.
2. The Right of Justice. He designates the right of justice.

We have never seen any covenant so simple but so powerful. We have not seen agreement which can be carried into full effect, even until doomsday. We have understood and believe that the new covenant will be adhered to, but we cannot determine the time. We only instinctively know and ascertain through our conscience and wisdom the true physiognomy of the Cao Đài religion. The goal is to create happiness and peace for universal harmony. We only need conscience and wisdom to study it.

What is the power of the law of Love like? It has been in effect ever since humans came into being. Without the limitless power of the law, the Shakyamuni Buddha would never have succeeded in building His Religion. When the Buddha engaged in a fasting practice at Résu, there were four people who followed him. These four were not His followers, but went along to observe if he would reach enlightenment. When they saw Him come down from the mountain and start eating and drinking again, these four people who had been waiting for him remarked that he had returned to secular life and had not attained enlightenment at all. They then walked away from Him. When he went out to preach, he searched for these four people. They only joined Him after recognizing His authenticity. Among these four, there were only two that were essential to the cause, but at the end there was only one left that attained the way of the Buddha.

Taoism of Lao Zi had one disciple and one servant (Từ-Giáp), but only Doãn-Hỉ (Yin Hsi) followed Lao Zi and attained Immortality. Through him Taoism developed right through to this day.

Although Confucius (Kong Zi, Khổng Tử) had 36 saints and 72 sages, He was not sure if any would attain the way. There was only one person who did, i.e. Master Sam (Zeng - 曾參). Upon His last breath, He called Sâm over and said, "My way – only you know it."

His Holiness Jesus Christ had only half a disciple, because Saint Peter denied him three times. He then repented and confessed to Maria.

At the start, Muhammad had but one female disciple (Khadija), and still Islam came into being.

We deduce that it is only Love. With the love of only one person, or even half a person, these Religious Founders could establish their Religions on this earth.

We see that Caodaism is more fortunate than other Religions. There were three disciples at the start, which is more than the others. The true physiognomy of the religion of the Supreme Being has been formed through His incomparable power. It was sketched and moulded by those who followed His orders. May I offer my excuse to His children; it is not pride that makes me say this, but this hand has contributed a good part to that endeavour.

Therefore, I would like to ask all of us to flash back and find your identity as part of this religion. Our individual identities combine form that of our Faith.

Bần Đạo think the Cao Dai Religion has revealed its full identity as boundless Love. It is formed from a natural beauty because it is drawn with Love. In the early days, the Supreme Being came and drew the Divine strokes with the pen of Love so His Holy Body followed His sketch to form a body of Love. We are not dreaming. Neither do we deceive humanity. Everyone can see the evidence in front of them. Which power has created our current Faith? The current power of the Faith originates from the law of Love. Therefore, no power can destroy it. It might be concerned about the law of hate, but how fortunate it is that even hatred cannot cause trouble thanks to Divine blessings. Divine hands have kept hatred away.

It is formed from Love, and grows with Love. As the embodiment of love, the more it grows, the stronger it becomes. It will triumph over hatred. Hatred can never overpower it. For sure, I have defeated this hatred, when the parties and factions used their power to occupy the throne of the Supreme Being on earth! I braved myself to fight them off and preserve the Divine physiognomy of the Tao. Bần Đạo have lost a great deal. Bần Đạo shouldered all this hatred in order to maintain the true Love of His Holy Body. Bần Đạo took courage to

shoulder all hatred and protect the boundless love of the Supreme Being from being blemished or besmirched. Why did I dare to sacrifice Myself for its protection? Because I knew that it would become the Lord of the future government. It would be the Master that teaches people how to govern the earth. If it were not complete or were blemished, it would not be able to guide humanity.

The sects at the time used secular power to gain positions. As the Hộ Pháp, who holds the orthodox power of the Supreme Being in My hand, how could I let them usurp the throne like the former kings? How could Bần Đạo let it become the heritage of the True Religion of the Supreme Being? Fortunately, those powers have not damaged the True Religion of the Supreme Being. They were defeated, because in His Holy Body there is an imposing figure who holds the law, that is, he holds the Sword of Wisdom in his hand to protect the Religion. If it can realize its full potential, it can create power for humanity on this planet in the future.