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SERMON #35 - OUR NUMBER ONE PROPERTY ON EARTH

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Tonight, Bần Đạo continue to preach about our number one property on earth.

Bần Đạo already described the three types of property the other day. The Supreme Being guides all His children to obtain them; we walk along that path to obtain the three possessions. We can create for ourselves a great cause in both the visible and the Divine worlds.

Now, Bần Đạo will only talk about the number one property, i.e. **our visible property**. Bần Đạo have described the usefulness of our visible property. Those who can accumulate land property and material wealth have a better physical life. First, let us explore its origin and what benefits it brings. It gives us food, clothing and all the necessities to sustain our physical life. In this token, we are basically animals. Like animals, our body has five internal organs and six body parts; we eat the same food with them. There are two sources of nutrition: first is the direct, and second is the indirect. The direct source does not sustain human life for long, while *the indirect one including vegetables and fruit provides us with very rich nutrition. Direct intake by killing animals for meat* limits human life; our (spiritual) cultivation will hardly last a long time.

Only plants must sacrifice themselves to feed animals; we must eat plants instead. Furthermore, if animals must sacrifice themselves to feed humans,

humans must sacrifice themselves to the Supreme Being. Does that Being force us to sacrifice ourselves? Definitely no. There is no reason why animals should sacrifice themselves to feed humans.

As animals are blessed with plant food to sustain their life, we have no right to take their lives for our own.

We see that in this age people kill animals for food. How can't there be mass killing? Due to cruelty, we accumulate wealth for our own name. We do not use land to grow plants for food. The Supreme Being designs this earth so all the necessities come from earth and humans rely on it for our life. This theory is clear as daylight; there is no reason we should not live from earth. The Supreme Being has created our life and given us the power to sustain it on earth. How unfortunate! We can turn earth into food to feed people; the wealth on earth can feed people without their fighting. Our life would be very easy. Why do we render it so hard? The Supreme Being has shown us that He does not bring us hardship. By telling us to eat vegetarian food, He essentially demands us to turn earth into life; our life would be very simple. We would plough to live. It is hard to ask from others, but not so from earth. If we relied on earth for life, mankind would live in harmony.

If everyone lived such a simple, decent and hard-working life, we would never be hungry. Hunger is the result of laziness. On the contrary, they do not plough to live; they only plot to gain from others. Desire for others' properties has caused the current competition.

Bần Đạo have explained to you the visible means of living so you can earn a living. Meanwhile, the Divine property is our family lineage. He has bestowed such possession on our parents, wife, children and siblings which we cannot find ourselves. Famine occurs because we do not find land to make a living; instead, we kill animals for food and kill each other to gain reputation and benefits. Sufferings are rampant in the society. Those who have an instinct to compete and fight against others live in loneliness and agony; no one is there to help when they fall. The Supreme Being arranged the livelihood for mankind, but they do not know. They seek other means of living so as to fulfill

their material needs. The current turmoil came about because we fail to find the original plan the Supreme Being had for mankind on earth.

Can we turn that basic but sacred plan into reality? The Supreme Being said it is absolutely possible: if you would like to attain the sacred treasure, you must unite into a family. The sacred treasure has been given to each of us, but few pay attention to. We stay poor because we are too blind to see. Such is the pain of our living friends. When their pain is over, we will have attained it on earth.

Regarding the third property, Bần Đạo already described it through the Confucian teaching:

“Tích kim dĩ di tử tôn, tử tôn vị tất năng thủ,

Tích thơ dĩ di tử tôn, tử tôn dĩ tất năng độc,

Bất như tích âm đức vi minh minh chi trung dĩ trường cửu chi kế.”

In other words, if we store gold for our children, will they be able to keep it? If we store books, will they read them? Only accumulating virtues will we be able to pass down to them. **Unless we follow a Religion, we will never be able to achieve that goal. Today, the Supreme Being establishes this Faith so you can accumulate virtues within the Cao Đài Religion.**

Only the Cao Đài Religion allows millions of you to do so, and the virtues produced by the Cao Đài Religion will never be lost. I can guarantee that they will never be lost.