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Cửu Long Đài, 4 o'clock on the 15th day of the 8th month Mậu Tý year (1948)

Every year, we perform the rituals before the Mother Buddha. Perhaps everyone in the congregation finds it strange that Bần Đạo wears the minor religious vestment in the Cửu Long Đài.

Dear all My living friends, Bần Đạo often say in front of the Mother Buddha that She regards Her children the same regardless of our status and wealth. Dear all male and female friends, in this worldly life our soul suffers in many ways; Buddhism calls it a sea of suffering. We see a lot of injustice before us; born into the human society, we suffer and have more sorrow than joy. Like you, Bần Đạo see the injustice and suffer due to wealth and status discrimination. We have observed people fight: the high status dominate over the low, the rich over the poor, the strong over the weak, and the smart over the silly. They have all forgotten friendship. In this world, we all suffer. We often wonder if we can find ways to comfort our soul. Both our physical body and soul already suffer a great deal. As we cannot seek means of comfort from our living friends, must we seek divine comfort for our soul? There is no other place than going back to the Mother who gives birth to our physical body and perispirit.

Do you know who the Mother Buddha is? She uses the seven types of Qi/energy to create our perispirit or emotions. Buddhism calls it the seven emotions. Strangely enough, such energy turns into our perispirit or second

image. When we leave the physical body, that Divine body still exists. Our (Divine) body can change, and our culture grows over each life. Buddhism says that it can evolve, devolve or stand still. Each soul wishes to continue evolving till they can reach positions of Angel, Saint, Immortal and Buddha. As soon as we attain perfection and our soul reaches those positions, the Mother Buddha has enough power to stand by us in the Divine Realm. That said, we can trust our soul (to that Being) while still in this world; we do that when we go back to the Divine Realm. We only live to fulfill our human duties, but it is not easy to be human. We know that the invisible and lofty power who can rank souls and hold the scale of justice without fail is the Great Merciful Father. Now that our soul suffers, where can we seek comfort? There is no other place than going back to our Divine Mother.

Dear living friends, status and wealth do not matter. She only cares about Her children. All living beings are considered the same rank by Her, because the Mother's love has no ambiguity and discrimination. Despite that, the Mother Buddha uses justice to comfort Her children. She says: *"The injustice in front of you is only limited to your worldly life. Only I have enough power to uphold justice when you are oppressed. Only I have an impartial heart because I only know love."*

Therefore, that Being sows into the human mind the law of love. If any friend loves Her children and we have endless love for other peoples as well as the life of Her children, we will fulfill our duty (to Her). We join efforts to comfort ourselves, bear the sufferings, and then share the sufferings of mankind. We should govern more cleverly by spreading love to the entire (Vietnamese) people. Let us sow that love across all peoples on earth. I think the injustice we see in the society will certainly be eradicated. That is how we can eradicate the cruelty and brutality of life.