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The Grand Verses

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(English Translation)

Cosmic Rogues, Your Days Are Numbered¹

Darkness blankets the sky,
And those once near are gone.
People look to the sky, and cry out:
“Is there any true God still there,
 if the universe has lost its course?”
All will turn to dust if I don’t renew the Way,
Those not approved of will become ghastly ghosts.
When one day the renewal is done,
 you will be made to dissolve without a trace.

September 30, 2006

The Future Is in Your Hands

Though we know not one another
The Creator mercifully protects us all
Though we may have different cultures
Our values are the same at heart
We all ultimately await His deliverance
Humanity is at the end of its time
Knowing this inspires me to share these truths
Modern thought and ways corrupt us
Atheism has turned us from the Divine
The theory of evolution devalues our lives
The Divine is sifting the good from the evil
And the Saving Ark shall sail without delay

January 2, 2015

¹ While some poems are written from the author’s perspective, others are in the voice of practitioners, nonpractitioners, or written as song texts. (This and the following footnotes are from the translators.)

Dafa Shows the Way

Though we know each other not
Together on this same planet we dine and dwell
And while our backgrounds may differ
We share common values in life
Mankind is now in its final days
And all the world awaits the Creator's coming
So I share with you the truth
Let not modern thought and ways bias you
The Divine has been selecting which souls are saved
Each chooses for oneself between good and evil
Dafa shows the way to a future free of doom

January 2, 2015

The Ark Sets Sail

Busy as each of us may be
Pause for a closer look around
Behind dark clouds, an epidemic lurks hidden
Humanity heads in a perilous direction
The oppressor's lies mean to keep us from Heaven
Modern thought and ways will not take us there
It is my mission to make everyone aware
Falun Dafa is saving lives
And each of us longs to finally be saved
Allow yourself to slow down and reflect
The Saving Ark you came for is about to set sail

January 1, 2016

Why We Came to This World

We await the Creator's deliverance at the end of days
On the eve of disaster He spreads the Way that saves
But many lives are consumed by worldly pursuits
Though all the efforts of this life perish at the grave
We travel alone and empty-handed from one life to the next
Caught up in this world, we forget our purpose here
Many were sovereigns above before coming to the earth
They forsook their divine forms to save their peoples above
Worldly success is not that important in the end
Fulfill your sacred destiny to be renewed
Find the truth to break free of this maze
Fulfill your purpose on this earth to taste true joy

January 5, 2016

What Faith Is

Some ponder what true faith in the Divine may be
It is not about staunchly defending one's religion
The only way to Heaven is to forsake attachments
And become gentle as lambs like divine ones have said
Holy Wars are meant to be affairs of the divine alone
To fight one's fellow man over faith is to harm and kill
Man's evil side grows stronger as his kindness ebbs
God bars from his Kingdom any who revel in killing
True faith in the Divine is shown when
We forsake all worldly attachments and wicked thoughts,
for Heaven welcomes only the good and kind

January 6, 2016

My Vision

A vision came to me, so vivid and real
At time's end, the Creator restored the Universe and Way
Countless divinities came to this world to await Him
Followers of Dafa are telling of the Great Way that saves
The Red Devil uses lies and money to meddle with man
Its unbridled evil bars people from boarding the Ark
When faced with the choice of good or evil,
 you must honor your promise to gain deliverance
Herein lies your ticket to salvation
I am divinely called to share this vision through song

February 9, 2016

The Wish

Man's values have declined in these end times
Modern thought challenges the Divine
The Creator has come to save the world
Yet now the followers of Dafa are persecuted
Lies are trumpeted in order to bury the truth
Some go with the flow out of selfish interest,
 only to sow the seeds of their own demise
Consequences are imminent for the oppressors
Avoid the perils at hand and seek the truth
Heavenly salvation is what every soul longs for

February 15, 2016

Making Clear

We are followers of Dafa
Bringing goodness and blessings
Making the truth known and saving lives
As the world's morals continue to decline
Modern thought and ways are laced with poison
Atheism now supplants the idea of the Divine
Evolutionism profanes God and man alike
Through song we depict things as they truly are
Dancing with the divine, we help unburden your life
Depart not from tradition, for the course is perilous
The Creator has set foot in the human world
He seeks to awaken and save us on disaster's eve
Be not a fool, for the whole world awaits Him!
The truth shall take you to Heaven, so waver not

February 26, 2016

A Revelation

Though you may be on the ocean's other shore
You continue to be in my thoughts
For the Way's renewal is centered where you are—
The main thread of the divinely bestowed culture
Five millennia of civilization with immense beauty and depth
The Creator decided to here remake the cosmos at time's end
When the trying times come, disciples of Dafa
 can be tempered in their practice following the Way
Morals decay when people depart from God's ways
And the mad world shall perish in divine-wrought disaster
Most in this world came from above to await His summons
Seek the Way for [your] heavenly kingdom
 to be remade, your holy place renewed
This is why you came here and assumed human form
And this is how you may fulfill your age-old pledge

March 1, 2016

The Divine Are Fulfilling Their Pledges

Through song I share that divine ones are fulfilling their pledges
The most guarded of secrets must herein be revealed
The universe had undergone massive changes, and many lives
 sought to avert catastrophe, as futile as the effort may be
Myriad divinities descended to the earth, assuming human form
To await the Creator's salvation and His making all anew
But one must meld into the Great Way to board the Ark
In this beguiling world, our divinity has been covered and lost
We are tempted by the lure of earthly things and affairs
There is atheism, the offspring of the Red Scourge
And evolution, a doctrine both speculative and false
Modern thought and ways take a perilous course
The oppression and lies lead men to damning acts against the Divine
Little time remains and the urgency only mounts
Sin no more and fulfill the pledge that brought you to this earth

March 12, 2016

A Dafa Follower's Vision

A vision came to me, so vivid and real
At once magnificent and awe-inspiring
At time's end, the Creator came to save the universe
 and make right the Way of the Divine
Countless heavenly ones descended
 and assumed human form, to await Him
But a Red Scourge arose and did acts of evil,
 stopping them from boarding the Ark
Atheism and evolution are false and not to be believed
The ideas and ways of our day lead us toward ruin
In these troubled times, the Divine evaluates our character
Our souls are weighed on a moral scale
 as we choose between good and evil
And in the balance hangs each life's salvation
Seek out the followers of Dafa to truly understand
For the vision I had now unfolds!

March 22, 2016

Answers Revealed

What has brought us to this world?
The question has haunted many a soul
Worldly gain is often mistaken for the goal
We work so hard to store up more wealth
But fortune and power prove short-lived
A lifetime's efforts end at the grave
Most people on this earth came from above
To find the Way and one day return
The Creator has come to teach Dafa, the Great Way
Seize the day, for the Ark will soon set sail
Our past lives were all for today
Dafa's followers offer truth that shows the way

March 30, 2016

This World Is Not Our True Abode

Most lives came from Heaven above
And should not just strive for worldly ends
We come to this world empty-handed
And leave without even our physical bodies
Atheism and evolution have a hidden agenda
Modern thought and ways have disastrous effects
The cosmic cycle had come to its fated end
So the Creator formed the universe anew
 and spared no effort to save all living things
We came to this world to await His guidance and salvation
The Great Way back to Heaven, Dafa, is now widely taught
Mistake not this world for your true abode
Find the Way and return to Heaven, for this
 is what you have longed for over so many ages

April 13, 2016

The Foretold Comes True

In my homeland an ocean away
The culture runs five millennia deep,
 and has immense beauty within
It is the central thread of a divine tapestry
Legend says the Creator will be born in the East,
 and set forth a sacred path
In our lifetimes this legend has come to pass
His followers are tempered by ordeals
 as they strive to save all lives
Most everyone on Earth comes from Heaven
We came to this world to seek our Creator
He restores humanity, values, and traditions at time's end
To turn from God's ways puts us at great risk
Many are misled by atheism and evolution
Modern thought and ways change us for the worse
What we truly long for is to return to Heaven
After so many lifetimes it now is possible!

April 17, 2016

Our Song

We strive to help our Master save lives
Performing around the world, on tour, is our mission
Our early years were spent studying
 and on learning the fundamentals of dance
Most of our hours now go toward professional mastery
Through spiritual discipline our souls constantly ascend
Whenever we grace the stage, joy and laughter follow
Our sweat translates into thunderous, grateful applause
The best days of our lives are here, under the spotlight
We are so fortunate
Honored to be Dafa disciples
To be the ones called Shen Yun

April 17, 2016

Longing to Return

From Heaven above came most lives
But the memory has long been buried
Our true longing was not for earthly joys
Status and wealth prove empty at life's end
Ashes to ashes and dust to dust
The Creator has come to save all
Dafa's followers act out of compassion
Seek them out for deliverance
And secure your place on the Ark

July 28, 2016

The Ancient Vow Is Calling

We hailed from the furthest reaches of the heavens
Our hearts brimming with compassion
Bearing others' entrustment
Shouldering others' hopes
We came to this world to await the Creator
Who would remake the universe and save
 each realm's lives, opening Heaven's gates wide
We came with this longing, though now buried
Our purity and honesty fade as the world declines
And we often give in to earthly temptations
Modern thought strays dangerously far from the Divine
The Great Way that saves now takes the world's stage
You have wished and hoped for this all these ages
Find Dafa's followers and no longer walk in darkness
Listen, for your Kingdom is calling
 that you may take up the divine path

August 21, 2016

Lost in This World

Some ask me why I do spiritual practice
The answer is that it allows me to find my true self
To know why we are on this earth
And where we are going from here
Most everyone came from heavenly realms afar
And is here to find Dafa and ascend anew
The Creator is here at time's end, imparting His Way
He strives to save lives from disaster
But this world is a beguiling place
Modern thought and ways bring ruin to us all
Zhen, shan, ren is the universe's immutable law
But over lifetimes we forget our purpose here
The followers of Dafa are spreading the truth
And have answers to life's abiding mysteries

September 11, 2016

A Eulogy

Grief fills my heart
The ghastly spirits mustn't remain
All the evil from other dimensions must go
Give me back my disciples,
 give me back my grand plan

September 26, 2016

Retribution

The dark clouds will recede
For times are changing
The oppressors have been savage and feral
With little thought to what shall happen next
Carried away, heads filled with wretched thoughts
When consumed by lies, they do evil's bidding
Even driven by greed to embezzle the country's coffers
Wicked men conspiring together with endless desires
But arrest awaits, and then comes judgment
Hell's fiends fire up the cauldrons,
 hungry for their next course
Maniacs fattened by greed fry up all the more tender

September 30, 2016

Sharing the Message

Though we may be ethnically diverse
We share in a practice divine ones call Dafa
Our life's purpose is to save the world
Most on this earth forget their divine beginnings
And that we came to await the Creator,
 who shall spare us from disaster
Humanity now takes a ruinous course
Let not modern ideas and ways take you astray
Do not forsake God's appointed ways
May this song stir in your memory
 the vows that brought you to this earth
The truth you hear offers passage to Heaven
The final days of salvation now unfold
And so we share this message

November 26, 2016

When Compassion Surpasses Love

He can see the love in her eyes
But must pretend to be no less the wise
Her words are full of affection and care
But the truth is something he must air
For followers of Dafa are now oppressed
And togetherness would bring
 only distress and frustration
He must but keep this love in his breast
Yet every time his eyes upon her rest
He wishes her to stay and not depart
On leaving he aches to spill his heart
But so that she may have a future bright
 and for the sake of her enduring trust,
Do her right, on his part, he must
So that all living things may be saved
He honors those vows to the Creator he gave,
 with every ounce of strength

December 10, 2016

To Bring Hope

An evening breeze dispels summer's heat
And rays of moon illumine the starry sky
Most in this world came from the heavens
And await the Creator's deliverance, in human form
It fills my soul with joy to follow His path
And elevate in spirit through Dafa, the Great Way
I wish to share this joy with others
I long to bring awareness to more people
Yet for this I am persecuted and cannot go home
I wish for all to know life's purpose
And to bring hope to the world

December 28, 2016

For Deliverance to Heaven

I travel the world, from one stage to the next
Letting the truth be known through song
The divine dance opens the way to Heaven
Reviving tradition and restoring moral values
Most lives are from Heaven, though they have forgotten
They await the Creator's cosmic renewal
 and deliverance back to Heaven above
Dafa, the Great Way that saves, now spreads far and wide
Yet many are prisoners to status and wealth
Modern thought and ways defy the Divine
The persecutors of Dafa turn people against the sacred
Sealing their fates with unholy acts
Our greatest hope lies in holding fast to goodness
What I sing is the truth
And what I offer is hope

2017

He Is the One to Deliver Us

People really do reincarnate
Yet who were we in each life?
From where do we really hail?
When may we return to our true abodes?
For what have we reincarnated?
What turns the Sun, Moon, and Milky Way?
'Tis the Creator behind these, say Dafa's followers
All of creation is His masterpiece
These questions have a soul-stirring response
We depend on Him to return to Heaven

2017

Why We Bring You the Truth

Though persecution bears down on us,
Our minds are on others' welfare.
However hard the suffering may be,
 at least Dafa's followers take a path divine;
While the public is poisoned
 and harmed by profane Red lies.
In order to save as many lives as possible,
We brave persecution to bring you the truth.
You came to this world for the Way that saves,
To renew the body for Heaven by atoning for sins.
Yet many have fallen under the spell of this world,
With these truths may you see life anew!

2017

Let the Truth Be Known

We come together though diverse
From throughout the world we hail
We are practitioners of Dafa
Out of a shared sense of mission
And a desire to save all living things
We seek to awaken memories of the soul
And offer truth that leads to Heaven
Humanity now takes a perilous course
Modern thought and values lead man astray
But we mustn't veer from God's ways
The end times of prophecy now come to be
At the Creator's behest I spread this message

2017

To Return to Heaven

Dwarfed by the immensity of the universe
Even how we came to this world is veiled
The Creator has come here from Heaven,
 to renew the Way at time's end
The universe shall last forever once He is done
Divine ones thus incarnated here,
 where they would suffer in human form
So they might learn the Way
 and return to Heaven, remade in body divine
But over all our lifetimes and trials
We forget our purpose, so busy with our lives
Now Dafa, the Great Way, is finally taught
And the truth is right at hand
The Falun's turn shall renew the universe
And the Ark to Heaven soon set sail

January 20, 2017

Renewal

We came from different heavens, each divine;
The new universe is born as the old comes to an end.
So that they may finally enter the Creator's new cosmos,
Heavenly sovereigns came here to become human.
The old universe had crumbled, with dust raining all about,
And Earth was yet worse, in the Devil's clutches.
Atheism and evolution are unscientific and lack real base,
Modern thought and ways lose sight of the soul.
So many lives live in darkness,
So many are saddled with despair,
So many worsen the world with unethical acts.
But followers of Dafa speak the truth;
A truth that leads through the new Heaven's gates.

January 28, 2017

Waver No More

We follow Dafa, the Great Way
But oppression seeks to confuse
And hide the truth from view
The universe was in crisis and falling apart
But the Creator remade the cosmos
 and forged Heaven 'n Earth anew
Most in this world were once divine
 before incarnating here to avert danger
Over lifetimes we've awaited His salvation,
 hoping not to be left out
Atheism and evolution oppose His will
Modern thought and ways spell ruin for posterity
We each made vows, now forgotten,
 before descending to this earth
I call out to awaken that memory in you
The Creator offers hope to humankind
 through Falun Dafa, now taught in this world
So fulfill your vow and waver no more!

March 6, 2017

Salvation Is At Hand

We come bringing the Creator's decree
Followers of Dafa give their all to offer salvation
Most in this world are divine beings incarnate
Who await salvation and a universe new
Dust and dirt always arise with great change
The demented henchmen wouldn't dare oppress
 the Creator's children were it otherwise
The Red Devil's lies try to ruin people's salvation
Atheism and evolution are meant to mislead
Modern thought and ways corrupt our humanity
People have forgotten their vows made above
Falun Dafa offers a way to Heaven, salvation is at hand
But once the chance has passed, the Gates shall close

March 7, 2017

Break from the Devil Red

The cosmos had grown decrepit over the ages,
 moving from formation to stasis, decline, and destruction
Most in this world are divine beings incarnate,
 here to seek the Creator on disaster's eve
You came hoping to regain your divine form, through Dafa
But few keep their purity in this perilous, delusory world
All know the wickedness of the Party
Yet they go along with it,
 when it spreads lies to attack Dafa disciples
Destroying China's traditions
Distorting its history
It should be clear what the vile Party is doing
But curiously there are those who support it
The Devil Red strives to ruin
 the Chinese's hopes of salvation
It began by debasing the populace with
 its violent and crass ways
And then filled them with immoral lusts
 for sex, money, power, and fame

I still want you to hear the truth, with disaster now at hand
For you pledged your life before coming to this world

March 15, 2017

Revealing the Mysteries

All that exists was made by the Creator's hand
Heaven's lords were each crowned at His command
But the cosmic cycle spelled ruin for all that is
So He remakes the universe and strives to save us
In these cataclysmic times, most lives in this world
 are divine beings incarnate, here for His protection
Over many lifetimes we have awaited and longed
 for His deliverance, so many the years
Now He has come to this world,
 and is spreading the Dafa that redeems
We mustn't let worldly things overtake us
Modern thought and ways change us for the worse
Atheism and evolutionary theory lead us nowhere
The way back to Heaven lies right before us
Open your mind and find the followers of Dafa
 to discover the truth they hold
Only these kings-to-come offer passage to Heaven

March 25, 2017

I Sing Now of the Truth

O'er the world's stages do we tour
'Tis of truth we choreograph and sing
Most souls in our day are from realms divine
For the Creator shall open the new Heaven's gates
Thorns and waves He braves
 to share Dafa and renew creation
Dregs and dirt are cleared for our deliverance
Divinely bestowed were the ways of tradition
But far from the Divine do modern ways incline
Atheism and evolution are the Devil's snare
With these words I share the truth
A vow brought us to this world, though now forgotten
The followers of Dafa are messengers divine
Who suffer bravely so that you may have hope

December 9, 2017

In Heaven Shall Our Journey End

Whenever I gaze upon the stars
Questions set my thoughts adrift
Who has guided our many lifetimes?
Who turns the hourglass of our lives?
Upon the spiritual path of Dafa I now stride
And the fleeting nature of life I now see
Life's purpose lies not in worldly ends
Little should earthly gains drive our lives
Modern thought and ways prove a dead end
The attacks on morality are born of evil
Our greatest hope is for the Creator to save us,
 for then in Heaven shall our journey end

December 30, 2017

Unveiling the Mystery

The heavens are gradually brightening
Though the winds have yet to desist
I vowed to the Creator to make the truth known
Neither winter's cold nor summer's heat shall deter
Quickly rouse, for Dafa is finally here to save us!
I yearn to spread the good news far and wide
This is what we have awaited over many lifetimes
This is what our ancestors enjoined us to find
And this is why humanity now exists
The followers of Dafa point to Heaven's way
Before descending here most lives were divine
The eons of reincarnation were all for this day

2018

Longing for Home

Many today are far from the warmth of home
Separated by great distances from those they love
Most on this earth are divine beings in human form
The Creator has come to deliver us to Heaven
Yet just for handing out a leaflet with true words
So many have been persecuted and had to flee
Wandering afar, with nothing beautiful to do
Not even able to send a photo home
Moonward they gaze as longing fills the soul
Sweet dreams bring tidings that warm the heart

2018

The Secret of Why We Are Here

The followers of Dafa act at divine decree
Giving their all for the world's salvation
Divine ones came here to avert danger,
 when the universe was falling apart
Most lives in this world are divinities incarnate
Who wait for the Creator to usher in the new universe
Debris is always churned with great change
So let not the Devil's Red lies deceive you
They are meant to ruin man's salvation
Atheism and evolution are a deceptive ruse
Modern thought and ways keep us from Heaven
The gates of the new universe have yet to close
And the followers of Dafa offer deliverance
I sing the truth, the secret behind our world

2018

To Sing You the Truth

We follow Dafa, the Great Way
The oppression is meant to confuse
And hide the truth from view
The universe was faced with calamity,
 as it crumbled and obliteration loomed
But the Creator did our sins excuse,
 saving man and making creation anew
Divine were most lives before incarnating
 here for His deliverance and to dispel disaster
Atheism and evolution are deadly ideas
Modern trends destroy what makes us human
Our heavenly vows now give way to the mundane
May this song help our thoughts turn virtuous again
Zhen, shan, ren is the way to your true home
So fulfill your promise and ascend anew!

2018

The Way That Saves

With vows and faith in our hearts,
 we came to this earth as disaster loomed
Shouldering the hopes of multitudes,
 we waited and reincarnated
To see the Creator's coming in our day
But lost in this world, our holiness and love fade
We forget our vows and fall for harmful things
Modern ways and thought tread a perilous course
Atheism and evolution are the Red Specter's scheme
Hasten to find the Way that saves, for it is here!
I sing of these truths at the Creator's behest
You came here with but one wish:
 to find the Way and return to Heaven

2018

Your Path to Hope

I call out to you on the street in the biting cold
But the intention is not to convert you
For Dafa is saving lives in these final days
And through this leaflet I want to spread awareness
It makes no sense for you to refuse it,
 when the Divine is passing judgment
A simple leaflet can save lives and avert disaster
Many a soul has been poisoned by the oppressor's lies
And anytime soon they may pay the price
For their sake I brave the oppression and rest not
This is the compassion of a Dafa practitioner
An innate divinity spurs me to reach out
I harbor no hope of personal gain
Seeing your awareness will be reward enough
The life-saving Ark is about to lift anchor
And the Creator calls me to show the way to hope

2018

Know to Seek the Truth

We toil away all our lives for earthly rewards
Only to change bodies when reincarnation comes
Our lives fly by without knowing who we are
Even our race may change from one life to the next
All our worldly treasures stay where they are
When our days are over, a mound of dirt is our home
Yet most in this world hail from heavenly realms
For it was here the Creator would offer the Way and save
Modern thought and ways are ruinous things
Atheism and evolution have a hidden agenda
I sing for you of what is true
For soon shall Heaven's Ark depart

2018

The Beautiful Mountain That Is Dragon Springs

This beautiful mountain villa that is Dragon Springs
Is where we matured into men and women
With its verdant hills and crystal waters,
 its songs of birds and aromatic flowers
The pagoda's bells ring out through the sacred grounds
Youthful students in the classrooms leave a fine example,
 with all their talents and grace—
Peerless artists of Shen Yun in the making
Laughing, singing, and reading together,
 they spread beautiful dance and music near and far
In this troubled world 'tis truly a City of the Gods

2018

Don't Ruin Your Hope of Heaven

Most every soul on earth longs for the Creator
Trying to stay good over all the reincarnations,
 waiting, and moving from one life to the next
In this world, our way was lost and purpose forgot
Debased thoughts and acts ruin our hope of Heaven
Atheism and evolution are the Devil's war on the Divine
Most lives came from above to await the Creator's call
We are enjoined by Him to hasten and save lives
For countless kingdoms above look forward to
 their sovereigns becoming free of danger
What I sing of is true, but 'tis for you to judge
Be wary of views that may cause you
 to stumble en route to Heaven

February 14, 2018

Most Were Once Divine

With this song I share words true
Before disaster the Creator is making all anew
Most all people here incarnated from above
 to avert the catastrophe at hand
At end of days He calls us to save lives
Worldly wants prove a bottomless pit
To deny the Divine is the Devil's doing
Modern thought and acts blight the soul
Yet He shall purify whoever learns the truth
May these words enlighten your mind
For at your core you are still divine

March 21, 2018

Mysterious No More (Revised)

The moon has often shone bright
Question not the heavens when drunk
Heavenly palaces are hard for man to see
We are now in the end days
And only dust rides with the wind
Cowards fear great heights and their cold
So climb higher and see the moon more clear
Chang 'E² now walks the earth
She may gaze upon the moon,
 though not return there
Catastrophe lurks in these final days
The devilish toad has gone mad
But the Red Tide shan't last long
Soon the Way will make the world right
When that day comes, the moon will look
 all the fuller from on high

2019

² In Chinese culture, Chang 'E is considered the goddess of the moon.

The Soon-to-Be Deceased

Wicked demons and spirits are allowed to go mad for now
All misdeeds must be repaid with interest at end, anyhow
Let us see how long all of this will last
For the King beyond the heavens
 will soon sweep into the universe

September 27, 2006

Angelic Beauty

Faeries float into the magical scene, the melody sublime
Flowing skirts dancing amidst lilies and verdant grass
Clear as ice and pure as jade, like lotuses glistening with dew
Nowhere in this mortal world can their like be found

They show their angelic beauty to help Master save lives
So stunning it is, humbling even the stars
They tour the world, the epitome of elegance and grace
One day they shall follow Master and ascend the clouds

October 22, 2015

The Divine Path Is Near

A divine path leading to Heaven
Dafa, the Great Way, now spreads
And for this we have come
Yet money's allure often impedes
Some doubt that the Divine has come
The truth is close at hand
But the spell of this world ensnares
Miss your destiny and the regret will be great
Nothing in life lasts forever
We leave this world as bare as we came
The Divine now calls out to you
For the Ark shall soon set sail

October 23, 2015

The Wise See the Path

The path to Heaven is right before the eyes
But somehow it eludes most people
Even after thousands of years spent in this world
Of looking for the way without ceasing

The lure of worldly success clouds our vision
Moral thoughts are rare in these latter days
Few are those who can awaken to the truth
For only the wise see the path

October 24, 2015

How Many Are Aware?

Great as the world may seem, nothing lasts forever
What is truly great and glorious is found in Heaven
Earthly glories are carried not with us past the grave
Yet many lives are spent fighting for status and wealth

Many of us here were once divine, though 'twas long ago
We came to this earth to await the Creator's salvation
Atoning for sins and karma, our divine forms are rebuilt
Your heavenly kingdom awaits its new sovereign's return

2016

Elegant Dance

These faeries glide down from the highest of heavens
Like an array of beautiful flowers, fresh with dew
Their flowing silks flutter and swirl into rainbows
So graceful and angelic are they, journeying the world

Dancing serenely to a melodious tune, sleeves flitting past
Their steps glide effortlessly like mist rolling off a lake
Helping Master to save lives, portraying all of history
Culture from the Divine suffuses their elegant dance

January 2, 2016

Faeries Aflight

The bright moon hangs from the vault of heaven
Beautiful towers and vast halls highlight a beauteous flock
Heaven and Earth are illumined, enhancing the scene
With steps soft and graceful, they whirl sleeves long

Twisting, turning, spreading, closing—these flying faeries
Aerials and swallow jumps that best the greatest dancers
Accompanied by music, the dance itself becomes melodic
With a beauty elevated still more by their grace

January 2, 2016

Dafa Is Saving Lives

Long years have passed since the reincarnations began,
Hard is Heaven's path to find, but the dream is still alive.
Yet for having become too deeply lost in this world,
Many now strive for worldly ends, their missions forgotten.
The universe was at its end and catastrophe loomed,
Worry filled the hearts of all the higher Kings and Lords.
And so to turn the cosmic tide, the Creator did decide,
To offer the Way of practice, anew, and redeem all lives.
Divine ones descended to await His teaching that saves,
And so Dafa, for nearly two decades, has been spread.
All lives: Quickly rouse and seek out the truth!
Return to Heaven and be prisoner of this world no more.

February 5, 2016

What We Long For

We are all but actors on the stage of life
Undaunted by risks, we fight for worldly success
Only to lose at our deaths what was gained
Naked we are born, buried in soil we leave
Our failures in life compounded by virtue lost
Costing a terrible price, carrying karma from it all
What we really long for is deliverance to Heaven
Yet many have forgotten to seek the precious Book
Dafa, the Great Way that saves, is now being taught
Heaven's Ark will set sail right on time
What disciples of Dafa are saying is true
So seize the chance and return to Heaven!

February 9, 2016

Solely So Lives May Be Saved

Winds and waves churned by the mad Red Specter
Billions has it deceived in this world

Its lies, once swallowed, breed evil thoughts
The Specter thus leads the poisoned soul astray

Followers of the Way brave the oppression and danger
Upon their shoulders: the fate of many a soul

Dafa, the Great Way, comes from the Creator
He beckons us back to Heaven via His Way

The persecution is meant to mislead the world
To cloud one's vision and block salvation

Little time is left for deliverance in these dark days
The faithful grow but stronger with suffering

Solely in the hope that lives may be saved
The truth is now spread throughout Heaven 'n Earth

February 9, 2016

For This We Have Come

Most people in this world were once divine
Beautiful and sacred, with boundless power

The cosmic cycle was fast approaching destruction
But who could take the reins and renew the universe?

The Creator has come to set all things right
Divine ones followed Him here for salvation

But in this maze their vows were forgotten
Caught up in the allure of earthly pursuits
and entangled by the cords of affection

Your kin above look to you for deliverance
Find the truth to see everything anew

The followers of Dafa are saving lives
Heaven awaits those who understand

February 14, 2016

Divine Ones Dancing

A beautiful tune and ethereal dance
 combine for a celestial scene
Pure goodness, true beauty—
 that is the nature of these artists
Like divine maidens are they
 floating down from the highest heavens
Making for a fount of color
 admired 'round the world

Their long skirts are aflutter,
 yet the feet beneath are calm
Their sleeves spin and flow,
 yet the body is planted and still
Leaping, turning, flipping, gliding—
 like angels in our midst
These dancers truly outshine
 all others in the mortal realm

February 15, 2016

Dafa's Faithful Cannot Bear to Lose You

The cosmic cycle has always ended with destruction,
Sovereigns above worried over the celestial pattern.

So the Creator acted to turn the tide of cosmic fate,
And offered Dafa, a new path to salvation for all.

Heaven's multitudes came to this world to find it,
Only to grow lost over millennia of reincarnations;

Striving for earthly ends, they forget their purpose,
But hope still exists, as trying as the world may be.

Now the Red Specter does evil and hides the truth,
If you long for Heaven, let not its lies bind you here.

The Divine has arrived, so quickly awake!
Dafa's faithful cannot bear to lose you.

March 22, 2016

Dafa's Disciples Offer Deliverance

Eastward flows the Yangtze River, surging ahead
Time passes like these unyielding waters
Through reincarnations we drift, never finding shore
An eternity seems to pass, yet Heaven's path eludes us
The universe is being renewed on the eve of disaster
The Creator has come and set forth His holy Way
To save the multitudes and remake Heaven and Earth
Most everyone in this world was once divine above
We must look to Him for our kingdoms to be rescued
We may return once remade by the Way
Yet modern thought has changed humanity
Atheism now eclipses the truth
And evolution is a misleading lie
Often we become caught up in worldly things
The disciples of Dafa seek to save lives
May you break the spell and board the Ark

July 2, 2016

Revisiting Red Cliff in a Dream

A battle was fought upon these sands
for the very lands of my country
The noble spirits of those brave warriors linger on
It is time again to battle for Red Cliff
For China's culture mustn't be allowed to perish

July 22, 2016

A Once-in-an-Eon Show

Accompanied by a breeze, angelic women float in,
to the rhythm sounding from the strings
Dressed in long sleeves, so elegant and refined
Their emerald skirts flutter like the willows of Chang'An
They dance in garments of rainbow hues,
like lotus flowers caressed by the wind

Colorful beauties fill the stage in a flourish of hues
Like ladies of the moon palace, descending before the eyes
They spread sweet manna as they dance to the melody
Afterwards it dawns: you have awaited this for millennia

October 26, 2016

The Wait of a Thousand Autumns

Heaven's faeries float down, dancing with elegance
Beautiful and agile, with coiffures simply divine
Moving to and fro, they exude a myriad charms
With but a smiling glance backwards,
they put the world's flowers to shame

Spinning, turning, whirling, twirling,
they land their aerial leaps ever so lightly
Stepping so slowly, they come to a halt,
yet the beauty does not stop there
The music and dance call out to your true nature
For this one performance you've awaited
a thousand autumns

October 27, 2016

To Watch and Understand

Glory and splendor fill the heavenly halls
Angelic dancing to poetic melodies
And good omens illuminate the skies
As heaven's graceful dames take steps so light

Their long skirts unfurl like the peacock's tail
And broad sleeves spin 'round like encircling wings
Songs holy and divine ring out the truth
Shen Yun saves those who watch and understand

October 27, 2016

A Performance So Profound

Bodhisattvas and apsaras descend from the heavens
With a presence as resplendent as any poem or painting
Slowly dancing, quickly flitting, beautifully they move
Arms flowing from the body, the greatest of heroes are they

Torsos swaying, limbs stretching, so elegantly they pose
Like phoenixes with wings outstretched, full of mystique
Their countenances so graceful as to brighten the world
Only afterwards does one realize how profound it was

October 27, 2016

Selecting the Good

Hallowed beauties slowly dance
to the sound of strings and drums
Pure and unblemished,
they float about with a classical air
A thousand charms, a hundred graces,
exuded by their manner
Turning, moving, spinning, halting—
as only angels could

Sweet manna is bestowed
as the firmament is set right
Colors dazzle the eye
as if dynasties Han and Qin returned
How many know
that Shen Yun is here to save them?
The divine are selecting
those who are good

October 27, 2016

Hasten and Fulfill the Wish

The Creator has come to the world
And change unfolds on a cosmic scale
All lives great and small seek Him
But the Red Specter tries to deceive
Leading the world away from truth
Turning humanity against His will
'Tis dangerous and evil to oppose the divine
Trapped in danger they will be,
with no hope of redemption
Heaven and Earth are changing,
and Man is now different
So hasten and fulfill the wish
that brought you to this earth

December 28, 2016

Be Not Left Behind

While the moon shines on this Mid-Autumn night
The Red Specter has turned the world on its head,
 and robbed humanity of its traditions
The vast lands of China suffer dearly from its scourge
But the Way shall renew the world and end this madness

January 21, 2017

To Return to Heaven

The celestial music purifies mind and soul
Resounding song conveys a higher Way,
 and evokes deeper wisdom forgotten
Angelic women dance like poetry itself
One's troubles dissolve, worries fade,
 and all the clouds are chased away
Divine ones today do great deeds in the world
Tirelessly working to save all souls possible
Our human lives are like a spellbinding drama
From which we must rouse and return to Heaven

March 15, 2017

Creating Anew

None know who decides the vast universe's fate
Nor what direction this world will take
Formation, Stasis, Decay, Destruction—
 long has been the cosmic cycle
Who would try to stop the disaster at hand?

Denizens of this earth: hasten to find the truth!
Heaven's gates are now open, but only for so long
Returning to tradition puts you on the path to Heaven
The Creator is endeavoring to save all of Creation

April 25, 2017

A New Chapter Begins

Time passes by in what seems the blink of an eye
Dafa's spread in this world evoked demonic wrath
All I have done to mend the Way is hard to express
I have seen all the evil and good there is,
 for I journeyed through countless layers of heavens
Divine ones suffuse this human world, small as it may be
But fiends from beyond have added to its woes
Lives of every variety have come for the Way
Rushing to be the first here, regardless of whether
 they would play a positive or negative part
This troubled world is like a grand firework display:
Once the dazzling colors fade, only smoke remains
The time has come for the Way to renew the world
Divine might shall crush all evil, and a new chapter begin

June 25, 2017

Talking Over Tea

Our cups are filled with tea as the moon shines above
Sitting around the burner we chat about China
Playfully discussing events of centuries past
I refrain from answering the questions asked in jest

July 29, 2017

The Taste of Wine

Daoist immortals consumed it as part of the Dao
Literati have consumed it for the poetry it inspires
The common man consumes it to drown his sorrows
Party bosses consume it to fill their putrid mouths

July 29, 2017

The Dao of Tea

The great kettle sits atop the burner
Chatting about the world with every cup
We talk over the cosmos's affairs
Of all creation, the Way is the greatest

July 31, 2017

On Tea-Tasting

Gazing upon the mountains,
 a sea of green meets the eye
Tasting the tea in hand,
 flavor delights the palate

July 31, 2017

The Pleasure of Tea

A brazier of charcoal warms on this late autumn eve
The moon lights the world of this secluded valley
Cups of tea accompany resounding song
Sitting in a circle by the railings,
 the conversation flows without end

September 9, 2017

Tea Pavilion

Tea steeped in waters from a dragon's spring,
 my body is calm, yet the mind never rests
Timbered hills accentuate an ancient temple,
 as I sit and observe the mortal world

Autumn, 2017

A Dire Omen

The moon is bright overhead
and an autumn wind blows
as the night slowly chills
A draft upon the burning coals
flares the fire behind my back
With a cup of tea warm in my hands
I gaze beyond the mountain
I see great disaster approaching
and the portents are dire

September 28, 2017

The Clearing Sky

Bright shafts of moonlight shine through a clear sky
A gentle breeze wafts over Dafa's courtyard
On this fifteenth day of the eighth month,³
lanterns are hung and join the moon
Laughter and chatter sound as the sky clears

October 4, 2017

³ The annual date of the Mid-Autumn Festival in the lunar calendar.

Ascending to the Vault of Heaven

So consumed are we in this mundane world
Yet we leave this earth as naked as we came
Most days are spent seeking gratification in this world
Only in hindsight do we see what a waste it was
and realize the toll upon both body and mind

In these end times, catastrophe approached
and the universe was in ruins
Myriad divinities came here to become human
Reincarnating and awaiting the Creator's coming
In hopes of ascending to Heaven, saved and remade

2018

For This Day

Life is but a play, full of highs and lows
Yet so much goes into fighting for worldly ends
Years are lost and the body riddled with ailments
Unaware that there is greater meaning to life

The Creator is making Heaven and Earth anew
And the salvation of many now is imminent
Quickly find the truth to return to Heaven
Dafa is the answer to the age-old mystery

2018

Shen Yun Saves

Iridescent clouds that bring fortune for thousands of miles
Divine music whose every note comes from the heavens
Graceful forms in gossamer silks, like wind-blown willows
Great warriors take us back to dynasties of Han and Tang

Five thousand dramatic years unfold upon a single stage
We work to save lives both at the performance and beyond
Upon watching a performance of Shen Yun
You have boarded the Ark to another world

February 28, 2018

Washing Away the Dust

The beauty of the dance and music move the universe
Divine ladies lithe and graceful, full of charm
These angelic maidens have left the heavens
To fill the stage with beautiful colors and aid Master

Many in this world were divine before coming here
But lost in this arena, they pass their days in a haze
Until they behold the soul-stirring dance and music
And the dust is washed away, revealing their goodness

February 28, 2018

Lost in a Painting

A young man was he, full of aspirations
He sought to emulate great men of yore,
 those pillars of the country
When later he returned to his hometown
 great renown was his to enjoy
But is that why he is on this earth?

August 18, 2018

Salvation

A celestial dance, a divine melody,
 that come from the heavens
Reverberating deeply, cleansing to the marrow,
 warming the heart's chambers
One becomes kind in thought and visage,
 having become a new person
Looking back, when enlightened, one can see
 the dream was dramatic and long

August 19, 2018

Spreading Manna

Over all the lifetimes, we forget who we are
Seeking and searching while locked in a maze
Life after life, fighting without rest for worldly things
Sleeves rolled up, one competes in the sea of desires

A single heavenly book blazes brightly in the world
Bringing light to Heaven 'n Earth, spreading manna
Many of us in this world descended from the heavens
So discern the truth and return to the kingdom above

August 31, 2018

Practice the Way

The Dipper turns and the stars pass countless autumns
Our reincarnations span a myriad of ages
This earth was created to save Heaven from disaster
Dafa now spreads in this world to the relief of all lives

Throughout the world conflict has never ceased
Yet the divine have not forsaken us, East or West
The lives of this earth came here to await the Creator
Practice the Way to avoid the disaster and gain new life

September 5, 2018

Who Does Fortune Favor?

Divine ones descended here, putting their lives at stake
And became human in order to await the Creator
Who is who remains a mystery over all the lifetimes
A thousand autumns of this dreamlike existence,
 each ephemeral and accompanied by sorrows

The Devil Red dances to the chaos of these latter days
Where good and evil are blurred and traditions lost
Awareness of Dafa is spreading and can save lives
Who is fortunate enough to tread the path to Heaven?

September 7, 2018

Awe

The divine look on in awe as the universe is renewed
Yet man is ignorant even as heavens cleave and stars die
The cosmic cycle had come to its fated end, Destruction,
 with the times of Formation, Stasis, and Decay past
The chaos of the human world attracted the Devil Red

An auspicious star rises as the universe renews
And followers of Dafa spread a scripture true
The Creator is righting Heaven 'n Earth with His Way
Saving the multitudes and eliminating spirits vile

September 7, 2018

**An Impromptu Verse While Watching the Dance
Competition**

An ugly duckling was she, lost and confused
She arrived at Fei Tian already longing for home
Working on splits in class was once a mortal struggle
Yet now here she is, blossoming in the world of dance

September 16, 2018

Manly

Strong young men are they
energetic like dragons and tigers
Leaping, soaring, turning, and spinning
at the international dance competition
They are Zhao Yuns, Yue Feis, Guan Yus⁴
Each nimble and dashing

September 16, 2018

⁴ Three great warriors from ancient Chinese history, celebrated for their mastery of the martial arts along with their bravery.

Growing in Strength

The crouching dragon hasn't yet done miraculous deeds
While hidden in the mountains, growing in strength
The wicked demons and spirits may now swell with pride
But one day the dragon shall soar and fill the sky

September 12, 2018

The Moon Shall Rise Again

Families gather on this fifteenth day of the eighth month
While some are complete, many are not
For practitioners of Dafa are subject to persecution
One day the moon shall rise again on this occasion,
when the Way rectifies the human world

Mid-Autumn night, 2018

The Multitude

On this fifteenth day of the eighth month, clouds fill the sky
The mortal realm lies ignorant, in a dreamlike haze
At this perilous juncture, man fails to wake
But after the calamity, everything shall change

Mid-Autumn night, 2018

The Red Scourge

With a long, sprawling history of five thousand years
China's sorrows and joys are always on my mind
Yet the waters flowing through the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers
Have never lost their allure and remain unchanged

The Devil Red churned up winds of chaos
Destroying traditions, disparaging the sages
The misdeeds of this era will be resented for ages
But now the purgers of red, the slayers of demons,
 come riding on golden lilies

November 8, 2018

To Return

The heavens were wayward,
the earth bereft of virtue,
the very universe imperiled.

The gods could only watch and weep,
helpless to change their plight.

Then a peal of thunder rang out,
and shook the very firmament,
as the chance of salvation had come.

The Holy King of the Falun
appeared and descended in flight.

He created the Three Realms,
to make right Heaven's Way,
and save all, large and small.

The sins of the world's many,
He alone bore upon his back.

And remade the universe,
righting Heaven 'n Earth anew.

May you learn Dafa, the Great Way,
to craft a body golden,
and return to your true home.

November 8, 2018

All Part of the Script

Divine poses and enchanting dance from the heavens
Winds and strings, music and song, ever so melodious
A whirling dance of grace, divine beings before the eye
Beauteous and magical the scene, intoxicating to watch

A five-thousand-year culture, bestowed by the divine
Its heroes have now returned to blaze a trail
The many reincarnations were part of the script
All that was done over lifetimes was for this day

2019

A New Score Is Written

The curtain rises to reveal Heaven's grounds
A myriad rays of light and a resonant gong
Create a beautiful scene ancient and magical
As divine dancing transports viewers to paradise

Heavenly notes enlighten the audience
As the human experience is staged in all its drama
Everything is scripted, on the stage and off
A new score is written to save the multitudes

2019

Transcending This World

Shen Yun's ancient pronunciation is Yun Shen⁵

The divine music cleanses the heart,

while the dance purifies the person

Ailments disappear and worries dissolve,

the whole body feels light and free

Spirits soar and tears of gratitude well

Viewers' minds change as angelic faeries dance and spin

For music and song awaken the pure nature within

Boundless is the artists' merit, helping Master save lives

Deliverance shall one day be theirs, too,

as they gradually transcend this world

2019

The Falun Turns and Heaven Opens Its Gates

Angelic maidens descend from Heaven's gates

As the music of a miraculous orchestra stirs the soul

A resounding song awakens the age-old vow within

In a dreamlike flash, divine ones appear on stage

Artists pure in mind and body, untainted by the world

Creating heavenly scenes that enthrall lost souls

Our past lives will seem but a dream when we awake

The Falun turns where Heaven opens its gates

2019

⁵ Shen Yun would have been pronounced in ancient times as Yun Shen, which means, "transporting divine souls."

An Ode to Shen Yun's Artists

Lithe and graceful dancers with celestial charm
Spinning, turning, leaping, flipping—so light their steps
In the early days learning their art,
 the suffering was hard to bear
Their legs were stiff, posture poor, and gait awkward

But mastery comes to those who persevere
Practicing hard, studying with heart, for countless days
Until suddenly, the body lightens and everything clicks
And a phoenix spreads its wings, filling the sky

2019

Dancing the Story of History

With divine comportment, unhurried,
 like the wind in the willows
Flitting and fluttering like butterflies,
 they walk upon the stage
Dreamily, viewers are drawn into the scene
And experience a moment of déjà vu

Amidst a thousand rays of light,
 doing the most graceful of turns
Their angelic smiles so enthrall,
 those watching are intoxicated without wine
From the sky above to earth below,
 the story of history is being danced
Their performance does nothing less,
 than recreate what once
 was only in the highest of heavens

January 2019

The Sons and Daughters of Shen Yun

Elegant figures, tall like verdant willows
Always smiling, their dance is heaven-sent
Shen Yun's lovely women are lotuses divine
Following a godly path, helping Master save lives

Handsome and dashing are the men,
 soaring down from heavens high
Flipping with fortitude, turning inexplicably
Are any as heroic and gallant as they?
Such strong contenders in the world of dance

January 2019

Spreading Ancient Traditions

A hundred beautiful flowers put ancient tradition on display
Like a beacon fire, the divinely inspired culture they relay
A thousand poses, a hundred charms, show China's grand allure
Dancing with limbs long, they seem poised to soar away

Celestial music and lovely notes spread mellifluous sound
Shining colors and gorgeous hues compete for renown
For five millennia, divine ones imparted culture to Cathay⁶
Now in this life we restore the traditions again today

February 16, 2019

⁶ An older term referring to China.