

For over twenty-five years, I have witnessed the Chinese Marxist Communist Party (CMCP) persecute Falun Dafa more harshly than any other spiritual practice. While the CMCP suppresses all faiths, it fears Falun Dafa the most. Why? Because Falun Dafa is deeply rooted in Chinese history, culture, and the human heart. It represents a truth and spirituality that atheistic Marxism cannot extinguish.

The CMCP has spent decades spreading lies and fabrications about Falun Dafa to the Chinese people and to leaders around the world. Despite this campaign of slander, millions of people quietly reject the persecution, though they must remain silent for fear of retaliation. Falun Dafa endures because it speaks to something natural and essential in the Chinese spirit—like wheat growing effortlessly in the soil of Kansas.

The Party's fear is not just Falun Dafa, but of any faith that encourages people to think freely and live with dignity. Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus—all faiths face repression under the CMCP. Yet Falun Dafa receives the harshest treatment because it so clearly challenges Marxism at its core. Marxism invades society like a spreading disease: first intrusion, then expansion through control of leadership and education, then colonization of every sphere of influence. Communism is the cancer that follows from this spread of Marxism. To defeat the disease, one must confront the root cause.

This is why the United States, and all free nations must stand firmly for religious liberty everywhere, for everyone, all the time. And we must give particular support to Falun Dafa, not only because of the injustice its practitioners suffer, but also because their courage and principles are vital to restoring China's cultural beauty and opening the way to a freer society. Once China casts off Marxism, it can become a great contributor to the world again.

For clarity, I, Scott Shields refer to the regime not as the CCP, but as the CMCP—the Chinese Marxist Communist Party. Communism is the cancer; Marxism is the cigarette that causes it. To solve the problem, we must recognize the source.