

GREAT WAY - THIRD PERIOD - UNIVERSAL SALVATION

Tây-Ninh Holy See

# **THESIS PREACHING**

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Tây Ninh Holy See  
( Translator's comment )

This is an original architecture project of Caodai Religion, is called Tây Ninh Holy See – a sacred land located in Hòa Thành district, Tây Ninh province, about 100 kilometers from Hồ Chí Minh city. It is center Holy See of Caodai Religion. Though disciples in any nation still miss it, they are directed toward Holy See in praying for religious belief. This Religion was opened in Việt Nam – a poor race but rich in religious belief.

It is not an original architecture project in simple view but a symbol of harmony among Religions, place for worshipping Supreme Being who is generally Holy Father of all living beings.

With me, a concept of existing of Tây Ninh Holy See is always in my mind, then there is no discrimination, it means no

religion is not a truth. Thus, Tây Ninh Holy See is exactly a symbol of harmony among Religions.

Through this book, translator hope and pray readers understand and practice under theory of the book to live in a Great Way roof peacefully for setting up a peace, prosperous foundation for world (this earth, number 68) so that all living beings are pardoned by the God for our Creator's blessing in. Actually, only one method is that we pray to our Father in belief, and carry out a peaceful foundation for world, everybody on over this earth to recognize passionate, tender LOVE in the Father with a comfort hand.

## **Khai Tâm**

# **FOREWORD**

(Of translator)

We recognize that our bookcase does not need Vietnamese religion books but also foreign books to propagate our CaoDai religion for foreigners. So, we found this tile of writer Nguyễn Văn Kinh-forebear published in 1970 is necessary for CaoDai disciples.

We would like to ask permission: Mr. Nguyễn Văn Kinh-forebear to let us translate into English to spread CaoDaiism powerfully. In some cases, I translate under my ability; I added words, sentences more or changed, cut down so that it can become better according to ability in English way. I pray and hope the writer understand and excuse me.

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We have idea in translating private names, we should not use diacritic, but we kindly keep the whole Vietnamese in translating.

Some cases, we cannot translate, we use Vietnamese in quotation marks and translator explains more in brackets.

With our humble ability, we do not dare to complete well, we lower our head to pray Ladies and Gentlemen for helping our secret wishes. We would like to thank so much.

Holy area, 15 Oct. lunar (2007)  
Season of Religious blossom  
**Khai Tâm MINH CHƯỜNG**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Cursorily, Interpret a little in some treatises with the purpose to help shallow people to understand religious truth, not avoid to be doubtful, and do not call a halt.

Because I learn little, I cannot use literary style, so I have to write in truthful and coarse sentences, explain to understand religious truth. I preach under classical truth, if I have mistake, please be happy and do not grudge, help to become excellent.

Religion is very deep; I preach what I know generally for religion.

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## PREFACE

Nowadays, it is circulation period, the God opens the Great-Way Third- Period Universal-Salvation, prosper Principal Religion, let human beings to see the reasons, keep religion in three moral bonds and five constant virtues, amend mind and conduct, stop being directed toward beautifulness, regret by yourself, turn over a new leaf, to better our conducts forwarding to perfect life, so we are clear: the circulation of Creator perform evolutions, impartial Celestial Court, every place must have a Right Path in order to guide each other, to restrain each other, behave in justice each other, suffer each other to become noble person. Is Religion opened to help human beings become to evolve?

If every period, the God opens Great Religion or Spiritual, Buddha, Fatmospherey obey the order to go down earth for setting up a Religion, no matter how, Creator advocates everything, take sacred balance to delimit things.

We came to this period because of the turn of Supreme Being. This period, Holy Religion is opened to prosper Religion, save people. From that the life, world must be opposite to justice of Religion. Because Principal Religion lost tradition, popularity was changed, dislike from justice, mankind struggle fame, grab benefit, kill each other, it altered to be animated, manners, customs was broken down, life became troubled. At the present, it is the time the Supreme Being opens Great Way in order that human beings can be enlightened, sit in meditation, save up and turn around with good, keep justice method, dispose of evil and come to right path, give up fake for truthfulness, in order to habits and customs, avoid bearing common damages.

Thinking, we join into Religion, we should clear our mind, correct nature, give up bad, do good, fast, keep prohibited law of Religion but worship Nature, adore Buddha, keep justice feature, take off dishonest and greedy manners, gambling, wine, to change into high-minded human. Like this, we favorable to God, so that we can enjoy God's blessing. If we disobey, surely can we avoid being punished by the Supreme Being?

For a long time, the God has not opened the Religion here south but we believe in and adore with Three Tradition Religions: Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism.

About Buddhism, from the time Sakyamuni was born in India, preached, surely this homeland was propagated an prosperous Religion, human kept three regulations and five precepts (three regulations: five precepts: no killing, no stealing, no sexual misbehaviour, no intoxicants, no harmful language), "minh-tâm kiến-tánh" (human, disciple must mend spirit to be clear, obvious, tidy up spirit until it does not contain "seven feelings": joy, anger, love, hate, sorrow, passion, lust; since then can see our nature), alchemy, hermetic art for "mười ni bửu châu" (elixir) means "xá lợi tử" (this is a name in the internal Alchemy way, noun of object or a pearl after dying it exists and but human can also carry out when he is living. To carry out this method, he has to be helped by his master. This is not easy at all. Example, the Buddha Sakyamuni, everybody knows). Did that homeland enjoy religion grace therefore human could be honest, and up to now we can chance to worship Buddhism?

Taoism, Đức Thái Thượng ( he is Lao-Tsu or Lao-Tuse) was born in Chinese Territory to preach Taoism, keep justice of spiritual, keep "ngũ hành" (five elements: metal, water, wood,

fire, earth), self-improve, practice to form "thủ mễ huyền châu" (means a precious stone, marvelous, mysterious pearl), agglomerate elixir, magic Dharma. So human in that area enjoys religion spring, becomes moral human and nowadays, we adore Taoism.

Confucianism, Confucius born in China preached "tam cang" (three moral bonds: those relations between king and subject, father and child, husband and wife), "ngũ thường" (five constant virtues: kindness, decorum, uprightness, wisdom, faithfulness), "tồn tâm dưỡng tánh" (we have no ability to translate but we venture to translate temporarily: conserve, maintain our nationality, nature what the God gave us, it means we keep the spirit to be pure. No stopping, should bring up to develop deeply until we die), amend, self-improve and practice "cửu khúc minh châu" (here, translator can not understand the esoteric method. Perhaps, "cửu" means nine stages need for a monk, priest, religious to reach "minh châu" = "precious stone", an essential result which no one does not want), and to reach "chơn nhất khí Thái Cực" (Extreme Atmosphere). Consequently, humankind enjoys precious religion then they clearly know moral principle, "khắc kỷ phục lễ" (repatmosphere discipline, restore rites), amend mind and conduct, be accommodating, elegant, so nowadays we can adore Confucianism.

Catholicism, The Jesus was born, preached Europe then established Holy Religion, humankind in that location kept moral standards for being decent, humane, hearted and took opportunity with this religion in habits and customs. We can adore that Religion right now.

Consequently, Religions have been spreaded everywhere now and we also worship deferentially, then how Religion is



precious, Southern region is now opened with Great way - Third Period - Universal salvation to save living beings, we enjoy a truth Religion like those regions. But do we have the heart to hide our eyes, ignore?

We should understand Creator is very impartial, if be wicked then be warned and punished and be good-natured then be rewarded, on over the world, people with different skins have the same Father, thus Creator treats, gives order, delimit everything, no iota with mistake. For instance, past life, this nation governed that nation, that region transgressed this nation, one nation was miserable with accidents, nation was barbarian, other was peaceful; These people were poor, ascetic, those were rich, leisurely, blind disabled, nice skin-people. Those are out of command of God to delimit, reward and punish, do not think because of whose power which can be operated and changed. If we see God law, Creator law, on this the globe 68, human kind should love intensely, love each other like Father in common, like this we are fellow-creature. Because from the time of creation of the world up to now, there has been one Holy Father only. As a seed develops and develops, human kind in this area or the others has the same Father. If we do not know God law, creator law, just depends on human strength to compete, hate each other, richer browbeat the poor, strong human browbeats weak human and believe that there is no God to harmonize, regulate, I kindly reply: Who makes human rich to enjoy? Who makes this nation has power to reform the other? Is it due to God assigns in that way?

If we are not clear, do not accept those rewarding and punishing of the God in order to oppose, do oppositely, we are contrary to Creator. If we are contrary to God, we perpetrate God law, commit a sin, then must be punished more, when we

are contrary to Creator, we must be annihilated, so a book was written with :” thuận Thiên giã tồn, nghịch Thiên giã vong” (mean: be agreeable to God, be in being, if be contrary, be annihilated).

Thus, we were born by the God, He has the right to determine, nothing is wrong. Accordingly, we should lead a religion, live how to be suitable to God, maintain obligation of child virtuously, book:”Hoàng-thiên bất phụ thiện tâm nhơn” means: “The God do not discard hearts of gentle human with filial piety”. We fertilize root, leafs, branches naturally luxuriant. If the root is not looked after, but leafs and branches are looked after well, so how is the tree fresh to develop? If we are not good-natured, humane, miserable with life, The God depends on what to reward us for enjoying; we want to be rich, but we do bad an cruel, just like that we have got poor, miserable body, but we do not repent, mend our ways, however be dishonest, obviously be punished more and should lose human beings rank, lose chance for existing to enjoy the God’s favour. Thus, we must be enlightened and research for Religion.



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## CHAPTER ONE

### WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF HUMAN BEINGS?



The matter, source of human being, cultured people can see: From the time without heaven and earth, there had been nothing in universe, except for Nothingness-Atmosphere only (Vietnamese language is "Khí Hư Vô", means: an infinitely light and pure atmosphere). That Atmosphere generated Extreme, Lord of Universe. Extreme generated "Lưỡng Nghi" (means Yin Yang), Yin Yang changed into "Tứ Tượng" (means: four Trigrams), "Tứ Tượng" generated "Bát Quái" (Eight Trigrams/signs), and physical world (shaped and mass object). From physical world changed gradually into vegetations, plants, these generated gradually animal, and poultry animals evolved into human beings, human beings had to be changed incarnation pell-melly in physical world; physical world, plants, poultry animal spent tens of thousands incarnations, and could be human beings. Human beings self-improved, did charities to redeem and practice spirit to change Deity, Saint, Fatmospherey, Buddha, to rejoin Nothingness-Atmosphere. In reality, in our incarnation, we do not self-improve little, soul evolves up little. Conversely, we practice, discard our earthly mind, can success in one incarnation. If still be in passion, lust, be infatuated with the world, do not help our soul evolve, develop, we must be turned back physical world pee-melly, it is called : incarnation. The incarnation, changing soul, changing body from physical world into plant, from poultry animal into human beings, I see independently and I should show you: like the root becomes eel, silkworm becomes chrysalis, chrysalis becomes butterfly, worn becomes butterfly,

flittermouse is changed from mouse, filltermouse is changed into bird, eel is changed into weasel, fish is changed into dragon. Thus, mankind is still developed from that and evolved, changed gradually. All kinds evolve because of like incarnation but evolve in succession into human beings. Monk advances, progresses like Angel, Saint, fatmospherey, Buddha. So Sakyamuni said: " all Living beings still have Buddhist Nature", Confucianism shows: " Nhơn nhơn Thiên phú sở Tánh" means each person has been bestowed a Holy-Nature.

Thus, origin of human is because of "Vô Thủ Không Khí" (Nothingness-Atmosphere) evolves incarnation like that.

## CHAPTER TWO

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### WHAT IS THE RELIGION ?



Religion is "Innate", One Innate Atmosphere, Nihility Nature  
Religion essentially has no name, is borrowed and called "Religion"

Because, union of one part of Yin and one part of Yang is called "Religion"

Religion is master organization (machine) of evolution, bearing, so everything whenever has bearing and evolution, it is called "Religion". For this reason, Religion is called : Thiên-Địa giao thối pháp luân thường chuyển" means: Heaven and Earth harmonize, that organization (machine evolves, sets in motion with bearing and evolution. Religion calls: " Âm-Dương

phối hiệp vạn vật hóa sanh” means Yin Atmosphere and Yang Atmosphere operate each other in intersection, all living beings are born, undergo. It is still called:” Thần khí tượng giao thấu tổ cơ” means: Atmosphere ( here, we understand it is second body of human beings) and Soul (means soul or called third body) can operate each other, we understand thoroughly Religion. If priest learns, understands thoroughly Innate-Atmosphere, he can reach the peak of Religion.

## CHAPTER THREE

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### WHY SHOULD WE HAVE A RELIGION LIFE ?



For reason, circulation event is coming, so we see the reason, repent, always repatmosphere our good-nature to avoid Heaven’s punishment, avoid incarnation samsara, being banished at “miserable sea” thence our good-nature (soul) can meet in House of the Maker.

Since we have got good incarnations (many good lies), it is time the God changes (open Religion) then we act, have telepathy, rise starting for good (change into good nature from bad nature), consent to do physical changes of the Maker. Book with sentence:” Thiên nhưn hiệp phát” means “Heaven and human beings transform at the same time”. Like plants flower, fruit punctually. We are similar to a seed which is not decayed damp, it rains and then water wets the seed, this seed splits, sprout, rise. We should lead religion correctly,

Heaven opens Religion, sprinkles everywhere, because for long time we have not self-improved , often do bad like a dry seed. Now, we see reel religion making our soul with emotion as the seed finds water, splits, rise, leafs.

For that reason, we should lead a religion.

## CHAPTER FOUR

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### WHAT IS USEFULNESS OF LEADING A RELIGION FOR US ?



It is so useful for us. In case, we do like that, good things are understood thoroughly by the God, Maker gets more prosperously positive element (Yang), wind, rain are harmonious. We lead a religion, happy omens are acted in induction of earth, there is no catastrophe, all living beings evolve well and prosperously. We do good, self-improve by our self, we can avoid competing victimizing, killing each other, there is no accident, killing peacefully but we enjoy peacefulness, prosper together, our soul is rescued in salvation, goes back old throne. We lead a religion, beasts are not killed by us. In that event, they evolve more and forever, that is helpful for Heaven, Earth, Humankind. A poem was given by Thần Nữ:

“Tu là cội phước vẹn thân sau  
 Tu ấy nguồn trong rửa mạch sầu  
 Tu giải oan-khiên căn nghiệp trước

Tu trau nền hạnh nguyệt soi lâu”.

( In temporary explaining: First sentence: leading a religion is origin of blessing for next life, second one: that deed is an origin of pure water to clear doleful, miserable matters of human, third sentence: meditation in a religion for jettison of karma, from previous life, last sentence: improving our behaviour like moonlight)

## CHAPTER FIVE

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### WHAT IS THE USEFULNESS OF FASTING ?



Fasting is useful for Soul and body. If we want to have a pure body, first we need to fast, about fasting, we must eat vegetables, fruit, beans, flowers. They are taken, gone to spleen (stomach) and digested for being nutritious towards the body and soul. The humane body is naturally a physical mass containing organisms of vegetables, flowers, beans, fruits. These foodstuffs are a very nutritious medicine too, they have got Pure Atmosphere (pure Photo – Electric) make nutritious for humane body and soul. This matter belongs to body.

For soul ( pure mind (soul) ), remember, keep religious law, correct the mind, self-improve character, train in giving up concupiscence, passion of mind, if we can not give up those, we can achieve a pure mind at all. A lust, hatred, delusion mind means: Joining a Religion but we do not change cruel mind into honest, good-nature, do not do good, benefit for

other human, all things, do not any unostentatious virtue for heaven and earth, but we expect to become Angel, Saint, Fatmospherey, Buddha. We have a lust, hatred, delusion mind, or expect benefits, happiness for me, we respect us more than others, worry and manage how to be good for us but it makes others and all living beings with damages, not exist. That is not called "a fast soul" but a lust, hatred, delusion soul. We can not describe "a fast soul", kindly summarize speaking: human's fast soul is a natural mind since the time human was newborn, not having a lust, distinction mind, a domination, harm mind,... That is "a fast soul" (mind). When human was newborn, character was still gentle, If our mouth and stomach are a fast but our soul /mind is not pure (fast), we can not have achievement. Consequently, a fast mind is necessary first.

## **HOW IS THE BODY WITHOUT FAST?**

A non-fast body, it means we eat meat of poultry animal for bringing up body. Those foodstuff are eaten, digested to rear the body, many years mass together then develop, and this body contains substances of meat o poultry, animal. It becomes a humane body, so it is not pure, light in salvation. Another, poultry animal often eat impurity bodies, or they eat erroneously poisonous microbes with disease. If we eat erroneously them, when we are strong, can stand danger, when we are weak, those poisonous microbes cause many diseases which is very hard treated. Consequently, humane stomach piles up those poultry-animal foodstuff just like a proverbial sentence: " humane stomach is a grave of poultry-animal". If the stomach is considered a grave of poultry-animal, our body is ground area, a cemetery of oultry-animal;



if the body contains their lives, this body contains many spirits of poultry-animal. Sometimes, those spirits gather to instigate us to do sinful actions for revenging on us because of unjust death. Like the train runs over a person, there is a spirit, much less how humane stomach contains deaths, isn't there any poultry-animal death following us?

When we eat vegetarian foods, our stomach contains nothing but bean, vegetable, fruit, so our stomach is similar to a ground area for tree, fruit,...

Thus, leading a religion needs a pure body, soul just can be stainless. Eating vegetarian food is taking off gradually sloughs of poultry-animals in humane body so that it does not mix into poultry-animal to become appearance of Angel, Saint, Fatmospherey, Buddha. A fresh body is completed. I kindly express meaning of "nhục" 肉 (meat). There is a sentence with explaining:

“Nhục trung lý nội lưỡng cá nhơn 人  
 Nội diện chiểu kiến ngoại diện nhơn 人  
 Chúng sanh hườn thực chúng sanh nhục  
 Tử tế tư lưỡng nhơn ngật nhơn”

Mean:

“In the word "meat", there are two words "human".

Inner human can see outer human.

Living beings regenerate and their meat each other erroneously

Humans contrive and calculate to eat each other “

Do not know! Because human must evolve in material world then evolve to become human, so all living beings are from the same source.

## CHAPTER SIX

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### WHY IS THIRD-PERIOD UNIVERSE-SALVATION OPENED ?



Because living beings are from :” Bồn Nguyên Nhút Điểm Vô Cực” ( Origin of all living beings are from Infinite Dot” (Creator) divides soul to bear forever, souls lower world, come down more and more crowded, were infected by “ hậu thiên trược địa” (filthy atmosphere of heaven and earth after the world began), “giao cảm ác khí” (met filthy atmosphere ), making nature character change, making nature bestowed by the Creator eclipse. We are attached to earth to cruel actions, damage lives with pungent atmosphere flying up, positive Yang lost the justice. So The Creator appointed, set up Three-Periods/eras “Long Hoa” Association. “Three periods” means: upper period, middle period, inferior period with first period, second period, third period. “Association” means an association of souls of the Creator to reward results.

Thus, every period The God opens a religion to save all living creatures, do good, not do bad, practice how Yin can change into Yang, condense second body ( CaoDai theory, Caodai Supreme Being taught: there are bodies: first body, second body and third body. First body is soul, the second is spirit, not

a soul, the second body is created by Holy Mother, and the third is physical body), condensing the second body with purpose is going back Old Home. Religion calls: "Chiết khảm điền ly" ("khảm" is  $\equiv$  (water) Yang, "ly" is  $\equiv$  (fire) Yin. Here, it means we get a line between of "khảm" to change a line between of "ly" how three lines of "ly" becomes three tight lines, generally, we have got "can" means Creator  $\equiv$  , from Yin and Yang we change them into  $\equiv$  ), means: "can"  $\equiv$  is made by taking from Yang to fill Yin. Confucianism :

“ Quân tử chung nhựt càn càn ”

“ Quân tử” A honorable man is tip toply honest , extremely gentle. “Chung nhựt càn càn” means a man does not let sexual desires insert into his body the whole day, do not let miasmatic atmosphere encroach on his Nature, so Yang part is not vacant and there is “ càn tam liên”, means  $\equiv$ .

Nu Oa said this matter: “ luyện thạch bổ thanh thiên” (it means refining stone to mend the sky). Religion is evolution, change of Yin and Yang. So Yin part is an unfair part and human kills each other. Human is cunning, dishonest, greedy, depraved in immoral. By the time the Yang part comes back and human become wise, gentle, charitable, truthful, honest in habits and customs. It is called in Religion: “Yin ends, Yang bears” (evening ends, light appears) according to circulation of earth and sky.” Châu nhi phục thử”, it means: “finish traveling and then it comes back the first point which is the departure point”. Because of change of Third- Period, and opening the third to expose moral spirits for saving living beings, saving Cause Spirits ( Spirits have come here for long time but they have not been able to go back the save path), so there is Third-Period Universe-Salvation.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

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### **WHAT DOES "GREAT-WAY THIRD-PERIOD UNIVERSE-SALVATION" MEAN ?**



Great way means: sublime Religion. The God broaden all over the world. Third Period means: This time is the third. Universe Salvation means: displaying, saving living beings who are sunk in samsara.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

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### **WHAT IS USEFULNESS OF JOINING A RELIGION?**



We join in a Religion, we can get many influences and we become newer and more different than the time you have not yet joined. Differences are that we cut down good wine, delicious meat, young girl, beauty, gambling, luxurious spending, joy and anger, offending,...We cut down being suspicious, dishonest, cruel, adulterous, cunning, ...killing each other,... Those are usefulness influences evidently in front of our eyes.

Religion is law, sacred justice of Creator for spread for life. Human living in a religion is like an engraver: he does something, he also has an ink thread, a ruler. When he works, he can get the result. The human without Religion is like an engraver without ink thread or a ruler. The human living with Religion follows laws to modify his heart to become good, to give up being inhumane, suspicious, dishonest and greedy, give up wine, meat, gambling,...killing each other. Consequently, we are called noble humans for samsara salvation, avoid regenerating, borrowing and borrowing, paying debts. Then we can achieve thrones: Angel, Saint, Fairy, Buddha, can go back ancient thrones and we are suitable with natural principle of the Creator. That is interest of keep a religion. We join a religion with doctrine purposes that we learn to innovate, reform our personalities, mend virtue, incline to the good to avoid doing wrong from the sacred justice of the Creator. So, we raise our face, we are not ashamed of the Heaven and we lower our head, we are not ashamed of the earth. There is a sentence in book: "thường bả nhứt tâm hành chánh đạo, tự nhiên Thiên Địa bất tương khuy." It means: " we always keep a wholehearted spirit to sit in meditation and do religious work with a real religion, so we will not commit God and Earth". If we do not join in a religion, obviously we do not keep religion laws. We do not know religious laws, then we only see something or intend to compete fame and wealth, usurp benefits, be sunk in wine, meat, gambling, do bad, do unjust actions for victimizing each other, appear cruel, rebellious, dishonest and greedy hearts and then set up devilish schemes to kill each other. We do not understand Creator law, do good, avoid bad. We act as above, obviously we become humble kind of person, are regenerated in "sanh nghề tử nghiệp" ( living by the sword and dying by the sword).

At the present, it is circulation period in which the Supreme Being builds a religious origin planted in South. We join a religion, sit in meditation, and self-improve as we come to the teaching school to learn ways how to reform our rule mind, our dirty nature, unlearn bad for good in order to become a charitable person. Although we do not become an Angel, Saint, Fairy, Buddha, we can still become a virtuous rank of human in order to keep away from meat, wine, gambling, crime, competing, killing,... and can keep away from samsara, incarnation. It means we are not sunk in samsara and incarnation, not break God laws for punishment. Like this we are better than the time we do not come to a religion. The ignorant human first time go to the school for learning as we do not follow a religion, consequently we join a religion to learn ways to improve ourselves. We came to the school and learn, we maybe do not pass one examination with the certificate but we can know and understand more than when we do not come and learn. Are we more unlearned than when we learn?

We join a religious party and self-improve for evolutionary and benefit just as students go to school. The God opens the precious Religion and set up a examination school for charity work, decency, we come in for self-improving to become Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Confucian Deity. If there is someone who enlightens, keeps religion laws (keeping religion laws original), achieves a feat, deepens virtue fully so that we can reach positions of Confucian Deity, Saint, Fairy, Buddha. Those are our great benefits. It was said in book: "tu kỷ dĩ an bá tánh", it means "we self-improve how to make people peaceful, calm". It is also because of Religion/Way. There is also: "Quốc hữu Đạo tất hưng, quốc vô Đạo tất vong", it means: "if the Nation has Religions, people will be prosperous and get the habit, custom; the Nation without Religion, goodness, people

will fight each other for powers, benefits, will kill each other". This Nation is so dangerous with bad condition. Consequently, coming in a religion brings us many benefits.

## CHAPTER NINE

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### **RELIGIONERS MUST LEAVE THEIR HOUSES AND WIVES, CHILDREN FOR QUIET PLACES OR MOUNTAIN TO REACH BEST RESULT. IS IT RIGHT?**



It is not correct at all. We leave the life for a religion to modify, innovate our behaviour, mind, then we can become a good-natured, humane person and we do good for human being (everything and human) and we do useful works for the world. The full blessing is Way. If we lead a religion but we keep away from the life, do not do common works, and look for quiet places to hide, worry by ourselves, those are not useful for Heaven and Earth, human being on the earth. So there is no any charity work and virtue to be saved. Like example, we like being rich, of course we find methods to make our havings profitable. If we want to be rich, but we do not work hard, we have no money and havings to be rich.

As for us, we like to be a Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Confucian Deity or like being enjoyed the blessing, of course we hardly save people, look after the world and live how to make the Heaven

and Earth useful. From those, we are just promoted to high position. Consequently, we need to live middle of life then we stand the keen, miserable, troubled, worrisome, agonizing, harden some things. By these in the life, we ought cultivate, practice our hard mind. If we can bear, it means we can reach the holy position. We are like a wood which is cut, carved, squeezed, tattooed for a new and nice statue. We want to lead a religion but we can not bear miserable or keen things on the earth, certainly we are like a wood which is not carved, cut. Thus, how can that wood become a reel statue. It is said in the book: "Phũ trát chi công dĩ thành kim thân", it means: "hammer axe carve and squeeze then thing becomes a figure". Ancient Buddhas also stood and spent eighty one calamities then became a Buddha. If we believe in a religion but virtues and then how to become a Buddha? In book: "Nhược bất tích âm công, chường âm chất động khởi quần ma tác chường duyên", it means: "not do charity, not save virtue then devils revolt and prevent us, we hard go and achieve". So we sit in meditation, we live among the life do charity work, do merit, exercise,...how to have religious behaviour in order to reach meritoriously dignities of Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Confucian Deity. So there is a sentence in book: "Hỗn tục hòa hoan nhơn bất thức, hành vân lưu thủy độ nguyên nhơn", it means: "Nobody knows clearly we live mixedly on the earth and we swim in stream, climb up the mountain in order to find dark human then help and save them". Thus, the life is a school for us to do charity, virtue work. We do not need to find a mountain for our religious life. Book: "Nhơn nhơn hữu cá linh sơn tháp, bất tại linh sơn chỉ tại tâm", it means: "everyone also has a holy mountain in our mind, it does not mean a visible mountain is called a holy mountain". It is called the holy mountain or not because of our mind/heart. If we climb up the mountain or live in the pagoda but do not follow religious laws, do not keep our heart/mind good, do not do and without



merit activity, so we think how can we be transcendent and be saved with salvation. For this reason, we ought be miserable with fully charitable work, later seek for mountain forest or good place to sit in meditation, practice the Buddha Dharma, visible Dharma as Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Confucian Deity. Do not heard Buddha practiced and got the outcome before, now we follow that way although we are new comers of religion, have not understood what the esoteric Dharma is, an have not got any charity work then we follow Buddha' way, and stay at one place for refine meditation, of course we are broken into the body by miasma and are cheated about fame and wealth, then we come back the life. Correspondingly, come in a religion, we need to understand well the way how to do in the primary period and how to do in the middle, main period; do not learn for bachelor or doctor degree while we are in the primary period. Thus, we should not think, do and want with our philistine mind; that is contrary to religious law, we also waste our time, effort. If you do not believe in my discussion, you think about your private ideas and try doing then you can see the dangers. Finally, new comers should not seek early for quiet place to practice because it is contrary to Religious principle.

## CHAPTER TEN

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### **WE ARE HUMAN BEING, WHAT MAIN THINGS ARE WE INTERESTED IN?**



We are human being, living on earth. The main matter we need to carry out is the morality matter. Because Religion is a system/machine bearing the Heaven and Earth, livings being. Earth existing in Religion is permanent, immortal forever. So there is: “Thiên đắc dĩ thanh, địa đắc nhứt dĩ ninh” (means: Heaven and Earth are peaceful and secure) Human being living has a Religion, naturally he is not depraved, devastated but saved, it is called” Nhơn đắc đức thành Thánh”, means: man lives in morality becomes a Saint. It is said in book:” Hữu Đạo tất hữu đức, hữu đức tất hữu thổ, hữu thổ tất hữu tài, hữu tài tất hữu dụng”, means: “you have got Religion then have morality, have got morality then have soil, have got soil then have wealth, have got wealth to live”. Therefore, Religion is a chief system of life, unreligious man ought to be devastated, annihilated. Humans do not know the religious system, naturally kill, compete each other then it does for failing into ruin. Regardless of which country or generation, world without religion ought to be weaken, bad. We surplusly know: there are religions, people ought to be miserable, the nation ought to be degraded; there are religions, people are peaceful, nation is prosperous; people religiously live, human kind can enjoy the peaceful world. When we have got a peaceful and prosperous world, nothing is happier, book:” Thiên thời bất như địa lợi, địa lợi bất như nhơn hòa”, it means: “the holy fortune is not better than advantage land, the advantage land is not better than harmony people”.

Thus, Religion is the foundation of Creator system. If we believe in religion, we should look after that largest basic source. When world use power (people’s strength) and intelligence to live without religion, morality; of course those power, strength are come back and disturb, make people kill each other. The world becomes a boisterous fair and then the life grows up mutinying. Therefore, Religion is a basic matter

of us; worrying for a religious life is necessary, ancients have got a sentence: "Đản quan tam giáo, duy đạo độc tôn", means: "considering in three Religions, Religion is at the top".

A religious life is a thing.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

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### WHAT IS PRIMARY INTENTION OF ADORING THE HOLY EYE?



Coming in Caodai with adoring the Holy Eye means adoring Deity, Deity belonging to Fire, Fire is the Sun and belongs to Yang, Yang is lightly pure air, lightly pure air is Supreme Being, So adoring the light of lightly pure air is adoring the God/Creator. As a written word in Chinese characters "thanh"(Lightly Pure) and "khí" (Air) are "Thanh Thiên", it means the towering Supreme Being. Isn't adoring the Holy Eye adoring the God? If we reason for human's body, the eyes are the main of heart, heart is really holy light as human knows how to conserve the heart/mind because of adoring respectfully the Creator. The Confucianism said: "Tồn tâm khả dĩ sự thiên", means: "conserve and keep the conscience be not in disorder", this is adoring the God. The Catholicism reminds the heart, it means doctrine of adoring the God in the heart. It is said: heart/mind is Buddha.

As, the Holy Eye is holy light, the master is at human' heart. Therefore, Adoring the Holy Eye is a doctrine of adoring the God.

When the God taught for drawing Holy Eye to adore, he said: "Nhãn thị chủ tâm, lưỡng quang chủ tể, quang thị thần, thần thị thiên, thiên dã ngã dã" , it means: " Eye symbolizes heart, two lights are chief, The light

is Spiritualness, Spiritualness is The God, The God is me.

The Devine Eye is Spiritualness, Divine Spiritualness of Creator.

Đức Ngũ Tổ formerly asked Lục Tổ Huệ Năng : " Where is the Sky/God?" he replied: " The God is at our heart" (mind). We know clearly The Devine Eye is the conscience, true personality, direct this physical body. We have long since bury it, sefl-re-improved, so we have been swoon, in disorder and not known the God to adore.

Circulation period, Creator opened Great Way, we just know and adore Him. He is owner of our souls, our spiritualness, our fundamental. Adoring the Devine Eye is our intention of respect for the Creator-Divine Light-birth and change Lord of our Souls.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

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### WHAT IS "TAM TRẦN" (THREE MASTERS) ?



Three Masters mean three religions (three teachings) too. In the stage the first and second Universal Salvation, Buddha or Immortals descended on the earth to teach and said "three religions". At the present, the God descended on the earth in order to open "Great Way" with mysteriousness for prospering three religions/teachings. Presence of three teachings with thrones replaces for Buddha, Fairy, Saint. So it is called Three Masters (Tam Trấn). "Trấn" is understood like a verb, means "keep". I think the God chose merit of sacred spirits of three Gentlemen. Lý Thái kim Tinh (Ly-Tai-Pé) was discriminating and righteous, equitable; Yin Quan Bodhisattva had chastity/virtue and loyalism ;Quan Thánh Đế Quân was loyal, noble. They are responsible for replacing authority for three religions. This Third Epoch of Salvation is era the God uses the mysterious and sacred method to form Caodaism with unseen spirit regarding to third association and to replace three religions, form three masters.

Thái Bạch Kim Tinh often takes the marvel of Buddhism to show clearly the very largely faradaic spreading of true doctrine, and of propagation of Dharma.

Quan Âm Bồ Tát (Bodhisattva Quan Yin) often shows deeply chastity/virtue and loyalism, mercifulness ambition, saving devout woman.

Quan Thánh Đế Quân shows clearly the nobleness and loyalism, the keeping moral heart and. He reads Xuân Thu book (Autumn Spring book) and guides, assists, preserves cultivated males.

That is issue of Tam Trấn (Three Masters).

Our Creator chose people with charity work and merit, magnanimous example. They can be replaced the authority of three religious Heads: Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity (Buddha, Saint, Fairy) in order guide us for those examples. It is called "ba Trấn".

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

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### WHY IS IT CALLED "THREE RELIGIONS" (TAM GIÁO) ?



The Religion (Way of Nature) is "nhút khí sanh nhị nghi" (two Heaven and Earth are formed from the Extreme Air). It is called number three of Way of Nature and called " tam dương khai thối, Thiên Địa định vị" (three Yang parts are opened and prosperous, Heaven and Earth are located), divided "tam tài": Heaven, Earth, Human (tam tài); this mentions number three, too. Thus, The Heaven has got number three: "Nhật, Nguyệt, Tinh" (Sun, Moon, Star); Earth has got "Thuỷ, Hỏa Phong" (Water, Fire, Wind); Human has got " Tinh, Khí, Thần" (according to CaoDai doctrine, human has got three bodies: first, second and third body. The first is a physical body represented for Sperm, when we pray in the ceremony, flowers are used to consecrate into the Creator; the second body is represented by tea ; the third body is represented by wine meant Spirit. Three kinds are consecrated in the ceremony. " Tinh, Khí, Thần" are basic facture of human to reach Spiritual levels (Thánh Thai) with Internal Alchemy

(luyện kim đơn) so that human can combined in One). Consequently, the religion is also propagated on the earth with that number three for transmitting the Way of life. Three head thrones are Buddha, Saint, Fairy (Buddhism, Nhoism/Confucianism, Daoism/Taoism), are from original point and become to three branches, " Khai Thiên bất ly tam cực, đầu viên bất ly Tam Giáo: nút vi tam, tam vi nút". Because of that reason, we have got "Tam giáo" (Three Religions).

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

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### WHO ARE HEADS OF RELIGION?



In the First Universal Salvation, there were:

- The Head of Nhoism/Confucianism in Bàn Cổ generation was Văn Tuyên Đế Quân
- The Head of Buddhism was Nhiên Đăng Cổ Phật (Nhiên Đăng Buddha)
- The Head of Daoism/Taoism was Thái Thượng Đạo Tổ

In the Second Univesal Salvation, there were:

- The Head of Daoism/Taoism was Lão Tử (Lao-tsu)
- The Head of Buddhism was Thích Ca (Thích Ca Buddha/Sakyamuni)
- The Head of Nhoism/Confucianism were Khổng Phu Tử (Confucius) and Giao Tô Giáo Chủ (Christ)

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

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### WHERE DID BUDDHA, SAINT AND FAIRY DESCEND ON THE EARTH TO PRACTISE AND FOUND RELIGIONS?



- ❑ Lão Tử (Lao-tsu) established the Taoism in China, was born in Thuong generation with Võ Đinh King on 15 Feb. year of rooster.
- ❑ Sakyamuni established the Buddhism in India, was born in Châu generation, Chiêu Vương king the year of 24<sup>th</sup> on Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> .
- ❑ Confucius (551-479 before Christian era) established Confucianism in China, was born in Châu generation, Linh Vương king on 15<sup>th</sup> Sep. the year of the Cock. And the Christ also established in the West in Châu generation.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

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### WHY HAS THERE BEEN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGIONS AND WHY HAS THERE BEEN THE END OF RELIGIONS ?





Religion has got a Yang part and a Yin part. They combine each other to set up the universe. Yin Yang move in circulation for birth and change and so there is that night is dark, daytime is light. When religion was opened, it means the last part of Yin had finished and the Yang part has started to transform. That is called "salvation for mankind" to civilize mankind with discrimination and rightness; ferociousness and devilishness fall into the ruin. At that time, the Yang is prosperous, the Yin is decadent; that is the era of denudation for a new era on development, human nourishes spirit and personal character to enjoy peaceful world each other. It is the end of weaken religion, obviously the stage of prosperous religion comes with motion of Yin Yang system. Yin part ends naturally the religion is opened. And reason why we know the religion is closed, we see that it is because of the Yang part is going to end for changing into Yin. Prosperousness passes, weakness comes; living beings changes, the religion is closed; cruelty, artfulness, dishonour meet and sympathize each other with toxic gas. These cause sinful problem, sinking in vice, cause that human kind and animal are devastated, Yang part is shabby and Yin part is prosperous and developmentale. That is because of Yin with prosperity and development and Yang with shabbiness, Religion is closed.

## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

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### **WHY DO WE KNOW THE GREAT WAY -THIRD PERIOD - UNIVERSAL SALVATION OPENED?**



We have known and understood: The main has been lost tradition for a long time. There was no religion so human kind did not keep Three Moral Bonds and Five Constant Virtues, moralities; human kind gave up justice, contrived to compete for victimizing each other. These made changes regarding to traditional custom, manners. Thus, now we thought next stage, there would be a true Religion to prosper, teach the truth and change the life into the life of custom and habits. That followed the regulation of circulation. We can say it is same to this example, there are four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter; we have lived in the autumn for long time, there will be another spring; we sleep at night, of course the daytime is coming. The night does not last forever or the daytime did not either. The night finishes, daytime is coming.

We see the prophecy book was written: "mạt hậu, tam kỳ, Thiên Khai Huỳnh Đạo", it means : " later, the Creator will open a Great Religion at the third period, called Đại-Đạo Tam-Kỳ Phổ-Độ (Great-Way Third-Period Universal-Salvation)".

The history has got: " lục vạn dư niên Thiên khai Huỳnh-Đạo", it means " over sixty thousand years, The Heaven will open one Great Way everywhere as before. We knew this Religion, Great-Way Third-Period Universal-Salvation thanks to mysterious writing instrument for the spirit communication and thanks to the spiritual communication. From that we know this Great Way.

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

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## **THE HEAVENLY ALTAR IS ESTABLISHED TO ADORE WHOM**



We set up the holy altar to adore Đức Chí Tôn (The Supreme Being), The Creator, he created us, created the universal world, created all living beings. We adore to worship Gentlemen, Him. Below, we worship “Ngũ Chi Đại Đạo” (Five Branches of Great Religion), “Ngũ Chi” is Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity, Greek, Confucianism.

### **CHAPTER NINETEEN**

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## **WHO DO WE ADORE ON THE TOP?**



We adore Đức Chí Tôn throne (Supreme Being throne). He created living beings so we worship on the top.

### **CHAPTER TWENTY**

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## **WHY IS THAT THRONE ON THE TOP?**



We step into the Religion, we should understand the established reason of Universal World and our existing. Consequently, we should know the origin, root, that grace to adore respectfully and understand deeply that He is Creator, is on the top.

## **CHAPTER TWENTY ONE**

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### **WHEN WE OBSERVE RITUAL REGARD TO THE SUPREME BEING, WE OFFER FLOWERS, WINE, TEA. WHAT IS THE MAIN INTENTION?**



We offer flowers, wine, tea in observing ritual for Supreme Being. This shows clearly that three things represent three precious things: “Tinh, Khí, Thần” (“Tinh” means: we understand in temporary with the following meaning. “Tinh” belongs to physical body or physical world, belongs to material world; regard to human, it can be understood “sperm”. “Khí” means atmosphere, “Thần” means “Spirit”). These three precious things are in our body. It is based on the principal religion to express our outward respectability with the intention: Flower represents “Tinh”, Wine represents “Khí”, Tea represents “Thần”. Those three precious things of human kind are used to express our respectability with shape. In the Ngọc Hoàng Tâm Ấn prayer-book, it is “tam phẩm thượng dược” (mean: those three things are best remedies. Book has

got: "Thiên hữu tam bửu: Nhật, Nguyệt, Tinh", means the Heaven Has got three precious things: Sun, Moon, Star; "Địa hữu tam bửu: Thủy, Hỏa, Phong" means: Earth has got: Water, Fire, Wind; "Nhân hữu tam bửu: Tinh, Khí, Thần" means human kind has got three precious things. Thus, we have not any precious thing else but three precious things. In Caodaism, Flowers, Wine, Tea are used to represent three precious things to offer kindly the God. That is the main purpose of offering the God three precious things.

## CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

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### WHY DO WE CALL THE SUPREME BEING WITH NAME "THẦY" (MASTER)?



Because the Supreme Being came down our earth by Himself to open the Great way and condescended Himself to call us with "MASTER" to teach and tell us: " call me MASTER" to leadership, teach us. God calls "MASTER" by Himself to teach students for religious meaning. With the other meaning, it is an example method for us. Our Heavenly Father is the Supreme Being but He condescended to call "MASTER" Himself. It shows that our MASTER stated the modest behaviour of the Creator so that we can learn. we are vulgar persons, boots. In that case, how do we condescend regard to our inferiors to suite religion? Thus, we need to follow that example then leadership each other. Do that then we would

have the modest behaviour, a precious of The Supreme Being-Đức Chí Tôn. We dare to call Đức Chí Tôn with the name "Thầy".

## **CHAPTER TWENTY THREE**

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### **WHAT IS MEANING OF MAKING SECEMONIAL OFFERINGS AND WORSHIPPING?**



Making offerings and worshipping is expressing our gratitude for favour of Creator and ancestors or forebears. Because we do not know take what to repay. If we are opened-hearted, respectful in our mind, it will not be seen any aspect influences clearly. For this reason, We should borrow making offerings and worshipping to express our aspect respect with hard appearance for thanking that favour. We should have the outward spirit fully, bow down and be dedicated to show our respectful offerings. There is: "kowtowing Buddha is to respect the Buddha's virtue. As a result, we are forced to make offerings and worship.

## **CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR**

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### **HOW DO WE KOWTOW?**



When we kowtow, we “bắt ấn tý” ( the following action: the thumb tip of left hand will stretch and put at the leg of ring-finger of left hand, and then all the remaining fingers will grip. Our right hand embraces the left hand, particularly the thumb tip will put at ) with two hands. That action shows: “Thiên khai ư tý” (means: The Creator opened in Tý year). The book had:” vô danh Thiên-Địa chi thi, hư không nhút khí” (means: as before there were no Heaven, no Earth except for one Prana, it is mentioned in nihilism. The right hand belongs to Yin, embraces the left hand. This means Yin and Yang combine each other. Yin `s outside, Yang `s inside. Combining each other between Yin and Yang is called:” Universe Located”. The thumb of right hand is put at the leg of forefinger of left hand (Dần Year). We know the right hand is to the left hand or Yin is to Yang, this shows:” nhưn sanh ư dần” (it means: human kind is born in Dần year-Tiger year), ( we can see all the years from our hand, often left hand: Tí year-Rat year showed at leg of ring-finger, Sửu year-Buffalo year showed at the leg of middle finger, Dần-year-Tiger year showed at the leg of forefinger, Mão year-Cat year showed at the second point of the forefinger, Thìn year-Dragon year showed at the first point of the forefinger, Tị year-Snake year showed at the top of the forefinger, Ngọ year-Horse year showed at the top of the middle finger, Mùi year-Goat year showed at the top of the ring-finger, Thân year-Monkey year showed at the top of the little finger, Dậu year-Chicken year showed at the first point of the little finger, Tuất year-Dog year showed at the second point of the little finger, Hợi year-Pig year showed at the leg of the little year). All the actions showed us: the left hand in the right hand and the thumb of right hand in the left hand, thus we have:” Dương trung hữu chơn Âm”, means: in the Yang, there is Yang because in the Yang hand, there is the thumb of Yin hand. As this result, human kind is born thanking to Yang and Yin air. So there is

visible/material world. In the First Universal Salvation, there was the First of "Long Hoa Hội" (First Dragon Association).

Đức Thái Thượng established one religion, taught the method of kowtowing: two hands grab each other and shrink like a bubble. The Second Association in the Second Universal Salvation, Sakyamuni Buddha established religion and taught the kowtowing method: two hands unfold, join closely together in one like a blossomed flower.

Nowadays, in the Third Association, Đức Chí Tôn-The Supreme Being established and taught the way of kowtowing: two hands join together with "Ấn Tỉ" (the thumb of the left hand puts at the leg of the ring-finger) like a fruit, as a tree there is a seed. It is called "Kiết quả thân viên", to save/assist all living beings in going to the homeland. This is: Third-Period Universal Salvation, Three Religions combine in one.

Before kowtowing, we stand straight and then bow profoundly three times. This action shows the respect, shows opening the third time. We put our clasped hands up at the forehead, this shows respect for Heaven. Then we bow down our knee, this shows the respect for Earth. And then, we put hands at chest, this shows respect for Human. All actions are collected in the heart to respect Đức Chí Tôn-The Supreme Being. (When kowtowing and getting the signal with offering prayers: "Phật" "Pháp" "Tăng"; "Phật" is God, "Pháp" is Air, "Tăng" is "Tinh" (Tinh belongs to material). "Thần" is Supreme Being, Air is Earth, "Tinh" is Human Being. For this result, they have got signal in Catholicism: for the sake of Father, Child, Saints and Gods. These signs in Catholic are symbolized three Thrones, too). Thus, offering and kowtowing must be carried out.



## CHAPTER TWENTY FIVE

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### **DO WE HAVE BLESSING AND AVOID OFFENCE IF WE KOWTOW MUCH?**



Answer: " no, we don't, we don't have blessing and avoid offence if we kowtow much". we have got blessing or avoid our offence because of our heart; Because we have a religious life; we are honest, humane; we love human, human beings, give up wickedness and follow religion law, carry out the suitable and useful action for Heaven and Earth and human beings. This way is to help us avoid the offence and have blessing.

## CHAPTER TWENTY SIX

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### **DO WE SHOULD GIVE UP KOWTOWING?**



We should not give up because The God, Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Angel and Fairy spirits are also from the source origin One. This source origin changed and metamorphosed. Today, we have got this physical body also because of that source origin. Those Persons have given good examples to the life. These

examples are handed down in classic in teaching us to have habits and customs, to know doing good and preventing the bad so that we are saved. That means we remember and respect fully those favours but there is nothing in order to show our repaying, therefore we do appearance kowtowing with respectfulness to praise, repeat that favour. In ceremony worship for Persons, we should respect wholeheartedly with good appearance. It is the reason why not we should not give up kowtowing.

## **CHAPTER TWENTY SEVEN**

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### **IS BUDDHA GREATER THAN THE CREATOR (SUPREME BEING, GOD, HEAVEN)?**



Answers: " No, it isn't". The God/Creator is the Supreme of Universe, who changed and metamorphosed All living beings. Thus in bible: " Đại La Thiên Đế...Nãi nhật nguyệt tinh thần chi quân, vi Thánh, Thần, Tiên Phật, chi chủ" means: " The Creator owns the sun, moon, stars; Creator of Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Angel and Fairy spirits. Therefore, Fairy gave us:

"Remember to try to grind at morality,  
Failing or succeeding is because of understanding  
Heaven mechanism.  
God bears human, human becomes Buddha, Fairy,  
Must remember Universe, do not forget."

Because Heaven produces Human, Human awakens, be enlightened in leading a religion then becomes Fairy or Buddha. So the word "Buddha" written in Chinese 佛 must have got one word "nhân"人 (means "human") next the word 弗: . Combining between these two words become the word "Phật" "Buddha" 佛. First, being human is to have a religious life then human can become Buddha. Thus, Buddha is not greater than Heaven. One and all, each religion is also created by the God/Heaven. Therefore, Buddha is not greater than the Creator.

## CHAPTER TWENTY EIGHT

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### **WE CREATE HEAVENLY ALTAR WITH OFFERING ARTICLES, WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?**



All the offering articles (fetishes)<sup>2</sup> on the Heavenly altar means: the principle of Innate Religion is showed with material aspect of post-world. So we can adore respectfully.

Offering articles on the Heavenly altar have got: a kerosene lamp (oil/ paraffin lamp) in among. That lamp is call "Thái Cực Đẳng" " Extreme Lamp"- is One point-One Intelligent/Spiritual Light which is eternal. On the heaven, there is the Sun. On the earth, there is Fire. It shows human's Nature/ Humanity. In religion, it shows Mysterious Light. It shows one star in the middle in the sky, called Thiên Xu star (Bắc Đẩu star or Pole

Star), shows one Tu Di mountain in the middle on the earth, shows one Soul of Human in the middle.

On the left, put a cup of water called "Thái Cang" "Flexible"(Tả Thanh Long). On the right, put a cup of tea called "Thái Nhu" "Firm" (Hữu Bạch Hổ). The cup is poured with eight portions (be considered one cup is ten portions), on the Yin position (on the right), there is tea and water on the Yang position (on the left). Combining between Yin and Yang becomes Religion. In Religion, it is called "nhị bát hiệp thành nhứt cân chi số đã", means: double of two Yin and Yang is 19 portions). In the sky, it shows the correspondence of Yin and Yang, shows the correspondence of "Flexible – Firm" on the earth and shows human's body.

Offerings articles: Flower, Wine, Tea. Three things represent Sun, Moon, Star of the Sky, represent Water, Fire, Wind of the Earth, represent Sperm, Air, Spirit of Human. And one thurible belongs to Land, in human it is spleen. When thurifying with five incense sticks, Five represents five Airs of the Sky, represents "ngũ hành" "five elements" (land, water, fire, wind, air) of the Earth, and represents human's viscera (five: heart, liver, stomach, lungs, kidneys) ( 1) means five kinds of real perfume). Perfume tells light air to dispose unclean things and keep clean things. This shows our intention: the perfume flies through "Cửu Trùng Thiên" "Nine Sky Zones" so that we intend to have our respectfulness.

## CHAPTER TWENTY NINE

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## **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BEING OBLIGING TO TAKE AN OATH WHEN WE FOLLOW THE RELIGION ?**



Taking an oath when following the religion with the following intention: follower is forced to take an oath to keep his/her promise as oath in front of the Heavenly altar: Heaven, Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Devas and one disciple who witnesses his/her oath so that follower worships the true religion wholeheartedly merely, afterwards not dare to fail to keep her/his oath over Heaven and Earth. This forces the follower keep his/her oath over God, Buddha, Fairy, Saint, Devas. And They see his/her oath in order that we admonish heart, cultivate resolution and remember our oath to retrain our earthly and rule heart as far as the life.

Thus, Buddha depends on “ dĩ nguyện vi bằng, vô nguyện bất năng thành chánh quả” (means: Buddha depends on an oath for evidence, no oath , not being dedicated to set the mind to get Success (Future Bliss/ devout life)). That is meaning of an oath.

### **CHAPTER THIRTY**

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## **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF “NAM-MÔ CAO-ĐÀI TIÊN-ÔNG ĐẠI-BỒ-TÁT MA-HA-TÁT” PRAYER SENTENCE ?**



With intention: whenever Religion is opened, the different Sacred Name is used in new religion with new Name.

But Sacred Name has got religious meaning. As praying "Nam Mô", it means the mind thinks nothing, keep empty, quiet, upright and pure to pray "Đức Chí Tôn" (The Supreme Being).

"Cao-Đài" (High-Palace) in Religious Poem: "Thượng-Đế viết Cao-Đài, viết Linh-Đài", "Cao-Đài" shows Confucianism. "Tiên-Ông" shows Taoism. "Đại-Bồ-Tát Ma-Ha-Tát" shows Buddhism. As this result, we have got "Đại-Đạo Tam-Kỳ Phổ-Độ Tam-Giáo qui nguyên" ( it means three Religion combine in one).

Ever stage Creator forms or Buddha, Fairy do, the different Sacred Name is used. Example, God formed a Religion formerly with Holy Names:

- "Diêu-Trì Kim-Mẫu vô vực Thiên-Tôn"
- "Hồng-Quân Lão-Tổ Thánh-Mẫu Từ Tôn"
- "Thiên-Địa Lão-Gia"
- "Huyền Khung Cao-Thượng-Đế Ngọc-Hoàng Đại-Thiên-Tôn"

Therefore, whenever there is different Sacred Name to suit for Ceremony Era of Religion. Prayer sentence has got that intention.

## **CHAPTER THIRTY ONE**

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## **WHEN FOLLOW RELIGION, DESCIPLES KNOW BY HEART AND PRAY IN HARMONY. WHAT IS MEANING ?**



It means Religions are coming from one origin. We follow religion and have to know by heart to understand secret meaning, Dharma of religion then do our mission. Praying in harmony shows clearly Religion has got one origin. it is said "Nhứt sanh vạn vật, đạo sanh nhứt" (means: ONE changes (bear) into all living being, Religion bears that ONE. However, when praying bible with respectful mind, spirit of many followers which are combined, united, gathered each other to make offerings; we should show the combining to become in ONE. With this meaning, disciples have to know by heart and pray in harmony in order to represent the Dharma of Religion.

## **CHAPTER THIRTY TWO**

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## **FOLLOWING RELIGION, KEEP FASTING, WHAT IS FASTING ?**



Word "Trai Giới", 齋 戒, "tra" means fasting. It means we eat pure, light foods. "Giới" means forbiddance and warning regulations of religion. We fast, we should have good-natured heart, should prevent bad things, guilty things, should reduce aggressive nature, must change misfortune into fortune gradually, must stop cruelty to go into decentness. 1/ one is: no killing. 2/ two is: preventing karma to have upright and pure soul. 3/ three is: taking human nature, loving human and animal. That is keeping fasting. We have got: " Phật ái chúng sanh như mẫu ái tử", it means: Buddha loves human being (all living being) as mother loves her children. And there is another sentence: " Nhứt tử trì trai thiên Phật hỉ", it means: One person can fast, thousand of Buddhas are happy.

## CHAPTER THIRTY THREE

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### WHAT IS "FIVE PRECEPTS" ? (NGŨ GIỚI)



"Ngũ" is five, "giới" is forbiddance, mean five precepts.

#### **Buddhism, five precepts are:**

1. First: no killing: forbid killing creatures/ living beings
2. Second: no stealing: forbid to steal or rob property of other one
3. Third: no being sensual: forbid being erotic and romantic



4. Fourth: no wine: forbid being drunk with meat and wine.
5. Fifth: no telling a lie: forbid being delusive/deceptive, false word.

### **Confucianism with five Constant Virtues:**

1. “Nhơn” (Human nature) : “bất sát hại, thể háo sanh, chi đạt đức”. it means: No killing all living being, keeping humane to make living being free so that they live and bear as we do. Doing so, we have got charity, love human and love living being too.
2. “Nghĩa” (uprightness) : “nhút thảo nhút mộc, các hữu kỳ chủ bất vấn khẩn ngật, ám phủ phi nghĩa”, means: All things have got a master, do not ask to take and have a lustful, crafty heart for their property. This is uprightness things.
3. “Lễ” (uprightness) is : reducing lustful desire, forbidding obscene actions to loss sperm and then kill lively substance to loss uprightness.
4. “Trí” (intelligence) is : keeping mind pure and right and nourishing nature, no eating meat, no drinking wine and delicious smell, strange food then it makes us nature delicious, makes viscera damaged, makes our old nature lost, makes us become foolish.
5. “Tín” (faithfulness) is : being faithful in one, no breaking our promise, changing our will, keeping promise deeply to prevent our faithfulness.

Five Precepts and five Constant Virtues are same.

## **CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR**

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## WHAT DOES KEEPING "TAM QUI" MEAN ?



"Tam-qui" is Three Convergences". "Tam" is "Three". "Qui" means "Return or convergence", is written in Chinese "皈" including 白 and 反. So we have got "Phản Bạch 董, it means: should cultivate, change nature into pureness and uprightness. It is called "Tam-qui" (Three Convergences) and means that we make three things pure and upright, make our nature become Nature like Buddhist Nature.

### WHAT ARE THREE THINGS ?

Three things are Buddha, Dharma, Bonze. 1. Same to Buhhda, 2. same to Dharma, 3. same to Bonze (Buddhist monk). "Same" means doing exactly the same, as a pattern, not false, is written in Chinese 依. Same to Buddha means: cultivate and change our nature, nourish our Spirit to become similar to time of new birth, "Nhơn chi sơ tánh bổn thiện" (it means a newly born human has got good nature), this is called " retuning Buddha". "Same to Dharma" means: nourishing our Air (our respiration), not let be dissipated, recover as Innate Air. The pure and light air is since the time we have just been born, this is called "same to Dharma". "Same to Bonze" (Buddhist monk) is that: nourish Sperm, not let be dissipated, keep since the time we have just been born, essence is full, not missing, so it is called "Same to Bonze". For this result, "Three Convergences" with the intention: to practice Spirit-Sperm, Air not to be missing but full and pure and light. That is called " Convergence".

## CHAPTER THIRTY FIVE

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### **PRACTISING “CƠ BÚT” AND WHAT IS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND IT ?**



“Cơ bút” means human being use instrument means for the spirit communication. It is very important because it is used with main purpose for spiritual communication between human and invisible and non-shaped Spirits. But we have got the physical and earthly body, our fleshy eyes-capable of seeing only tangible things, can not see which is heresy, true or false because we can discriminate the truth and falsity of things with clear and visible shapes, how can we do things without shape or figure although sayings are true or false. Sometimes, Buddha, Fairy descend and preach helpful and true things but we do not want to follow and do. Sometimes, evil spirits with their intelligence show reasonable or better things (better than human) and can be suitable for us, we follow and believe in their temptation. We will be commanded with their ruses and we waste our money, properties, then get tired too. They carry out many mysterious reasonable actions so we believe in then we become their subordinates. Sometimes, spirit of assistant or guard in the spiritual communication can be received more miasma to waste our time but we can not know. Because of their commandingness, their second body becomes stronger or that second body can go out of the physical body then becomes spiritual to know

past and future facts. Especially, they know deeply and clearly, and it is up to our wishes to carry out. We are surely wrong and dangerous, when we understand, so late.

Humans of writing instrument for spiritual communication are broken into the body by miasma and this miasma takes a place of human's spirit (second body lace). Human's second body becomes weaker and weaker, more and more declining. Maybe, they take all the spiritualness, there is the mind left, he/she has to be rabid, absent-minded. Thus, there are absent-minded and rabid people because of practising writing instrument for spiritual communication. So this is extremely important, should not use often.

## **GENERAL**