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## The Purpose of Dao (Tao)

By Ji-Gong (Chi-Gong) Buddha, the Holy Teacher. May 19, 1985

## The Purpose of Dao (*Tao*)<sup>\*</sup> is:

- 1. To venerate the Heavens and the Earth.
- 2. To worship God<sup>\*2</sup> and revere the Zhu-Tian-Shen-Sheng<sup>\*3</sup>.
- 3. To be patriotic, loyal, and responsible.
- 4. To be of virtuous character and uphold the Rules of Propriety.
- 5. To carry out the filial duties to one's parents  $^{*4}$ .
- 6. To honor and respect one's teachers and elders.
- 7. To be faithful to friends.
- 8. To live harmoniously with neighbors.
- 9. To rid oneself of bad habits and evil, and to pursue good thoughts and deeds.
- 10. To expound upon the Five Bonds of Human Relationships<sup>\*5</sup> and the Eight Cardinal Virtues<sup>\*6</sup>.
- 11. To preach the main principles of the founders of the five world religions.
- 12. To obey and respectfully practice the Four Ethical Principles<sup>\*7</sup>, the Three Mainstays of Social Order<sup>\*8</sup>, and the Five Constant Virtues<sup>\*9</sup>.
- 13. To cleanse the mind, purify the soul and eliminate unclean thoughts.
- 14. To cultivate one's true-self  $^{*10}$  by utilizing untruths  $^{*11}$ .
- 15. To recover one's original Buddha-nature <sup>\*12</sup>.
- 16. To continually develop one's innate wisdom and natural abilities until perfection is achieved.
- 17. To establish and reach one's own goals and to help others do so.
- 18. To transform the world into a peaceful, honest, and orderly society.
- 19. To enlighten the minds of people and enable them to return to a state of benevolence.
- 20. By pursuing this path, to bring the world into a state of equality, fraternity, harmony, welfare, and justice the World of Da-Tong (Dah-Torng)<sup>\*13</sup>.

\*1. ~ \*13. Please see the Glossary of Yi-Guan Dao (*I-Kuan Tao*).

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