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I-Kuan Tao

A Modern Way Of Spiritual Awakening (IV)

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Through the age of the human history, only the true masters were bestowed with the ability to reveal the inner-self (or Buddha nature) of their disciples. In the Gospel of Thomas Jesus said, "If those who lead you say, 'See, the Kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the Kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living Father. But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty." Jesus was certainly a great master who had the ability to unfold the kingdom inside of his disciples. The kingdom inside here is a hint of our inner-selves. The same instance happened when Buddha Gautama was at Mount Grdhrakuta to give a speech, he intentionally held up a flower before the assemblage. At the time, all remained silent. Only Kasho, one of the Buddha's disciples, alone broke into a smile. Buddha Gautama at the moment said: "I have the true dharma, exquisite nirvana mind, formless true form of mysterious gate. It does not rely on letters and is transmitted outside scriptures. I now hand it to Maha Kasho." Buddha Gautama was telling the assemblage that he would reveal the **Ultimate Teaching** only to Kasho. By breaking into smile while the Buddha was giving the hint by holding the flower, Kasho showed that he was perceptively and intellectually ready for the Ultimate Teaching.

We are now more than two thousand years away from these great masters. Where and how can we find a master who would reveal the Ultimate Teaching and unfold our inner-selves. Here is the reason why the followers of I-Kuan Tao are promoting the teaching of Maitreya Buddha.

If you are a truth-seeker who engages in spiritual awakening and are longing and working for ascension or enlightenment, please come to talk to us. The Masters in I-Kuan Tao is always available for spiritual consultation and discussion. Sharing the same Buddha nature, we are all brothers and sisters in deepest sense of humanity. Let us work together to eradicate suffering and enjoy the happiness that is brought by the process of our spiritual awakening.

I-Kuan Tao Ming Hwa Temple

Established in 1997 by a group of Tao-practitioners from Ji-Chu Division of I-Kuan Tao in Taiwan, **I-Kuan Tao Ming Hwa Temple** is a federally registered Canadian charity organization with teaching centers in Vancouver, Calgary, and Toronto. Each teaching center has its sanctuary carrying all the rituals and worships in a regular basis and as required. I-Kuan Tao members worship the Sacred Source of All, called **Ming Ming Shiang Di** or **Lao Mu**.

Regular teaching rallies, retreats, camps, spiritual rituals, and other out-door activities are held through the year by all the teaching centers. Separate classes are designed for adult, youth, and minor kids of age from four to ten. Facilitators presiding youth and kid classes are well trained in education pertaining to Chinese culture, poetry, nursery rhyme, and art. Speakers invited to lecture at the teaching centers are life-time Tao-practitioners with profound knowledge in spiritual cultivation as well as living models of honorable personality and noble virtue. People who attend the teaching rally are encouraged to share their personal experience about enhancement of their spiritual consciousness. For the truth-seekers, life is a learning process to spiritual awakening and the fulfillment of the compassionate vow to help others eliminate karmic suffering. The Temple serves to channel these truth-seekers into a learning group which, through an interactive learning and timely instruction by other senior practitioners and the Divine Masters, creates a significant synergy that benefits all the participants.

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