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# A New Epoch

As a young doctoral candidate who had arrived from China in 1993 with little more than the clothes on my back, I was looking to make a life for myself in America.

**The promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** was new and exciting to me, a far cry from the totalitarian regime I had been living under.

Living in America is a life-changing experience. For the first time, I could speak without fearing repercussions from the state. I could take every breath knowing that the next one was a protected, inalienable right.

But though I now lived in a free nation, I was keenly aware that the communist regime still ruled my home country with an iron fist. This was illustrated for me in striking detail when, in 1999, Chinese communist leader Jiang Zemin began a crackdown of the spiritual practice Falun Gong.

As a Falun Gong practitioner myself, my life had been enhanced by its principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance.

And while I was free to practice my faith in America under the First Amendment, I watched as my friends and family in China lost their homes, their jobs, their freedom, and even their lives, simply for refusing to renounce their faith.

**What's more, I watched as the media overseas began to parrot the Chinese Communist Party's disinformation** about how we were dangerous, how we were insane, how we were a nuisance to society, and how we deserved to be eliminated.

I watched until I couldn't bear to just watch anymore.

I knew that one of the main reasons this persecution was allowed to go on was because people didn't have

access to the truth. Though I could try to convince people one by one, it would be much faster if I could reach the masses.

And with that, in 2000, The Epoch Times was born.

From the start, our founding principles have been truth and tradition—truth, so that injustice around the world can be exposed, and tradition, so that we can uphold the best of what makes us human.

**As the year 2020 continues to unfold, I believe that we need both the light of truth and the guidance of tradition now more than ever.**

With the CCP's disinformation once again blanketing the world, endangering the lives of millions with falsified reports about the CCP virus, I'm incredibly thankful that I can do more than just watch.

Today, we are a multinational media that spans 35 countries and 21 languages. We are prepared to debunk every lie with evidence and uncover those who pose a threat to the international community, wherever they may be. We strive to dig deep for the facts of the situation while leaving the opinions up to you.

We hope that our efforts can keep you and your loved ones safe in this crisis and beyond; we hope that you'll find our reporting honest, factual, and timely.

**Because telling the truth was the entire reason we were founded, it's the one thing we will always dedicate ourselves to before anything else.**

Thank you for giving us a read—I hope your experience with us, no matter how long or short, is a pleasant one.

*In truth and tradition,*

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