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The Mindful Practice of Falun Gong Margaret Trey 2022-01-18 The Mindful Practice of Falun Gong marries research evidence with the art of storytelling. Drawing from a labyrinth of research findings, the author effectively weaves facts from academic inquiry with a compelling story of one woman's journey to wellness with Falun Gong-an ancient Chinese meditation discipline for mind-body and spiritual development. This is the 2nd edition of the book.

Falun Gong in the United States Noah Porter 2003 Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, has been described in many ways. It has been called qigong, one of many schools of physical exercises that aim at improving health and developing supernatural abilities. Scholars and mainstream media have referred it to as a spiritual movement or religion, although practitioners claim it is not a religion. It has been called a cult, in the pejorative sense rather than in a sociological context, by the Chinese government and by some Western critics. In the writings of Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Gong, it is referred to in different ways, though primarily as a cultivation practice. The question of how to define Falun Gong is not just an academic issue; the use of the cult label has been used to justify the persecution of practitioners in China. To a limited degree, the Chinese Government is able to extend the persecution overseas. How society defines Falun Gong has implications for action on the level of policy, as well as the shaping of social, cultural, and personal attitudes. This research project addresses what Falun Gong is through ethnography. Research methods included participant-observation, semi-structured ethnographic interviews (both in-person and on-line), and content analysis of text and visual data from Falun Gong books, pamphlets, and websites. Research sites included Tampa, Washington D.C., and cyberspace. In order to keep my research relevant to the issues and concerns of the Falun Gong community, I was in regular contact with the Tampa practitioners, keeping them abreast of my progress and asking for their input. My findings are contrary to the allegations made by the Chinese Government and Western anti-cultists in many ways. Practitioners are not encouraged to rely on Western medicine, but are not prohibited from using it. Child practitioners are not put at risk. Their organizational structure is very loose. Finally, the Internet has played a vital role in Falun Gong's growth and continuation after the crackdown.

*Enlightened Martyrdom* Huang Chao 2019 When it became evident that the People's Republic of China (PRC) was on the verge of banning the Falun Gong movement, Li Hongzhi, the movement's founder, and his family

escaped China, relocating permanently in the United States. Subsequently, the dramatic crackdown on Falun Gong in 1999 made international headlines. From the safety of his new home, Master Li encouraged his followers left behind in the PRC to vigorously demonstrate against the Chinese government, even if it meant imprisonment or even death. Further, Master Li actively discourages his followers from telling outsiders about his esoteric teachings; rather, he explicitly directs them to say that Falun Gong is just a peaceful spiritual exercise group being persecuted by the PRC. Not only has Falun Gong succeeded in propagating their side of the story in the media but the group will vigorously protest any news story that disagrees with their point of view. In more recent years, Falun Gong has attempted to silence critical scholars, including two of the contributors to the present volume. *Enlightened Martyrdom: The Hidden Side of Falun Gong* provides a comprehensive overview of Falun Gong: the movement's background, history, beliefs and practices. But whereas prior treatments have generally tended to downplay Falun Gong's 'dark side,' in *Enlightened Martyrdom*, we have made an effort to include treatments of the less palatable aspects of this movement.

*Essentials for Further Advancement* Hongzhi Li 2001 A fascinating collection of letters and articles written by Li Hongzhi between 1995 and 1999, *Essentials for Further Advancement* is an essential reference for every Falun Gong practitioner. Li Hongzhi's goal in this volume is to reflect on the impact and distinctiveness of Falun Gong in the modern world. He shares his thoughts on the effects of Falun Gong on the People's Republic of China, how Falun Gong principles can be applied to real-life situations, and how practitioners should conduct themselves in daily life. In short, *Essentials for Further Advancements* is a fascinating reflection of the current status and the applications of Falun Gong at the dawn of a new millennium.

**Zhuan Falun** Hongzhi Li 1998

**Media and Cultural Transformation in China** Haiqing Yu 2009-02-24 This book examines the role played by the media in China's cultural transformation in the early years of the 21st century. In contrast to the traditional view that sees the Chinese media as nothing more than a tool of communist propaganda, it demonstrates that the media is integral to China's changing culture in the age of globalization, whilst also being part and parcel of the State and its project of re-imagining national identity that is essential to the post-socialist reform agenda. It describes how the Party-state can effectively use media events to pull social, cultural and political resources and forces together in the name of national rejuvenation. However, it also illustrates how non-state actors can also use reporting of media events to dispute official narratives and advance their own interests and perspectives. It discusses the implications of this interplay between state and non-state actors in the Chinese media for conceptions of identity, citizenship and ethics, identifying the areas of mutual accommodation and appropriation, as well as those of conflict and contestation. It explores these themes with detailed analysis of four important 'media spectacles': the media events surrounding the new millennium celebrations; the news reporting of SARS; the media stories about AIDS and SARS; and the media campaign war between the Chinese state and the Falun Gong movement.

*Falun Gong and the Future of China* David Ownby 2008-04-16 Based on fieldwork among Chinese Falun Gong practitioners and on extensive readings of founder Li Hongzhi's writings, this volume offers a depiction of

Falun Gong from the inside, at the same time offering a narrative depiction of Falun Gong and its origins in the history of Chinese popular religion. Such an account sets aside accusations that Falun Gong is a "dangerous cult" and allows for a clearer understanding of the conflict between the group and the Chinese state.

The Religion of Falun Gong Benjamin Penny 2012-03-01 In July 1999, a mere seven years after the founding of the religious movement known as the Falun Gong, the Chinese government banned it. Falun Gong is still active in other countries, and its suppression has become a primary concern of human rights activists and is regularly discussed in dealings between the Chinese government and its Western counterparts. But while much has been written on Falun Gong's relation to political issues, no one has analyzed in depth what its practitioners actually believe and do. *The Religion of Falun Gong* remedies that omission, providing the first serious examination of Falun Gong teachings. Benjamin Penny argues that in order to understand Falun Gong, one must grasp the beliefs, practices, and texts of the movement and its founder, Li Hongzhi. Contextualizing Li's ideas in terms of the centuries-long Chinese tradition of self-cultivation and the cultural world of 1980s and '90s China—particularly the upwelling of biospiritual activity and the influx of translated works from the Western New Age movement—Penny shows how both have influenced Li's writings and his broader view of the cosmos. An illuminating look at this controversial movement, *The Religion of Falun Gong* opens a revealing window into the nature and future of contemporary China.

*Falun Gong* Maria Hsia Chang 2008-10-01 The world first took notice of a religious group called Falun Gong on April 25, 1999, when more than 10,000 of its followers protested before the Chinese Communist headquarters in Beijing. Falun Gong investigates events in the wake of the demonstration: Beijing's condemnation of the group as a Western, anti-Chinese force and doomsday cult, the sect's continued defiance, and the nationwide campaign that resulted in the incarceration and torture of many Falun Gong faithful. Maria Hsia Chang discusses the Falun Gong's beliefs, including their ideas on cosmology, humanity's origin, karma, reincarnation, UFOs, and the coming apocalypse. She balances an account of the Chinese government's case against the sect with an evaluation of the credibility of those accusations. Describing China's long history of secret societies that initiated powerful uprisings and sometimes overthrew dynasties, she explains the Chinese government's brutal treatment of the sect. And she concludes with a chronicle of the ongoing persecution of religious groups in China—of which Falun Gong is only one of many—and the social conditions that breed the popular discontent and alienation that spawn religious millenarianism.

**The Effect of Falun Gong on Health and Wellness** Margaret Trey 2020-07-23 *The Effect of Falun Gong on Health and Wellness as Perceived by Falun Gong Practitioners* unveils the author's research of the effects of Falun Gong, a popular and peaceful Chinese spiritual meditation practice that has attracted millions of individuals from around the world. While the study was conducted 10 years ago, the results and implications for human health are even more relevant today. The research, conducted under the auspices of The University of South Australia, indicated that people who practice Falun Gong report better health-wellness than those who do not practice Falun Gong. Falun Gong was shown to have a profound impact on those who practice this ancient spiritual discipline. Findings from the study support Falun Gong as a beneficial mind-body practice that enhances mind-body health and wellness. The author has decided to publish her research now, as

people are seeking ways to improve their health and immune system in response to the global crisis triggered by the Wuhan coronavirus.

**Hearts and Minds Uplifted** 2015-04-05 The forty-eight articles chosen for Hearts and Minds Uplifted were carefully selected after reviewing hundreds of personal cultivation stories that have been published on Clearwisdom.net.

*Falun Gong and the Future of China* David Ownby 2008-04-16 On April 25, 1999, ten thousand Falun Gong practitioners gathered outside Zhongnanhai, the guarded compound where China's highest leaders live and work, in a day-long peaceful protest of police brutality against fellow practitioners in the neighboring city of Tianjin. Stunned and surprised, China's leaders launched a campaign of brutal suppression against the group which continues to this day. This book, written by a leading scholar of the history of this Chinese popular religion, is the first to offer a full explanation of what Falun Gong is and where it came from, placing the group in the broader context of the modern history of Chinese religion as well as the particular context of post-Mao China. Falun Gong began as a form of qigong, a general name describing physical and mental disciplines based loosely on traditional Chinese medical and spiritual practices. Qigong was "invented" in the 1950s by members of the Chinese medical establishment who were worried that China's traditional healing arts would be lost as China modeled its new socialist health care system on Western biomedicine. In the late 1970s, Chinese scientists "discovered" that qi possessed genuine scientific qualities, which allowed qigong to become part of China's drive for modernization. With the support of China's leadership, qigong became hugely popular in the 1980s and 1990s, as charismatic qigong boom, the first genuine mass movement in the history of the People's Republic. Falun Gong founder Li Hongzhi started his own school of qigong in 1992, claiming that the larger movement had become corrupted by money and magic tricks. Li was welcomed into the qigong world and quickly built a nationwide following of several million practitioners, but ran afoul of China's authorities and relocated to the United States in 1995. In his absence, followers in China began to organize peaceful protests of perceived media slights of Falun Gong, which increased from the mid-'90s onward as China's leaders began to realize that they had created, in the qigong boom, a mass movement with religious and nationalistic undertones, a potential threat to their legitimacy and control. Based on fieldwork among Chinese Falun Gong practitioners in North America and on close examinations of Li Hongzhi's writings, this volume offers an inside look at the movement's history in Chinese popular religion.

**Under Red Skies** Karoline Kan 2019-03-12 A deeply personal and shocking look at how China is coming to terms with its conflicted past as it emerges into a modern, cutting-edge superpower. Through the stories of three generations of women in her family, Karoline Kan, a former New York Times reporter based in Beijing, reveals how they navigated their way in a country beset by poverty and often-violent political unrest. As the Kans move from quiet villages to crowded towns and through the urban streets of Beijing in search of a better way of life, they are forced to confront the past and break the chains of tradition, especially those forced on women. Raw and revealing, Karoline Kan offers gripping tales of her grandmother, who struggled to make a way for her family during the Great Famine; of her mother, who defied the One-Child Policy by giving birth to Karoline; of her cousin, a shoe factory worker scraping by on 6 yuan (88 cents) per

hour; and of herself, as an ambitious millennial striving to find a job--and true love--during a time rife with bewildering social change. *Under Red Skies* is an engaging eyewitness account and Karoline's quest to understand the rapidly evolving, shifting sands of China. It is the first English-language memoir from a Chinese millennial to be published in America, and a fascinating portrait of an otherwise-hidden world, written from the perspective of those who live there.

**Wild Grass** Ian Johnson 2007-12-18 In *Wild Grass*, Pulitzer Prize—winning journalist Ian Johnson tells the stories of three ordinary Chinese citizens moved to extraordinary acts of courage: a peasant legal clerk who filed a class-action suit on behalf of overtaxed farmers, a young architect who defended the rights of dispossessed homeowners, and a bereaved woman who tried to find out why her elderly mother had been beaten to death in police custody. Representing the first cracks in the otherwise seamless façade of Communist Party control, these small acts of resistance demonstrate the unconquerable power of the human conscience and prophesy an increasingly open political future for China.

**Falun Gong and China's Continuing War on Human Rights** United States. Congress. House. Committee on International Relations. Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations 2005

*Controversial New Religions* Associate Professor of Religion James R Lewis 2005 Over the last several years, the scholarly interest in New Religious Movements has grown exponentially. The general public, however, tends to hear about New Religious Movements only when there has been a tragedy, such as the burning of the Branch Davidians' compound in Waco or the Heaven'sGate suicide. The press then lavishes attention on these groups, writing melodramatic stories that play up the oddness of their beliefs and behaviors. This volume offers a scholarly, dispassionate look at those groups that have generated the most controversy. The groups covered are: The Family Unification Church People's Temple Branch Davidians ISKCON (Hare Krishnas) Osho Rajneesh Soka Gakkai Aum Shunrikyo Falun Gong Aumism Scientology Theosophy Order of the Solar Temple Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness Heaven's Gate Raelians White Racist Religions Satanism Each essay provides not only an overview of the history and beliefs of each organization or movement, but also analysis that makes an original contribution to the field. This book will be an invaluable resource for all those who seek a view of New Religions that is deeper than what can be found in sensationalistic newspaper stories or on the six o'clock news.

*The Mindful Practice of Falun Gong* Margaret Trey 2016-04-15 *The Mindful Practice of Falun Gong* marries research evidence with the art of storytelling. The book heralds the author's Hearts Uplifted project that aims to revive the lived experiences of individuals whose lives have been profoundly touched and transformed by Falun Gong—a spiritual meditation practice. Drawing from a labyrinth of research findings and the on-going study, the author effectively weaves facts from the academic inquiry with a compelling story of one woman's journey to wellness with Falun Gong. The book presents the results from the Australian survey—a doctoral study—that investigates the health-wellness effects of Falun Gong, as perceived by those who practice it.

**Bloody Harvest** David Matas 2009 Falun Gong is a modern day spiritual/exercise movement which began in

China in 1991 drawing on and combining ancient Chinese traditions. The Chinese Communist Party, alarmed at the growth of the movement and fearing for its own ideological supremacy banned the movement in 1999. Falun Gong practitioners were arrested in the hundreds of thousands and asked to recant. If they did not, they were tortured. If they still did not recant, they disappeared. Allegations surfaced in 2006 that the disappeared were being killed for their organs which were sold for large sums mostly to foreign transplant tourists. It is generally accepted that China kills prisoners for organs. The debate is over whether the prisoners who are killed are only criminals sentenced to death or Falun Gong practitioners as well. The authors produced a report concluding that the allegations were true. *Bloody Harvest* sets out the investigations and conclusions of the authors.

**Falun Gong** James R. Lewis 2018-05-03 Falun Gong, founded by Li Hongzhi in 1992, attracted international attention in 1999 after staging a demonstration outside government offices in Beijing. It was subsequently banned. Followers then created a number of media outlets outside China focused on protesting the PRC's attack on the 'human rights' of practitioners. This volume focuses on Falun Gong and violence. Though the author notes accusations of how Chinese authorities have abused and tortured practitioners, the volume will focus on Li Hongzhi's teachings about 'spiritual warfare', and how these teachings have motivated practitioners to deliberately seek brutalization and martyrdom.

**The Refutation and Analysis of Falun Gong** Lao Cheng-Wu 2012 Falun Gong, founded by Li Hongzhi in 1992, claims to have 100 million disciples. It continues to draw attention from people throughout the world. Lao Cheng-Wu studied Buddhism in Hong Kong for a number of years, and he had the opportunity to be a disciple of Master Nan Huaijin. In this academic work, he participates in the Buddhist tradition of refutation, taking a critical view of Falun Gong, its beliefs, and its practices. This study traces the history of Falun Gong, with an emphasis on Taiwan, and considers how it has transformed into a political organization, spreading worldwide. It examines why it continues to attract followers and explores facts about Li Hongzhi, who tried to establish a new religion, claiming that he is superior to Sakamuni, Jesus, and Laozi. It also provides ways in which the Falun Gong created conditions for organizational success and analyses regarding the myths promoted by Falun Gong. By relying on Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism of the Orient, and on Western philosophy and Christ's teachings, it is possible to refute Li Hongzhi's scriptures. The simple, straightforward language in *The Refutation and Analysis of Falun Gong* provides keen insights into a misunderstood religion.

**Social Scientific Studies of Religion in China** Fenggang Yang 2011-01-27 This book provides a sampling of recent field studies of religions in China, along with theoretical reflections by sociologists, anthropologists and religious studies scholars, both inside and outside China, on the revival of the social scientific study of religion in Chinese societies.

**Religion and Politics in Russia: A Reader** Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer 2015-01-28 Russia is not only vast, it is also culturally diverse, the core of an empire that spanned Eurasia. In addition to the majority Russian Orthodox and various other Christian groups, the Russian Federation includes large communities of Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, and members of other religious groups, some with ancient historical roots. All are in a state of

ferment, and securing formal state recognition for specific communities is often daunting. This collection provides entry into the diversity of Russia's religious communities. Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer's introduction to the volume illuminates major political, social, and cultural-anthropological trends. The book is organized by religious tradition or identity, with further thematic perspectives on each set of readings. The authors include ethnologists, sociologists, political analysts, and religious leaders from many regions of the Federation. They analyze the changing dynamics of religion and politics within each community and in the context of the current drive to recentralize both political and religious authority in Moscow. Topical coverage extends from reassertions of Russian Orthodoxy to activities of Christian and Muslim missionaries to the revival of many other religions, including indigenous shamanic ones.

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**Well-being and Quality of Life** Mukadder Mollaoglu 2017-09-06 The chapters in this book focus on the physical, social, and emotional components of the concept of quality of life. How diseases affect the quality of life of people is mainly discussed. The influence of diseases on quality of life in age-specific periods such as childhood, youth, and old age is also emphasized. In some non-disease-related environmental factors, specific social phenomena have also been analyzed. I hope that current research and research results in the book will be used to increase the quality of life by health professionals. This book will attract not only health workers but also environmentalists and social scientists and behavioral scientists.

**Zhuan Falun** Hongzhi Li 2002

*Falun Gong's Challenge to China* Danny Schechter 2000 The People's Republic of China has banned Falun Gong, a spiritual practice based on traditional exercises and meditation. What is Falun Gong's appeal and why does China fear it? These and other questions are addressed in this timely, inside look at a bizarre case of political repression.

*Chinese Society* Elizabeth J. Perry 2010 This introduction to Chinese society uses the themes of resistance & protest to explore the complexity of life in contemporary China. It draws on perspectives from sociology, anthropology, psychology, history & political science, & covers issues including women, labour, ethnic conflict & suicide.

*Digital Culture and Religion in Asia* Sam Han 2015-09-16 This book critically analyses the functions and interconnectedness between religion and digital media in a range of East Asian countries. It discusses both how

religious organizations make use of new technologies, and also explores how new technologies are reshaping religion in novel and interesting ways. Based on extensive research, the book focuses in particular on Christianity in South Korea, Neo-Shintoism in Japan, Falun Gong in China and Islam in Southeast Asia. Offering a comparative perspective on a broad range of media practices including video gaming, virtual worship, social networking and online testimonials, the book also investigates the idea that use of technology in itself mirrors religious practices. With an analysis of the impact of religion and new technology on national consciousness in a range of geographical locations, the authors offer a broadening of the scope of the study of religion, culture and media.

**Falun Gong** 1999 This book is the introductory book of the principle and techniques of Falun Gong -- an advanced cultivation system of both mind and body. It has attracted over 100 million people worldwide since its public introduction in 1992 due to its outstanding health and spiritual benefits. It revealed classified information for spiritual enlightenment that are imparted exclusively from master to trusted disciples since antiquity in China.

Therapeutics of Tuberculosis W. H. Burt 2000-06-30 This book is about the distinct characteristic symptoms of pulmonary tuberculosis and their therapeutics. The remedies have been so fully written, that not only the general indications are complete, but a characteristic *Materia Medica* has been produced.

**Falun Gong** Li Hongzhi 2001 With the publication of this book in 1993, Li Hongzhi changed the face of qigong practice in China and ultimately the world. This introductory text (a curious blend of Taoism, Buddhism, and qigong practice) systematically and clearly explains the practice of Falun Gong. The goal of Falun Gong is to encourage people in a spiritual and physical practice that improves the body, mind, and spirit. For Li Hongzhi, qigong without a strong ethical/spiritual component is of limited value. The goal for his followers is both inner and outer health. This is the core introductory text for the beginner. The main benefits are: A clear introduction to the philosophy. Step-by-step instruction in the exercises.

**The Religion of Falun Gong** Benjamin Penny 2012-04-13 Concentrates on the beliefs and practices of Falun Gong members.

*Falun Gong* Li Hongzhi 2020-03-02 Falun Gong is an introductory text, systematically presenting the practice of Falun Gong. This book includes instructions and photo illustrations for performing the five sets of Falun Gong exercises. Falun Gong is a high-level cultivation practice guided by the characteristics of the universe Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance. "Cultivation" means continuously striving to better harmonize oneself with these universal principles. "Practice" refers to the exercises five sets of easy-to-learn gentle movements and meditation. Cultivating oneself is essential; practicing the exercises supplements the process.

**Culture and Dialogue** Gerald Cipriani 2013-07-16 Vol.3, No.1 of Culture and Dialogue is a Special Issue in many ways. This issue marks the takeover by a new publisher. Because of contractual constraints and practical

reasons the decision was made to continue our journey with Cambridge Scholars Publishing, whose great enthusiasm foreshadows a bright future for the journal. Our words of thanks, however, must also go to Airiti Press without which the journal would not have seen the light of day. We are indebted to Airiti Press for having invested into the launch of a new journal, with all the risks entailed, and for their dedicated hard work. We are most grateful for this. The Journal was officially launched in March 2011 and has since produced four issues, all of which focusing on a particular facet of dialogical practice within the field of culture, be it philosophy, art, or politics. Forthcoming issues will offer platforms to explore how dialogue impacts on the shaping of identity, aesthetic meaning, and historical significance. One issue will also be devoted to how dialogue manifests itself in language. This brings us to autumn 2015, after which other pressing themes will, no doubt, be proposed and treated. In whatever case, the thread remains the cultural forms of dialogue; many of us know how critical ignorance about the nature of the dialogue can be, in all fields, at all levels.

Argentinian poet Antonio Porchia once wrote that “To be someone is solitude.” Any self-felt genius or world-leading mortal will identify with this. The solitude at stake is that of the one who fails to link with others, or an Other, by denying the possibility to relinquish some of him or herself. In fact, the true someone is never alone; the true someone never leads. This is the message Culture and Dialogue is striving to convey, express, or analyse in its various forms across the humanities, the arts, and the social sciences. Besides, the Journal has always sought, when possible, to preserve a certain spirit of writing in addition to academic rigour and creativity – a spirit that is undeniably fading in the midst of the publish or perish ethos adopted by advanced techno-capitalist systems of education in some parts of the world. Vol.3, No.1 is a Special Issue devoted to the theme of “religion and dialogue.” Cosimo Zene, of the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, kindly accepted our invitation to be the Guest Editor, and our words of thanks must first go to him. Cosimo has managed to bring together a range of outstanding essays of which the Journal can only be proud. To various degrees and in different ways all essays discuss dialogue and religion, or show dialogue at work in religious studies. We are most grateful to all the authors who generously contributed to this Special Issue and therefore to the life of the Journal; in alphabetical order, T.H. Barrett, Stephen Chan, Jan-Peter Hartung, Sian Hawthorne, Catherine Heszer, Tullio Lobetti, Theodore Proferes, and Cosimo Zene.

Controversial New Religions James R. Lewis 2014 In terms of public opinion, new religious movements are considered controversial for a variety of reasons ranging from how they speak, dress, and eat, to the way they think and their sense of community. Their social organization often runs counter to popular expectations by experimenting with communal living (or strict individualism), alternative leadership roles (or flat network structures), unusual economic dispositions, and new political and ethical values. As a result the general public views new religions with a mixture of curiosity, amusement, and anxiety, sustained by lavish media emphasis on oddness and tragedy rather than familiarity and lived experience. This updated and revised second edition of *Controversial New Religions* offers a scholarly, dispassionate look at those groups that have generated the most attention, including some very well-known classical groups like The Family, Unification Church, Scientology, and Jim Jones' People's Temple; some relative newcomers such as the Kabbalah Centre, the Order of the Solar Temple, Branch Davidians, Heaven's Gate, and the Falun Gong; and some interesting cases like contemporary Satanism, the Raelians, Black nationalism, and various Pagan groups. Written by established scholars as well as younger experts in the field, each essay combines an overview of the history and beliefs of

each organization or movement with original and insightful analysis. By presenting decades of scholarly work on new religious movements in an accessible form, this book will be an invaluable resource for all those who seek a view of new religions that is deeper than what can be found in sensationalistic media stories.

Live and hope renewed Clearwisdom Editors 2015-04-05 The amazing stories in this book are first-hand accounts of people from all walks of life who recovered from serious, or in many cases, terminal diseases through practicing Falun Dafa ...

Power of the Wheel Ian Adams 2000

Minghui Report: the 20-Year Persecution of Falun Gong in China The Minghui Group 2020-05-05 Minghui Report: The 20-Year Persecution of Falun Gong in China takes readers through a silent battle raging in every corner of China today: the Communist Party's suppression of 100 million practitioners of the Falun Gong spiritual and meditation discipline. This milestone report, based on exclusive firsthand information from China and elsewhere, presents the brutality faced by Falun Gong practitioners in China and the Communist Party's extension of the persecution globally through economic pressure and intimidation of political, civic, and business leaders in other countries.

**Zhuan Falun** Hongzhi Li 2001 Zhuan Falun is the comprehensive, core text that guides both new and veteran students alike in their practice of Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong).

**"Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance" Falun Gong / Falun Dafa Practitioners Journal** Grace Shen 2019-12-18 Spiritual Perfection Through Falun Gong "Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance" is a mindfulness-focused lined notebook has been lovingly created to honor your spiritual path of Falun Gong and Falun Dafa movements. Thematic quotes lend inspiration to your practice as the cover gently brings the beloved principles to mind. Some of the Falun Gong inspired phrases include: "Directing Your Thoughts to Cultivate Your Heart" "Using Your Hands To Follow The Flow Of Energies" "Discipline of the Dharma Wheel" "Controlled Breathing With Mindful & Purposeful Movements" "Cultivation to Improve Your Moral Standard" "Turning Your Heart Toward Goodness" "Highest Purification of The Mind & Body" This lined journal was created to enhance your journey to spiritual perfection. Useful in assimilating your thoughts & actions, documenting your mind & body cultivation path, and releasing your negative attachments. Specifications and FAQs: Convenient 6" x 9" size. Printed on quality, white paper. Includes 110 pages. Soft matte cover. Printed on both sides of the page. Recommended for use with colored pencils, gel pens, & ballpoint pens only. Markers or watercolors are NOT recommended. Pick up a copy of this Falun Gong journal today to document your inward journey of purification.