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## Truth, Compassion & Forbearance

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The Chinese Communist Party's genocidal ways did not begin with the mass <u>Uyghur</u> <u>incarcerations</u>. Twenty-four years ago the CCP kicked off "its brutal campaign to eradicate Falun Gong in China," <u>writes</u> John A. Deller in *The Epoch Times*.

"Falun Gong (also called Falun Dafa) was introduced to the public in China by Mr. Li Hongzhi in May 1992," explains Mr. Deller. "It is a spiritual practice in the Buddhist tradition based on the principles of truth, compassion, and forbearance. ... By 1998, over 70 million people across China had found improved health and morality through Falun Gong."

In the West, we may not immediately see how dangerous (to tyrants) a religio-philosophical movement like Falun Gong could be. Isn't it innocuous? When Daseitz T. Suzuki introduced Zen Buddhism to the U.S. in the last century, most Americans . . . yawned.

But the Chinazis did *not* yawn. They banned Falun Gong on July 20, 1999. And began arresting and imprisoning and torturing and executing its practitioners.

While Deller insists that Falun Gong was not perceived by most of its practitioners to be intrinsically anti-communist, over the course of the antagonism it has dawned on the persecuted that "socialism with Chinese characteristics" is indeed at odds with "truth, compassion, and forbearance."

What really bothers them? Ideas.

Of independence . . . forbearance.

Of truth . . . not propaganda.

Of compassion . . . the idea that maybe prisoners shouldn't be killed to facilitate lucrative organ transplants.

The 24-year-old genocide is a *memecide*, the attempted final solution to these paramount ideas.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.