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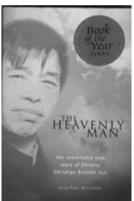
# "The Heavenly Man" -- A Big Con Man of China

There are many believers in Henan Province, China. But Satan would not let it go that easily. It promotes many heresies in China, especially in Henan Province. For example, "The Eastern Lightning" was initiated by a woman surnamed Deng in Zhengzhou, Henan Province in 1990. She claimed that she was Christ in female version; "The Born Again Sect" was initiated by a Xu Yongze and his sister Xu Yongling from Nanyang, Henan province in 1976. In 1989, another sect gathered on a hill top called Dung Pai mountain in Henan, waiting for the rapture to happen. When they failed in such effort, they intended to commit mass suicide but the police came in time to halt them.

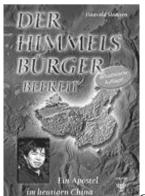
"The Heavenly Man" also originate from Henan Province. He cannot be called "a heretic" because we haven't discovered clear errors in his teachings. He was originally a member of the Born Again Sect. Xu Yongze (the head of Born Again) helped him. He cheats people everywhere claiming that he was persecuted and suffered for the sake of the gospel. It is more appropriate to call him "a big con man" for he has deceived a lot of Christian churches, especially in Europe and the United States.

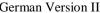


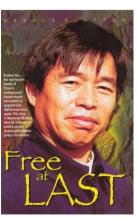




New English Version







Free at last, Burma story

He had once been imprisoned in China. Upon his release, Miao Zhitung, a preacher from Wenzhou, interviewed him and edited a book afterwards called "Lilies amongst thorns" which contained his "testimony". He testified that he fasted whilst in prison for 74 days without any food or water.

His fast lasted even longer than that of our Lord Jesus Christ. How credible is it? Jesus "fasted for 40 days and nights, then he is hungry." (Matthew 4:2, also Luke 4:2) The Bible did not say that "then He is thirsty" but says "then He is hungry". It is obvious that Jesus Christ abstained from food but not from water. Not only did this heavenly man abstain from food but also from water, and, the length of time of his fast nearly doubled that of Jesus Christ. It is absolutely farcical!

#### 1. His Names

This heavenly man has several names: Liu Zhenying was his real name. In China, he called himself "The Heavenly Man". After he arrived in the West, he called himself "Teacher Tian" among the Chinese but to the West he is "Liu Yun", "Brother Yun" in short . He was born on 22 Feb, 1958 in Hung Ni Wan, Nanyang, Henan Province. He is talented in preaching and exploits human psychology. His wife is Yang Deling, his son Isaac and daughter Elim.

He was most corrupt while in China. To the West, he claimed that he is the leader of over 58 million Christians in the underground churches in China. He had once sought support from the "Born Again Sect". He is the most skilful con man in Chinese church history.

# 2. His Books

His verbal testimonies were published as books as follows:

- (1) "The Heavenly Man's Testimony -- God loves China"- The Asia Harvest Ministry as agents, in traditional Chinese only.
- (2) "The Heavenly Man"- green cover. European edition ISBN 0953610006 translated into German, French, etc. North America edition ISBN 1-55306-160-8.
- (3) "The Heavenly Man"- ISBN 185424597X the English version was published in Dec. 2002 and has become very popular.
- (4) "The Heavenly Man released" (German title "Der Himmelsbuerger befreit") was published as the second edition to "The Heavenly Man" (see number 2 above) in Feb. 2003 which contains the story of his imprisonment in Burma "Free at Last".

These books have already become very popular among Christians in the West. Its Chinese version is for his Chinese supporters. Its content is different from that of the English version. The English, German, Norwegian versions state that he is "The Appointed Chairman and Spokesman of the Sinim Fellowship, of the underground Church in China". On the book cover it is printed that he is a modern apostle of China. Also, on the back cover, he was introduced as the spokesman for the 70 million Christians who belong to the Chinese underground Churches.

He boldly spoke about his "calling" to the West and claimed to be "The Apostle" of the Chinese underground Churches. He frequently dreams and receives revelations from God who called him and sent him to the West and the South to be the pioneer preacher. This claim is to be seen, with drawings, in his book, "The Heavenly Man" (first edition English version). Later on, it turned out to be the basis for the training and orphanage ministry in Burma which attracted the Western Christians' donations. In his book, "The Heavenly Man -- released" (English original version "Free at Last" ISBN 0-9732667-0-8), he said that "The house

churches had given approximately US \$ 30,000 to these homes. Yun and his wife had also taken on the task of being intermediaries for this project."

The new edition of his book in German version (The same as the original English version "Free at Last") has added the event as to how he and his family were forced out of Burma due to the fact that the Dawn Ministry, a Taiwanese Drug Rehabilitation Centre, hung a Taiwan national flag in Burma which triggered an investigation by the Burmese military department. He had no choice but leave Burma. He was only a victim of other people's politicking.

But Rev. Simon Lau (Lou Min-Ho) and his wife, who are in charge of the Dawn Ministry in Taipei, categorically denied such event and they said, "We don't know the heavenly man."

The English version of his book became the number one bestseller and book of the year 2003. It is also sold in Hong Kong. In 2004, its Dutch and Swedish versions were also published.

In 2003, upon request, Br. Lin Mushi wrote a critique based on these two books in German called "Hidden Lies" (ref. www.Jesusreturn.net, with English translation, www.job3721.org).

# 3. Go West to Cheat

Not a lot of Chinese have been deceived and we ourselves did not know his self-promoted claim to be the Chinese underground Churches leader. It would not be easy for him to cheat people out of their money in China but in the West his deception is hard to be detected and thus it is, relatively speaking, easy . He left China on Sept. 1997.

If he really is the leader of the Chinese underground Churches, the most he could do is to visit other countries and not reside in the West leaving the underground Churches in China without his leadership! To our fellow Christians in the West, please consider this carefully! In China, many servants of the Lord have also been oppressed and imprisoned, but they remained loyal to the Lord until death. Pitifully, when he is out of China, he boasts about his sufferings and exploits, and he uses the catchword "Mission from China" to deceive.

# (1) In Germany

In Sept. 1997 he left China for Germany. On Oct. 10 in Hamburg, he officially applied for asylum and was allocated to the refugee camp in East Germany. He told the German government that there are four main networks among the underground Churches in China: The Born Again, The Charismatics, The Shouters and The Fundamentalist (The Evangelistic). And he is the elected chairman of these four main networks. The German government was deceived and granted him refugee status. Between 1997 and 1999 he hid himself in Br. Lin Mushi's home. Not long afterward, Br. Lin discovered his hypocrisy who in fact made false testimony to cheat people, created dissention and he is a big con man.

In Jan. 4, 1999, before the congregation of a big missionary organization AVC of the BFP Church in Germany, he introduced that there are five main networks among the underground Churches in China. Not only he is the leader of his own church, but he is also the leader of these five main networks. He was invited to speak to these churches and was elected, by raising of hands, to be the chairman representing them. He also claimed that there were records of the electing procedures but was confiscated by the police. Nanyang Church which he leads consists of 500,000 members whom he has entrusted to the 150 co-workers who are under him. There are 10 elders under him. Under each elder there are 10 disciples and under each disciple there are another 10 disciples. On top of that, in his missionary field he has 300,000 believers.

The German organizations, through verbal testimonies, publications, and German and English websites publicly introduced "The four main networks of underground churches in China and the number of their members: The Born Again 23 million members; The Local Churches 15 million members; The Charismatics 20 million members and The Independent Churches 17 million members. The first three main networks were jointly named as 'The Sinim Fellowship' which has 58 million believers and they are under the leadership of the heavenly man."

On June 7, 2003, in Berlin, he, as the representative of the 70 million membered Chinese underground Churches, was very well received by a European Conference which had 15,000 attendants when he talked of his brave testimony of his sufferings in prison.

#### 2. In Burma

- (1). In Jan. 2000, in North Burma, he called for a "Chinese Underground Churches Leadership Conference" to show off to the German and the Swiss. In actual fact, the 18 who had attended the conference were his old friends including Wang Xincai (The Shouters) and Xu Yongling (The Born Again). At that time, Xu Yongze was still in prison.
- (2). When he lived in Burma's "Golden Triangle" district, he got abundant financial support for his work. All the more, he intended to move to the affluent West. He was captured on Feb. 10, 2001 for smuggling jade and using many falsified passports and was sentenced for a term of 7-year imprisonment. Many Northern Europeans and Germans prayed and donated for his release, thinking that he truly is the Chinese Apostle, faithful and brave, and the Chairman and Spokesman of the Sinim Fellowship......

But a week later after Sept. 11, 2001 (the American 911 tragedy), the Burmese government released him. Previously, the German AVC had already brought his family to Germany. They do not know who this heavenly man really is, thinking that he is helping the Chinese Churches.

#### 3. In Switzerland

He preached and made testimonies in Switzerland. His Finnish partner, Tang Xian (Ding Renan) Taisto Tironnen, publicly introduced him to be "The Chairman of the Sinim Fellowship, representing the four main networks of the underground Churches in China. On May 5, 1997, the angel appeared in the Zhengzhou prison, the strained thigh of the heavenly man was immediately healed. The prison cell was widely opened for him and he was out....."

In June 2004, the Swiss Evangelical Church Conference invited him as their speaker.

#### 4. In USA

In Sep. 2000, he went to the US and Canada as "the appointed Representative and Spokesman of the Sinim Fellowship" to make testimonies and raise funds. In 2004, he and Xu Yongze who fled and lived in the US were invited to join the American President's morning breakfast prayer meeting.

#### 5. Others

He cheated his way into Scandinavia, Paris, Italy, Singapore, England, Holland and South America etc.

The con man has bought in December 2004 a big house in Frankfurt for 330.000 Euro. (x 1,25 = \*\*\* USD). The house has 3 stages. He is now the richest preacher from the house church China.

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Rev. Jonathan Chao (CMI-China Ministries International) urged him to stop, but "The Heavenly Man" does not stop right there. He will continue to deceive. He is not satisfied just to deceive the believers in Europe, furthermore, his desire is to deceive all believers in the whole world, especially the evangelical believers. In the new edition of "The Heavenly Man" published by "The Evangelicals" in Dec. 2002 (the name of the book is the same but the name of the writer and the original lies have been altered), he skillfully changed history and continues to deceive, publicizing his hypocrisy.

In his book he claims that since his escape from China in 1997, he has been responsible for the training and implementation of 100,000 Chinese missionaries. He said that he already collected tens of thousands of US dollars to support those Back to Jerusalem missionaries. Xu Yongze also tells a big lie. In the preface he testifies that all the stories in the book are true. The Chinese proverb says, "mouse and snake belong together in one corner" and "wolf and jerboa do evils supple mentally". In the book Xu Yongze called the heavenly man the representative of "The Born Again" to bless the other house Churches.

We, as Chinese Christians, must unmask and guard against him. Fellow Christians in Europe and the US must wake up from their acts and do not be blinded and deceived by him any more! Please read 2 Cor. 11:1-3, 14-15!

He exploits the Chinese missionary slogan in 1940s: "Back to Jerusalem" as a means to deceive people. He uses money and relationship to bribe people to support him. Many cheated pastors have fallen into his whirling eddy (vicious circle) but in fear of losing face, they cannot come out of it. We need to pray for the deceived.

Many well known pastors in Taiwan acknowledged his testimonies are false, for example James J.L. Shao, Chang Mao-Song, Stephen Luei Chen, Bai Jia-Ling, China Ministries International and Bible Leagues, etc.

Allen Yuan and his wife and Br. Moses Xie Moshan from Beijing also utterly refute this big deceiver, "the heavenly man". Fellow Christians of the West are welcomed to come to China and to find out facts for themselves. Then, they will realize that the majority of the Chinese Christians do not know him, and furthermore, do not acknowledge him to be the leader of the underground Churches in China.

According to the Bible, there is no country churches leader nor province church leader. And in China, no such churches leader is allowed to be elected.

Dear brothers and sisters, our exhortation and consolation are not from jealousy.

Now, because the name "heavenly man" was criticized by many, they try to call him with a new name "Man of the heaven". All tricks will be used.

In the last days, Satan will carry out all his evil tricks. This is a new phase of this kind. Please be on guard!

August 2004

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In the past I was continually asked by many people about the heavenly man or received news about him and I always warned them against him. Later I got objective evidences of his fraud / false testimony towards westerners, through his books, PR-printings, audio and video recordings. Also I heard later personally from Lin Mushi, an important witness of the happenings how the heavenly man cheated westerners. Lin Mushi had helped him in many difficult situations because of the love for the Lord and for brother. But Lin Mushi saw later clearly his nature of spiritual fraud. Lin Mushi and the prayer network "Seek first His righteousness" with many anonymous intercessors hope for his real repentance.

Lin Mushi knows deeply the two sides of the heavenly man, He said, "the life is short, only the truth and the love abide forever. Because of the love for the truth and for the

churches of the Lord, I testify carefully before our eternal God. before every Judge and every people, that the heavenly man is really the one who makes false testimonies and hurts others. All Christians who love the truth please do not waver any more, please stand with us on the side of the truth."

Another serious problem is that the heavenly man is monopolizing almost all donations of overseas Christians for China mission. When Pastor Thomas Wang held an international conference "back to Jerusalem" in San Francisco on July 7-8 2004, he invited the heavenly man to come. Because of the attitude of non cooperation by the heavenly man, the conference could not reach its goal. At that time I was writing my article "The heavenly man – a big con man of China", I pointed out his problems bound with false testimonies. After November 2004 there is the public letter signed by 100 peoples such as Allen Yuan etc. (see www.jesusreturn.net). The October 2004 issue of Great Commission bi-monthly of Pastor Thomas Wang reported carefully the problems that annoyed them about this situation. They did not want to mention the name of the heavenly man publicly there: (The whole report is in English and Chinese which can be downloaded at the following web-sits.

Chinese: <a href="http://www.gcciusa.org/b5/GCB/2004/Oct/b5">http://www.gcciusa.org/b5/GCB/2004/Oct/b5</a> gcb 2004 Oct-8.html English: <a href="http://www.gcciusa.org/b5/GCB/2004/Oct/b5">http://www.gcciusa.org/b5/GCB/2004/Oct/b5</a> gcb 2004 Oct-9.html )

"。。。During the 1940's in China, 。。。Recently, this vision of Back to Jerusalem has been rekindled among some house church leaders in China. This Consultation acknowledges the BJM is a God-given strategic vision that is a part of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission. It is gaining considerable interest both inside and outside of China, and increasingly demands a multinational effort by the Church worldwide.

To ensure the movement's integrity, it is our prayer that this vision will not be harmed by **human weaknesses** such as **misrepresentation**, **sensationalism**, **arrogance** or **exaggerations**.

We further ask the Lord to protect us from spiritual attacks, that we will be unified and transparent as we commit ourselves to this challenging and significant task. " •

p.s. The word Sensationalism tells the true situation of the PR for the heavenly man. The translation in Chinese will be better by using the word in the dictionary.

Please pray for pastor Thomas Wang, pray for all the pastors who have fallen into the whirling eddy of the heavenly man. Pray for Lin Mushi and the watchful intercessors of the prayer net "Seek first His righteousness". Please read Proverb 24,23-25.

Brother Allen Yuan said that this is a phenomenon of the last days. It is necessary to expose the heavenly man.

Please pray together that the churches will not be veiled and confused in these dangerous days of the end time, that the enemy Satan can not boast before our Lord.

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## APPENDIX

# A letter from a Chinese church leader in Israel to a Chinese pastor in USA. Originally in Chinese.

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The peace in Christ!

I have received your e-mail. You have prayed for us. Thank you very much! I heard that Yom was invited to be your missionary. However, his spiritual experience is not enough, and he doesn't take any divinity course. It's better to give him the title of post so that he is not misunderstood, when he leads the group. How do you think?

I knew Zhenying Liu is your friend, but I was not sure whether you knew his works. It happened in Haifa (10-02-2004). During the Jew's new year, Mr. Liu and his wife from Germany attended the meeting of praying in Jerusalem. Mr. Liu was the author of heavenly man. And then they went to the Mount Carmel Stella hacarmel church which was in the north of Haifa. Seven scholars from the Haifa's church also attended that meeting. I didn't go to that conference because I went to other place to share. Everything in the meeting was almost in mess. The eyewitness stated this case. Mr. Liu didn't mention the truth of Christ, and he just brought a lot of slogan. At last, he encouraged that other people offered their money. Most of foreigners offered their money to Mr. Liu and his wife. A foreign sister gave her own diamond to Mr. Liu's wife immediately. Mr. Liu's wife put that ring in her own bag. Two scholars from Haifa saw that case, and they felt something was not normal. They doubted the purpose of this offering. Later, they got some information from the website which was www.jesusreturn.net, and Mr. Liu was the cheat.

This case makes the negative effect; furthermore; some people begin to doubt their faith such as some brothers and sisters, some friends who want to get the gospel. Please pay attention to Mr. Liu! The truth should appear as soon as possible, otherwise other place will be cheated.

Israel foreign language church admires his personality and his own books, which is a crisis. The works of Mr. Liu will affect the development of gospel in Israel. Please pray for this case!

I look forward to hear from you and your ideas. All of us are peace. Immanuel!

Haifa Chinese Church Zhangjian Wang Nov. 8, 2004