

ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS

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All earthly possessions are corrupting. People acquire possessions because they think that goods will bring them happiness. But happiness can only be found by following the Falun Gong, as our Master Li instructs. He tells us that the most dangerous possession is possession of other men: absolute power.

Those who enslave will someday be enslaved because they have bad karma, which is when bad things happen to bad people. It's good for us, but bad for them. As an example, Master Li tells the story of Mao Zedong. Mao Zedong got bad karma by killing millions of Chinese. This bad karma manifested itself by killing Mao Zedong at the age of 83.

Nor can earthly possessions, like power, bring true happiness. They are like grains of sand— if you try to hold too much in your hand, they will blow away. Thus, you should only keep as many earthly possessions as you can hold in your hand and give the rest to Master Li. And you certainly cannot hold a whole person in your hand.

The quest for absolute power can only result in great destruction, as it has in China and throughout the universe. The true path is not in earthly possessions but spirituality. Submit to Master Li, before it's too late. And bring hamburgers— we haven't had meat in seven years.

ABSOLUTELY!

by the Chinese Communist Party



Sure, absolute power corrupts, but don't knock it until you've tried it. Most people think the great thing about absolute power is living in a mansion or scoring with every attractive woman you see. Others think the real thrill comes from the ability to destroy your enemies. As usual, the people are wrong and I am right. However, I must admit that I love looking at the picture from Tiananmen Square of the guy stopping a line of tanks. You see, we shot him! Then, we shot the guy driving the tank! Then, we shot the photographer! Then we shot the guy who shot the photographer just for fun! But all joking aside the joy of watching the guy who beat you up in the third grade beg for his life as he is consumed by sulfuric acid is not the true joy of absolute power.

The joy of absolute power is the ability to see your dreams come true. For instance, take Mao Zedong's brilliant idea, the Cultural Revolution. He would end class warfare by making everyone walk a mile in someone else's shoes. The doctors became farmers and the farmers became doctors. And because Mao had absolute power, no one could interfere with his utopian vision by saying, "it takes years of training to be a doctor." Mao was proved right. Although the farmers made pretty lousy doctors, and the doctors didn't have the stamina to labor in the riceMao was proved right. Although the farmers made pretty lousy doctors, and the doctors didn't have the stamina to labor in the rice paddies, everyone learned something important about tolerance. That was definitely worth the lives of millions who died as a result of poor medical care or insufficient food. After all, a few million people weren't that many in such a large country.

I recommend absolute power to everybody. It's definitely the best job on the market. Seizing control of the government may sound far-fetched, but Robespierre was selling copies of Rousseau on a street corner before the French Revolution. A few years later, he was rebuilding French society from the bottom up and guillotining anyone who got in his way. If he could do it, so can you. You just have to believe in yourself. Unless, of course, you live in China. Then you must believe in me.

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