

Forums Worldwide Analyze Grassroots Efforts in China that are Changing the World



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"You have the responsibility and obligation to help the Chinese people to fight for freedom, and it is also your contribution to world peace," wrote a Chinese tourist in a recent letter to the Epoch Times. In his correspondence he indicated that he hoped the truth about the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would be carried to Western politicians and governments around the world.

He is not alone in this wish. Following the publication of the Nine Commentaries in November 2004, the Epoch Times began sponsoring a series of public forums to expose the nature of China's Communist Party. Having taken place in 18 countries and 29 cities around the world, the forums have assembled scholars, diplomats, and China experts to discuss issues directly relevant to the content of the Nine Commentaries. Panel discussions have ranged from the CCP's military build-up, to the persecution of Falun Gong, to China's economy. Each has touched on the disturbing and violent nature of the Communist Party

and the havoc it has wreaked on China since it took control in 1949.

Ethan Gutmann, author of *Losing the New China* and a panelist at a forum in Chicago in June 24, 2005, spoke of China's push to control its citizens on the Internet. He relayed his own unsavory experiences as a business consultant to Western companies doing business in China. He also provided first-hand accounts of how the CCP is corrupting Western business ethics and practices as well as using business ties to advance persecutory policies around the world.

These panel discussions have brought to light personal experiences with and analysis of the CCP, while also providing up-to-date reports on a massive people-power movement sweeping through China, in which millions of CCP members are openly withdrawing from the Party.

At a May 2005 Stockholm forum, European business consultant Man Yan Ng remarked that he believed anyone considering establishing business connections with China should count on great changes in China in the years to come. And



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"I think with the 'Nine Commentaries' and the fact that so many people are voluntarily leaving the communist party is the beginning of the end of communism and it's always a surprise when this happens. It was a surprise recently in Kyrgyzstan, a surprise in Ukraine, a surprise in Georgia. It's always a surprise. But it shouldn't be."

— Mark Palmer, former U.S. Ambassador to Hungary and Vice Chairman of the Board of Freedom House

"This document [Nine Commentaries] reviewed the history of the Communist Party of China, exposing the distortions which the Communist Government of the People's Republic of China still propagates and defends... The effect of this publication, the Nine Commentaries, has been electric."

— Stockwell Day, Canadian Member of Parliament

the changes, he felt, would likely involve a great deal of social turmoil.

At an April 2005 Washington DC forum, Dr. Jack Wheeler, Editor-in-Chief and publisher of *To The Point*, scoffed at the idea of the CCP maintaining its hold over its people, saying, "The Communist Party has lost the mandate of heaven. And it's over."

Through these forums information about the history and nature of the CCP is traveling far and wide. Forum participants have agreed: the Party is finished, but yet to be seen is

how people and governments around the world will react and respond.

At a Washington D.C. forum, Mark Palmer, a former U.S. Ambassador and currently Vice Chairman of the Freedom House human rights organization, said, "...it would be good for the ambassadors of democratic countries in Beijing, Shanghai and elsewhere also to show [support] by joining demonstrators and by other means. It would be important to show that the democratic nations of the world are on the side of the Chinese people."

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Nine Commentaries Wins National Journalism Award

The "Nine Commentaries" received a top award for its coverage of Asian-American issues from the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) in August 2005. The AAJA honored The Epoch Times Online during its 17th annual convention in Minneapolis for its publication of the "Nine Commentaries." The "Nine Commentaries" is a series of essays detailing the long,

violent history of the Chinese Communist Party, providing unprecedented insights into the inner workings of the Party leaders and the policies that drive China.

First published in Chinese in the fall of 2004, the "Nine Commentaries" is now available in 20 different languages.

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John Nania accepted the award on behalf of the authors, whose identities continue to remain secret for fear of reprisal from the Chinese government.

The AAJA Award recognizing excellence in news coverage is given to journalists who demonstrate the ability to cover news with authority, sensitivity, insight and an eye towards

diversity. The National Journalism Award fielded entries from over 100 Media organizations.

Among those in attendance during the award ceremony were former Vice-President Walter Mondale and Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, and political commentator Al Franken.