

“Shen Yun Performing Arts” Fully Demonstrates the Dishonesty of “Falun Gong”

During January 10 and 11, 2017, “Shen Yun Performing Arts” was put on in the Sacramento Community Center in California, USA. According to Michel Czehatowski, an expert member of the California Acupuncture Commission and acupuncturist in Redding, California, went to watch the show with great expectations, only to find it was disappointing. He wrote on his blog that the expensive “Shen Yun Performing Arts” was nothing but a religious show and that he felt just like getting pulled into a church and being forced to sit through Falun Gong lectures. The following is his blog posted:

“Shen Yun” has great PR! I’ve been seeing great reviews on Shen Yun for some time and when it came to the Sacramento Community Center in California, I jumped quickly to buy some tickets. The tickets weren’t cheap. I spend \$240 for two seats in Row N (I assume they start in Row A) smack in the center and we definitely had a good view of the performance. The Sacramento Community Center Theater in California holds 2,398 people and from my observation it looked like it was sold out.

The performance started timely and the initial dancers were marvelous. After the first dance, two MCs came on stage and introduced the performances in English and Chinese. The following dancers were also quite good and they used some high-tech blending of animation with the dancers to make spectacular stories. But not far into the performance, we started to get the religious message which was of their belief in “Falun Dafa” probably better known as “Falun Gong”. I don’t actually think they used the word “Falun Gong”. They started off talking about “Dafa” and the persecution of their religion in China.

The story of Falun Gong is kinda similar to the tale of Joseph Smith and the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a Mormon branch that he founded. After founding this religion, Joseph Smith, a cult leader, did not get the promised land and, together with his members, got ostracized, beaten and chased away all the way to the West. FLDS in Utah and Falun Gong in the USA are both

groups that end up spreading worldwide with their organizations making lots of money.

They also talked about how they couldn’t have their performance in mainland China because of their beliefs. Well, Falun Gong is outlawed in China. It’s not a surprise that they can’t show it there especially when several of the dances have scenes of “government” bad guys beating the “good” Falun Gongs. In one of the final dances there was someone holding a banner of Chinese characters that read “Falun Dafa is good”. Most Americans can’t read Chinese, but I can read a little and I understood what the banner said.

My disappointment to “Shen Yun” performing arts lies in the fact that I paid good money to be entertained and ended up seeing a performance that tried to make me sympathetic to their religion. It’s like getting pulled into a Church and being forced to sit through Bible lectures when you really don’t want to be there and have no interest in it. Don’t get me wrong. People can believe what they want to. Just don’t lie to me about what you’re trying to do so that you can force me to sit through it.

In the case of “Shen Yun”, they should be upfront that they want people to be sympathetic to their cause and they want to convert you and make money off you while you get indoctrinated with their message. If Falun Gong is as sneaky and dishonest about spreading their message in China as they are here, maybe that’s why the Chinese Government doesn’t like them.

My recommendation is that if you are considering going, be well advised that there will be attempts to convert you to their belief system and you will have to listen to their propaganda.

Contrary to their statement that you won’t see a performance this good anywhere else, by the way, there are better dance troupes from mainland China that come through the US. Watch for them, and they will entertain you and not try to convert you.

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