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Part III, the Divine Investiture, shows proofs of sanctification of Cao-Dai esoteric disciples who achieved spiritual enlightenment, and manifested in spiritual séances from 1926 to 1950 (as this scripture was published in 1952). Through this part one can see another outstanding characteristic of Caodaism, which is the promotion and support for male-female equality in spiritual self-perfection and deliverance.

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#### **About the Author**

Born in Vietnam, Anh-Tuyet Tran was raised in Buddhist traditions. Early in the 1980s she had a chance to read the sacred scripture translated as The Grand Cycle of Esoteric Teaching, in which she found the answers for most of her questions on the origin and the meaning of life. Since then she has become a Cao-Dai follower. She immigrated to California, USA in early 1990s, where she received a Master degree from San Jose State University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of California-Davis. Currently she is a Chemistry and Biochemistry Lecturer at San Jose State University, and a member of Cao Dai Temple Overseas. After the busy hours of teaching and interacting with students, she lives quietly with her mother in San Jose, CA. Hoping that everyone could access and benefit from the aforementioned Cao-Dai sacred scripture she translated and published its English version.

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