



梁斐生博士
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小時有個摘星夢，想做一位科學家，想不到有一天真的染指太空科技、主管國防太空；如今又走遍五洲七洋、宣揚勵志與美麗人生觀、以及對科技、真理與人生奧妙的探討。梁斐生博士的轉折人生路，不單刻劃出華人在時代變遷中經歷的衝擊，也為華裔對加國作出的貢獻寫下精彩一頁。

要介紹梁斐生博士，最容易是從他的履歷開始：畢業於加拿大亞伯達省大學，獲得電機工程博士，曾任職於加拿大國防部，主管太空系統及科技（Head and Thrust Leader, Space System and Technology），包括從太空往下監視及往上的空間監視、通訊衛星、反導彈防禦，及核子幅射研究與發展工作。曾以加國首席代表身份參加國防太空科技發展委員會、西方國家高科技產品管制(COCOM)委員會、以及北大西洋公約國（NATO）四個科技發展委員會的工作。於1991及1996年，他先後榮獲加拿大國防部特殊貢獻獎、及北大西洋公約（NATO）航太諮詢委員會貢獻獎。

2003年，梁博士提早退休，開啟人生新一頁，前往世界各地主領專題講座，推展他的「勵志與美麗人生講座」系列，單單2012年，他“飛”了18萬英哩；講題包括「21世紀多元成功的挑戰」、「科學、真理與人生」、「《聖經》預言與中國夢」、「永恒真理的科學手迹」、「中國夢與美麗人生」等。梁博士對於中國國情及未來發展尤為關注，並終於在今年一償素願，重踏一別60多年的中國國土。眼見中國崛起之同時亦出現不少問題，他希望在未來的日子，透過文字、講學，更進一步分享其經歷、分析時局趨勢、見地，在社會不同層面發揮其

影響力。

作為一位海外華人知識份子，加上過往的背景和身份，他的言論自然較易引起高官注意；例如在1996年正當台海兩岸空前緊張之際，他經歷一番掙扎後，決定接受與加拿大沒邦交的台灣記者的採訪。當時他深恐李登輝會宣佈台灣獨立而引發台海大戰。想不到，該日的訪問，變成中央社1996年2月12日發出的「首長快訊」特稿，直接傳送到中華民國（台灣）首長辦公室。

1998年6月7日，他以海外學者的身份，在台北懷恩堂主講「兩岸政治，經濟，軍事情勢分析—開創兩岸雙贏新局。」想不到，有不少黨政軍高級領導出席：包括當時國安局副局長胡為真，國民黨陸工會副主任徐新生以及不少三軍將領等。

另一方面，由於曾在國防部工作，加拿大公安請求他必須在退休後的十年「過冷河」，不得踏足中國；而中國方面，也對他的入境申請嚴格查核。他為了取得官方信任，毅然致函國家主席習近平，並附上有關自己的簡歷，終於過了第一關，重新與中國「建交」。

常勝兵法

這份熱忱和抱負，建基於他的信仰，以及在個人經歷中體會的人生道理。梁博士的著作都以他的信仰為出發點。他表示，自從完成其中一本著作《常勝兵法》後，心中有很大的負擔，想將多年來收集關於生命與信仰的客觀資料編寫成書，以此來幫助有心追求認識真理的有識之士。

雖然天生一副科學頭腦，但談到他的人生路，他卻憶述不少超乎邏輯與常理的經歷；不時叫他感到上天如何奇妙地安排

他突圍而出、甚至化險為夷。

梁博士從出生至19歲來加走過的一段路，可說是峰迴路轉。1949年，才3歲的他便和家人離開出生地廈門，皆因身在菲律賓教學的父親眼見中國局勢動盪，促他母親帶著6個孩子設法離開。一家七口終於及時登上最後一班駛往香港的輪船。在船上剛剛安頓下來，忽聞轟然巨響，原來一發炮彈擊中他們的船，他們卻奇蹟地不受任何損傷，安全抵達香港。

不久以後，他們一家又輾轉到了印尼。當時華人受盡歧視，而且不能上大學，他便想到往父親曾教學的菲律賓上大學，可是由於沒有印尼護照，無法成行。當時不少旅行社替人造假證件，他便挺而走險，誰知當他步入移民局領證的時候，即被逮捕和收監，兩天後獲準保釋出來，然後繼續打官司；打了兩年，最後移民局居然不以他造假證起訴，而只起訴他搬家沒有報案，無須坐牢，由是避過了一場災難。但條件是，他必須自願離開印尼。令人驚訝的是，被印尼驅逐出境後，沒有護照和國籍的他，竟然可以在1965年正式合法進入加拿大。

兩天的牢獄生涯，不單讓梁博士留下不可磨滅的記憶，也成為他來加畢業後申請國防部工作的攔阻，加上他是在大陸出生，競爭力始終比不上土生加國公民；然而他還是發了求職信，並且承認自己在印尼時曾犯過法。等了數月沒有回音，他原以為已經無望而接受Alberta Government Telephone (AGT)的工作，豈料幾天後，收到國防部決定錄用他的來電。眼見夢想成真就在咫尺，無奈卻有AGT合約在身，經過一翻掙扎，他為了堅守誠信，終於拒絕了國防部的禮聘，直等到在AGT工作10個月後再重新申請國防部的工作；令他喜出望外的是，他們竟然馬上決定再次錄取他。他深信，一切如非上天安排，是不可能發生的。

真金火煉

在國防部工作了27年，他形容處理的工作「比最高機密還要機密」。當他決定提前退休，加拿大公安局對他56歲提前退休的意願變得非常懷疑，因此，他自願兩次接受測謊，證明他對加國的忠誠不二。

正如他的另一本著作《真金不怕洪爐火》的寓意，梁博士相信真理和忠誠的力量，就如真金一樣經得起爐火的考驗。

身居要職的他，亦曾面對不少人事和官場上的鬥爭；例如曾經負責一項國防工程，在競標過程中，遇上一個具有財力、人力、勢力的大財團志在必得，然而他卻不為所動，以公正原則評選；基於投標水平及作價選用了一間規模較小的公司，結果招來他的整個部門被撤消、以及降職之災。當時他曾考慮向公務員人權委員會提出上訴，而律師亦認為勝訴在望。然而因信仰的執著，還是放棄為自己申冤的機會。四年後，十餘年前的上司晉升國防部助理副部長，竟親自致電請他擔任主管國防太空的職位；可說是塞翁失馬、焉知非福。

雖然少年時曾經犯錯，但梁博士改向以誠信為做人原則，並以聖經中的字句為人生座右銘：「…尊重我的，我必看重他。」（撒母耳記上2章30節）他相信這是神所給他的一個應許。

回看自己一生經歷不同階段，他自有不同體會：「屈指一數來加已有48年，我深感慶幸能在這地找到一個新家園。雖有遭遇歧視和挫折，但只要自己肯努力，就連政府也會招攬你晉身重要的崗位和提升你的地位。」

從人的角度看，身份地位早已是他囊中物；作為一星將官，家有一子一女，兒子唸工程物理博士、女兒現職國防部軍

事律師。在安穩的日子中，他相信人生仍有可發掘和發揮之處。目前他任加拿大中國信徒佈道會董事，除了研究國際時事及聖經預言，還著書立說，並且在網上讓人免費下載閱讀。未來的日子，他亦將繼續走遍五湖四海、大江南北，推展他的勵志與信仰演講系列。在未來半年，他即將自資前往沙特阿拉伯、烏干達、以色列、肯亞等地，與當地的華人交流。

從渥太華的家看加國和天下，他有感加拿大給予國民的偌大空間，是很多國家的人民所夢寐以求的。

因此他鼓勵加國華人：「大家在此地享有很多優勢和好機會。尤其是中加關係帶來的優勢，得好好利用，以致可對兩地的社會有良多貢獻。加國華人跟其他少數族裔一樣，享有平等機會，有時甚至獲得優待；這些機會可別錯過。」

此時此刻，梁博士無論處身何時何地，都不忘與人分享他心底的勵志真言：「一起摘星追夢吧！」



家中排行最小
Youngest in the Family Parade



永結同心
Wedding



在渥太華主持NATO會議
Hosted a NATO meeting in Ottawa



於美國飛彈研發中心
At US Ballistic Research Laboratory



早期全家福
Early family life



一家出席兒子物理工程碩士
畢業禮
Family picture when son completed
Master Degree in U Toronto
Engineering Physics



造訪統一後的德國
In Germany after Unification



加拿大國防部特殊貢獻獎
DND Certificate of Merit



當暑期工時遇上大黑熊
An encounter with a black bear while doing
summer job



出席女兒軍事律師就職禮
Ceremony of daughter joining the military
as a military lawyer



於澳門理工學院講學
Speaking at Macao Polytechnic Institute

Dr. David Liang

A child dreams to be a scientist one day. The child grows up; he immerses in space systems and technology, part of a nation's space defence. The man turns older; he travels throughout the world, telling everyone who listens about the wonders of life, technology and the truth.

Dr. David Liang's life journey not only shows what Chinese people went through in an era of unrest and change, but it is also a testimony of how Chinese-Canadians are able to contribute to Canada.

To describe Dr. David Liang, one has to start with his impressive curriculum vitae. Dr. David Liang graduated from the University of Alberta with a doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering. He was the Head and Thrust Leader of Space Systems and Technology within the Canadian Department of National Defence (DND), responsible for all space related research and development activities including Surveillance of Space and Surveillance from Space within DND. He was also responsible for all satellite communications, ballistic missile defence and nuclear related research and development.

Amongst his most memorable journeys, there was one in 1991 when he represented Canada in the first NATO technical Forum held in Berlin after the unification of East and West Germany. In 1997, he led the Canadian National Defence delegation to participate in the Ballistic Missile Defence Conference in Israel. He also represented Canada in four NATO technical panels, in COCOM (Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls) meetings as well as at Trilateral Canada – USA - UK Defence Space Research and Development Collaborations. In 1991, he received a special Departmental commendation for his contributions to research and development. In

1996, he received a Certificate of Award presented by NATO Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development.

In 2003, Dr. Liang took early retirement to begin a new chapter in his life. He now travels around the globe to give lectures and seminars. In 2012 alone, he flew 180,000 miles and spoke on topics such as 'Success and broad ranging challenges of the 21st century', 'Science, Truth and Life', 'Bible prophecies and the Rise of China', 'Scientific footprint of eternal truth', 'China dream and beautiful life' (「21世紀多元成功的挑戰」、「科學、真理與人生」、「《聖經》預言與中國夢」、「永恒真理的科學手迹」、「中國夢與美麗人生」). Even though Dr. Liang left China when he was three years old, he still has heart-felt concern for the future development and well being of China. This year, he finally fulfilled his dream of returning to the land of his birth, after being away for more than 60 years. He hopes that through his writing and talks he could share his experiences and understanding to help the Chinese people achieve their dreams and have 'more beautiful life'.

As an overseas Chinese with a very unique background, some of his words caught the attention of government officials. There was concern at some level of the Canadian government when he took early retirement at 56, and he was requested not to set foot in China for ten years after his retirement, a 'cool-off' period due to his previous work with the DND. Now that he has retired for 10 years, his visa application to visit China went under close scrutiny. To win the confidence of Chinese officials, Dr. Liang wrote to Xi Jinping, the President of China, expressing his interest in visiting China. Finally his visa application was accepted, and he could begin to 're-establish' his ties with China.

In 1996 when the relationship between Taiwan and China was particularly tense, Dr. Liang, after struggling with himself whether to

speaking his mind, agreed to an interview with a reporter from Taiwan. At that time he was afraid that Lee Teng-hui, the former President of Taiwan, would declare the independence of Taiwan leading to an inevitable clash across the Taiwan Strait. He did not expect that the interview would become part of a special bulletin landing on the desk of the President of Taiwan.

On June 7th, 1998, as an overseas scholar, Dr. Liang gave a lecture in Taipei: 'Political, economic, and military analysis across the Strait of Taiwan - the importance of embarking on a win-win strategy'. Unexpectedly, many of the political and military leaders attended his talk, including Hu Wei-chen, the Vice-President of ROC Security Council.

Although Dr. Liang is a scientist, he recounts a lot of his own experiences as out of the ordinary. To him, it is miraculous that he was able to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and escape from harm in these episodes of his life.

From birth to 19 years of age, Dr. Liang had a very turbulent life. David was born in 1946 in Xiamen, China, at a time when China was in the midst of turmoil. When he was three, at the urging of his father teaching in the Philippines at the time, his mother and six children boarded the last ship for Hong Kong. The crowded ship was heavily bombarded by the People's Liberation Army, but miraculously they were not hurt and arrived in Hong Kong safely.

Soon after, the family moved to Indonesia. At that time the Chinese in Indonesia were discriminated against and they were not allowed to pursue higher education. David wanted to go to the Philippines, where his father had once served as a high school principal, and where he could attend university. However, without nationality or Indonesian

passports, he could not leave. At that time many travel agencies made false birth certificates for people to apply for Indonesian citizenship and passports. David took the risk, but when he tried to pick up his passport, he was arrested, handcuffed and put in jail. Although he was out on bail after two days, court proceedings lasted two years. At the end, David, as an Indonesian Chinese without Indonesian citizenship, was convicted of not reporting to officials that he had moved, as required by local law. He must comply with the condition that he leave Indonesia immediately. It was a close call since being convicted of making a false birth certificate would carry a prison sentence of up to 25 years. Amazingly, without nationality or a passport, David was able to legally enter Canada under extremely fortuitous circumstances, since in 1965 Canada still had a rather restrictive immigration policy for non-whites.

Those two days in prison not only left indelible memories, but also became a major obstacle in David's application for a job with the Department of National Defence. On top of that, he was born in China, a country that was then considered hostile to western nations. Despite all this, he sent off his application to the DND, even admitting that he had previously violated Indonesian law. Not having heard from them for eight months, he accepted a job with the Alberta Government Telephone (AGT), only to receive a job offer from the DND a few days later. Even though it was a dream come true, David felt that he must keep his promise with AGT. After fulfilling his promise of working for AGT, he reapplied to the DND ten months later. Surprisingly they decided to give him a job offer again. David truly believes, without God's will, this would not have happened.

David worked at the DND for 27 years. He describes his work as 'Beyond Top Secret'. When he decided to retire early, Canadian National Security was highly suspicious of his motive to retire at the

age of 56. He willingly took two lie detection (polygraph) tests, to prove his loyalty to Canada and her allies.

While Dr. Liang was working at the DND, he had come across both people and bureaucratic issues. At one time, he was responsible for outsourcing a national defense project. In the bidding process, Dr. Liang and his team of technical experts established objective technical and cost criteria, which led to the selection of a small company over a much larger consortium with a much deeper pocket and political influence. This decision, against the wishes of his superior, resulted in the demise of his department, the removal of his management and technical responsibilities and a demotion to the DND Headquarters. He was vindicated when four years later, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Research and Development, a former boss of his, offered him the job of his former supervisor, the Head and Thrust Leader of Defence Space Systems and Technology.

Although he made a major blunder in his judgment when he was young, Dr. Liang now uses his faith as his principle of life and these words from the Bible as his motto, "Those who honour me, I will honour..." (*First Book of Samuel 2:30*) He believes this promise is what God has given and sustained him.

Dr. Liang has mixed feelings when he looks back on his life, "It has been 48 years since I came to Canada. I am truly grateful that I could find a new home in this land. Even though I did experience some discrimination and a severe setback, I always know that as long as I am willing to work hard, my contribution would be recognized."

From another perspective, Dr. Liang already has position and status. Although he was working for the military as a civilian, he had the equivalent rank of a one-star general. His son is studying for a

PhD degree in engineering physics and his daughter a lawyer at the DND. These are extended blessings, with much more to look forward to in his life. Now he is on the board of the Chinese Christian Mission of Canada. In addition to his intrinsic interest in international affairs and Bible prophecies, he writes and posts articles and books on the web for free access. He plans to continue his travel around the world to give motivational and faith-related talks. In the next six months, he will travel across North America, as well as U.K., Saudi Arabia, Israel, Uganda and Kenya to talk to the local Chinese people there.

Looking at Canada and the world from his home in Ottawa, Dr. Liang feels that the spacious and un-spoiled environment here is something that citizens in other countries can only dream of. He encourages Chinese-Canadians with these words, "Appreciate the advantages and opportunities offered by this great nation, especially through the cordial relationship between China and Canada, so that you can contribute to the well-being of both countries and the world. Chinese Canadians are much like other ethnic minorities, enjoying equal opportunity, sometimes even more favorable opportunities due to the fabric of our multi-cultural society. Don't miss these opportunities!"

Now, no matter where he is, Dr. Liang loves to share these words from the bottom of his heart, "Let's reach for the stars together!"