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***The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil
is for good men to do nothing.***

Edmund Burke

Why would a typical University student decide to defy the Chinese government and bring world attention to the problems facing the Chinese people? It was because Chai Ling was a woman of great character and empathy for the lack of human rights in China that she chose to lead throngs of Chinese in protest.

Incredibly, her efforts only brought more terror and suffering to her people by the actions of the Chinese government. But it was not all a total failure. Because of the bravery of Chai Ling and others the protest against the Chinese government, and the resulting ruthlessness of the Chinese army against that protest, brought the conditions of the Chinese people to the eyes of a horrified world.

And China, as a result, would never be the same.

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