

# SGI USA MEMO

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DISTRIBUTE TO: Chapter and District Leaders

FROM: Study Department

SUBJECT: 2009 Buddhist Learning Review Curriculum

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The curriculum material for the October Buddhist Learning Review is listed below. There are four Buddhist concepts based on the series “Writings for Discussion Meetings” that have appeared in the *World Tribune*; two installments of “The Life of Nichiren Daishonin”; excerpts from installments [5], [6] and [10] of “The Hope-filled Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin”; and “The Errors of the Nichiren Shoshu Priesthood,” all of which have appeared in *Living Buddhism*. A study booklet will be published containing all the material and will be available by mid-July. It will also be downloadable from the SGI-USA website.

This year, the Review Questions will be distributed via the September 11 *World Tribune* in a special pullout. SGI-USA members will bring this special pullout to their Review activity in October to take together with their fellow members. Detailed instructions will be included in a memo for facilitators to be issued later this summer.

## **(I) Buddhist Terms As Explained in “Writings for Discussion Meetings”**

“The True Aspect of All Phenomena”—Faith, Practice and Study  
December 11, 2008, *World Tribune*

“Three Tripitaka Masters Pray for Rain”—The Three Proofs  
January 16, 2009, *World Tribune*

“Happiness in This World”—Absolute and Relative Happiness  
February 20, 2009, *World Tribune*

“Letter to Misawa”—The Devil King of the Sixth Heaven  
April 17, 2009, *World Tribune*

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## **(II) The Life of Nichiren Daishonin**

Part 1

March–April 2009 *Living Buddhism* pp. 40–45

Part 2

May–June 2009 *Living Buddhism* pp. 34–39

## **(III) From SGI President Ikeda’s Lectures Series “Learning from the Writings: The Hope-filled Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin” [only the material under the following subheads will be on the Review]**

[5] “On the Buddha’s Prophecy”: Worldwide Kosen-rufu—A Towering Declaration on Sado Island for the Happiness of All Humankind (November–December 2008 *Living Buddhism*, pp. 62–63)

Subheads: “The Buddha’s Prophecy: A Testament for Followers of Future Generations” and “The Joy of Being Born in the Latter Day of the Law”

[6] “Winter Always Turns to Spring”: Bringing Forth the Great Power of Faith—The Inspirational Force of Nichiren Daishonin’s Towering Conviction (January–February 2009 *Living Buddhism*, pp. 62–64)

Subhead: “The Trials of Winter Bring Forth Flowers of Victory”

[10] “Letter to Misawa”: Vanquishing the Devil King With Intrepid Faith—Inheriting Nichiren Daishonin’s Self-reliant Courage (May–June 2009 *Living Buddhism*, pp. 48–52)

Subhead: “Fundamental Darkness Manifests as the Devil King”

## **(IV) Soka Spirit**

“The Errors of the Nichiren Shoshu Priesthood”

March–April 2009 *Living Buddhism*, pp. 31–39