

THE BUDDHISM OF THE SUN: ILLUMINATING THE WORLD
March–December 2017 Monthly Study Lectures

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Starting with the October 2016 *Living Buddhism*, in his lecture series “The Buddhism of the Sun: Illuminating the World,” SGI President Ikeda began focusing on basic tenets of the SGI’s practice of Nichiren Buddhism. This began with lectures on each of the Five Eternal Guidelines of the Soka Gakkai (October 2016–February 2017 *Living Buddhism*).

From March, these ongoing lectures, which will be offered in several parts, will continue to focus on core values of our Buddhist practice. For example, next is a two-part lecture on “Basing Ourselves on the Writings of Nichiren Daishonin,” published in the March and April issues of *Living Buddhism*. Future lectures will cover these themes: “faith, practice and study,” “the vow for kosen-rufu” and “human revolution.”

As for the format of the lecture, President Ikeda will continue to highlight several passages from Nichiren Daishonin’s writings and, based on these passages, will offer key guidances related to the theme.

Given that the material succinctly conveys Sensei’s most recent thoughts about these valuable tenets in a straightforward manner, in discussion with the national leaders, we will not be publishing reference material for the lectures.

Please use the “Basic Pointers for Preparing a Study Lecture” as well as the “General References” boxes below to help you prepare for your monthly lectures.

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—BASIC POINTERS FOR PREPARING A STUDY LECTURE—

- Read the lecture several times through.
- Make note of the title of the lecture—often the key message is conveyed in the title.
- Make note of the opening section(s) of the lecture—the key points are often included in the opening.
- Are there terms or concepts that need explanation?
- What are some key points to emphasize in the lecture?
- How do these key portions and correlating points connect to our lives today?
- What are some experiences in faith that you can share in relation to these points?
- What are some possible questions that might come up?
- What points do you want members to go home with?

—General References—

Go to www.nichirenlibrary.org to access the most up-to-date information:

- ⇒ *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vols. 1 & 2
- ⇒ *The Soka Gakkai Dictionary of Buddhism*
- ⇒ *The Lotus Sutra and Its Opening and Closing Sutras*
- ⇒ *The Record of the Orally Transmitted Teachings*