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**THE BUDDHISM OF THE SUN: ILLUMINATING THE WORLD [60]  
CREATING A CENTURY OF HUMANISM IN WHICH ALL CAN SHINE—PART 4  
Youth Are the Hope of Society! Become Indispensable in Your Workplace!**

**POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND REGARDING BUDDHIST STUDY IN THE SGI**

- 1) Our understanding of Nichiren Buddhism has deepened significantly since the 1991 priesthood issue—reflected when, in 2014, we affirmed the correct spirit and practice of Nichiren Buddhism in the Soka Gakkai rules and regulations. What Nichiren Shoshu teaches is completely different from the teachings and writings of Nichiren Daishonin, which form the foundation of SGI study.
- 2) SGI members practice Nichiren Buddhism as a “living” religion and philosophy. The application of the core, unchanging principles of Buddhism always adapts to changing times and circumstances.
- 3) Even for longtime members, it is important to continue studying current materials. Our mentor’s explanations of Nichiren’s writings in his monthly lectures represent this “living” Buddhism.

**GOALS FOR PRESENTERS**

1. Let’s learn together: This is the recommended approach for presenting President Ikeda’s lectures. Rather than lecturing on these lectures, the goal of the monthly presentations is to study the material together with fellow members. With this in mind, presenters should aim to read the material several times and share 2–3 key points that inspire them, rather than attempting to cover every point.
2. Let’s unite with the heart of our mentor: Sensei strives to encourage members through his lectures, just as Nichiren did through his writings. Let’s strive to convey this spirit as we study with fellow members and apply these teachings in our daily lives, efforts in society and advancement of kosen-rufu.

**BASIC POINTS FOR PRESENTING “THE BUDDHISM OF THE SUN” LECTURES**

- ⇒ Read the full lecture several times.
- ⇒ Read the footnotes, as they often provide additional background information.
- ⇒ Chant abundant daimoku before your presentation to grasp and convey Sensei’s heart.
- ⇒ During the presentation, have someone read aloud key excerpts and your selected portions from the lecture. Ensure the reader has the opportunity to prepare well ahead of time.
- ⇒ Encourage participants to also read the lecture and find their own points of inspiration.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**



**Guidelines/Precepts for Youth  
(Jan LB, 54–55)**

- *The Human Revolution*, pp. 612–16



**Changing All Poison Into Medicine  
(Jan LB, 55)**

- *The Wisdom for Creating Happiness and Peace*, Part 1, pp. 79–80



**Our Jobs Are Training Grounds  
(Jan LB, 57–59)**

- WCHP, Part 2, pp. 275–77
- *Youth and the Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, “Work and Faith,” pp. 17–34



**Faith and Daily Life, Buddhism and Society (Jan LB, 60–61)**

- *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 24, pp. 268–71
- WCHP, Part 2, pp. 69–71
- See also “Additional Resources” for the Dec 2020 *Living Buddhism* “Buddhism of the Sun” lecture ([Click here for link](#))