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**THE BUDDHISM OF THE SUN: ILLUMINATING THE WORLD [61]  
CREATING A CENTURY OF HUMANISM IN WHICH ALL CAN SHINE—PART 5**

**Fulfilling the Great Vow for Kosen-rufu  
Is the Essential Spirit of Soka Mentors and Disciples**

**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**

-  **“Still I will give my life for the sake of the Law” (Feb LB, 54–56)**
  - *The Wisdom for Creating Happiness and Peace*, Part 3, pp. 127–30
  - WCHP-3, pp. 257–60
  - *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 30, “Great Mountain,” ([Click here for link](#)) Starting with: “Shin’ichi’s calm and powerful voice rang out...”
  - NHR-22, 246–48
  - NHR-11, revised edition, 315–17

-  **“Choose Life” (Feb LB, 56–57)**
  - NHR-16, 173–75

-  **A Future Religion (Feb LB, 57)**
  - NHR-16, 156–61

-  **“The ‘great vow’ refers to the propagation of the Lotus Sutra” (Feb LB, 58)**
  - *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 30, “Great Mountain,” installment 1, first four paragraphs ([Click here for link](#))

-  **“The voice of chanting daimoku” (Feb LB, 61)**
  - NHR-23, 300