



SGI-USA Men's Division
Suggested Study Material for April 2020

In April 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, Volume 15 found in the April "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR, Vol 15 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from 12 - 29 April LB.

"The most distinctive feature of Nichiren Buddhism is that is a religion of kosen-rufu ... Nichiren Buddhism is also a religion that seeks to "establish the correct teaching for the peace of the land."
(April LB, pg 14)

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"With deep emotion Shin'ichi said to them "...I know each of you has come here today after having triumphed over yourself, never shrinking from your own karma or allowing yourself to be defeated by despair. You are all magnificent victors in life. Please continue to become stronger and stronger to live out your lives to the fullest..."

"I'm sure some of you are suffering from illnesses caused by pollution, But the fact that you continue to live your lives energetically without being defeated is a source of hope for others and proof of the power of Buddhism.

"Having suffered so much, you have the right to become happy. You are the ones who will change our society. Let's struggle together and crush the devilish nature pervading the universe and human life that created this pollution."
(April LB, pp 18-19)

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"When you're in trouble like that," Shin'ichi replied, "you should all come together and renew your resolve to do your best. This is true in both baseball and life. When you are defeated in any struggle, it's actually because you have defeated yourselves before your opponent has. You mustn't allow yourselves to succumb to pressure or adverse circumstances. That's the time to refresh your commitment to winning and reignite your burning desire for victory."
(April LB, pg 21)

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"Some people might question why he was exerting himself to that extreme, but a new path cannot be blazed without such all-out effort. Opening a way forward requires changing one's mind-set."
(April LB, pg 22)

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"Academic study and achievements are not merely to be tools for personal advancement. They should be used in the pursuit of happiness of others and university study should be devoted to serving and contributing to the lives of those who could not pursue advanced learning themselves."

"Education starts with teachers. Their character is the source of the value creation that is education. In that sense, teachers themselves constitute the students' primary educational environment."
(April LB, pg 23)

Possible Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the correlation between "One Youth, Infinite Hope" and the peace of the land?
2. What does it mean to "defeat yourself"? How do we use Buddhist practice to win over self?
3. Consider the SGI a University of Life. Please discuss our role as students and teachers.