



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

In March 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, Volume 14 found in March *Living Buddhism* published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for leaders. The LB page # is indicated and NHR, Vol 14 chapter as available. All quotes from March LB pp. 26-43.

"Each person has a mission. True unity is born when each person stands up and carries out his or her own personal mission to the fullest. That is also the way to create a new history."  
(March LB, pg 35)

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"The steps taken to achieve anything momentous are by no means glamorous. In fact, in most cases, they take place quietly and out of the limelight. But such accumulated efforts have the power to change the world."

(March LB, pg 39)

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"What will we do at the crucial moment? That is when our daily efforts in faith become manifested... It's important to carry out faith that flows like water, continuing with perseverance and quiet determination. We need to polish and fortify our lives and cultivate absolute conviction in faith. When we can do that, we will be able to rouse tremendous strength at the crucial moment.

"Seeking to arouse the determination of each person present, Shin'ichi continued: "On the individual level, 'the crucial moment' is a time when you or someone you love is struck by a serious illness or has some unforeseen accident, or you lose your job or business. Such events are the manifestation of your karma from the infinite past and serve as an opportunity for you to change your destiny.

"Having your faith challenged or opposed is another example of a 'crucial moment' as are times when the Soka Gakkai is persecuted or face with some difficulties. The only way to attain happiness is to establish a diamond-like indestructible state of life and enable it to shine. Obstacles and adversity are the best tools for polishing and forging your life.

"Times of great persecution are therefore the perfect chance for us to change our karma and transform our life condition. That's why we need the courage to barely confront such onslaughts. We must not be cowardly."

(March LB, pg 42)

**Possible Questions for Discussion:**

1. How has your sense of mission evolved since you were introduced to this Buddhism?
2. Please share experiences where your practice helped you at a crucial moment.