



**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*, Volumes 14 found in *March Living Buddhism* published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR, Vol 14 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from pp. 26-43, March LB.

"Propagation is the lifeblood of religion. A religion that does not propagate its teachings is dead."

"Only Nichiren Buddhism can defeat human egoism and its devilish nature, and create an age in which true humanity prevails. For doing so is a struggle to overcome the fundamental darkness inherent in life. Nichiren Daishonin writes, "The sharp sword that severs the fundamental darkness inherent in life is none other than the Lotus Sutra' ("A Comparison of the Lotus and Other Sutras, WND-1 pg 1038). Indeed the solution lies in carrying out kosen-rufu, a movement in which each individual reveals the great life state of Buddhahood through Buddhist practice and fundamentally transforms his or her life...."

"Shin'ichi continued: "In short, the effort to introduce Buddhism to a single individual and thereby transform his or her life is the most gradual and certain path of non-violent revolution. Furthermore, to live dedicated to kosen-rufu, is the best way of life for a genuine reformer.

"It is also by demonstrating your abilities in society and gaining the trust of others that you can introduce Buddhism to others. We are attempting to carry out a new kind of revolution that no one has ever attempted before. And you are the ones who will actually achieve it and build a new age."

(March LB, pg 33)

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"Peace is not simply the absence of war; it is a state in which people come together through mutual trust and their lives overflow with joy, energy and hope."

"Kosen-Rufu is a struggle to revitalize all spheres of life – including literature, education and government – for the sake of human happiness."

(March LB, pg 35)

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"Being careless or making oversights indicates a lack of earnest commitment to standing up and taking full responsibility. If we are serious and have the strong resolve not to allow a single failure, we will naturally be meticulous."

(March LB, pg 37)

**Possible Questions for Discussion:**

1. When you share this Buddhism with others, which aspects of Nichiren's teachings first come to mind?
2. What is your interpretation of President Ikeda's phrase "genuine reformer"?
3. Please discuss President Ikeda's remarks on peace, culture and kosen-rufu.