



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

In November 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from "*The New Human Revolution*" Volumes 22 found in November "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR Vol 22 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from pages 28-45 November LB.

"Upon reaching a deadlock, it is best to return to the starting point. For Nichiren Buddhists, this means chanting Nam-myoho-renge-kyo. Since the Mystic Law is the fundamental Law of the universe, prayers invoking the Mystic Law have the power to make anything happen."

"The SGI spirit is for each individual to be a good citizen and the conscience of his or her community and country. It serves as a driving force of creating peace and prosperity of society and the happiness of all people." (November LB, pg 37)

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"The social role and responsibility of the Soka Gakkai is to engage in a spiritual struggle, deriving from the innermost depths of our beings, against such external forces as violence and political and economic oppression that diminish the dignity and value of human life." (November LB, pg 41)

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"Shin'ichi Yamamoto said: "Each of you is the Soka Gakkai in its entirety. Please be assured that the Soka Gakkai in its entirety. Please be assured that the Soka Gakkai can exist in no other form. Nichiren Buddhism teaches that each individual is qualified and possesses that noble mission."

"Each of us is the Soka Gakkai, and our relations with the members around us and our groups and districts are the Soka Gakkai, too. That is why kosen-rufu advances to the extent that we develop ourselves and strive our hardest for the sake of others and society. The Soka Gakkai can only triumph when each of us stands up and triumphs personally.

"In social organizations, the individual is liable to be subsumed within the group. But the Soka Gakkai is a humanistic organization based on unity in diversity, striving to enable each individual to realize their fullest potential and personality. The purpose of the organization is to further kosen-rufu. It is a lofty effort to firmly establish a philosophy of the value of life in each person, and to protect human dignity and allow one's individuality to shine.

"We are not merely individual cogs within an organization; each of us possesses the Soka Gakkai within us that can serve as a source of pride and courage, and a guiding principle for our lives. In other words, the strength of the Soka Gakkai derives from the fact that it exists within each of us as individuals, deeply rooted in our innermost beings." (November LB, pg 45)

Possible Questions for Discussion:

1. Please discuss recent spiritual struggles and how your daily practice has given you the hope to advance.