



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

In September 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, Volumes 20 found in September "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR, Vol 20 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from 24-41 September LB.

"It is when we courageously speak that truth that we are able to open the door to others' hearts and allow the light of the spirit to shine through. This is how the seeds of trust are cultivated."

(September LB, pg 28)

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"Working selflessly for the sake of the people and society is the spirit of bodhisattvas, of the Buddha; it is the heart of Buddhist practitioners. There is no Buddhism without action."

"Treasuring and protecting life are universal, golden rules for the very survival of humankind."

(September LB, pg 31)

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"Exchange between nations on the political and economic levels is often disrupted by self-interests. That is why Shin'ichi continued to emphasize the importance of broad-ranging cultural, educational and academic exchange on the private level in order to establish lasting bilateral peace and friendship."

"Buddhism, which expounds that all people possess the Buddha nature, within, is also a teaching of the sovereignty of the people. And the Soka Gakkai's movement for kosen-rufu is aimed at actualizing a world in which the people are the true sovereigns and can lead happy and fulfilled lives."

"The world is one, and the human race is one. For people to reach out to one another and work together is a historical inevitability."

(September LB, pg 33)

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"The responsive chord that sincerity strikes in people's hearts transcends all national boundaries. Sincerity is the tie that brings people together."

(September LB, pg 37)

Possible Questions for Discussion:

1. How can you use prayer and dialogue to cultivate trust?
2. The word practice includes the letters "A-c-t" – what are different actions one can take as part of Buddhist practice?
3. How have activities within your Buddhist community helped you transcend ego and self interest?
4. During these unprecedented times what strikes you about Ikeda Sensei's conviction that working together is an historical inevitability?