



## **SGI-USA Men's Division** **Suggested Study Material for January 2021**

In January 2021, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from "*The New Human Revolution*" Volumes 24 found in January "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR Vol 24 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from 34-51 January LB

"I want you to be my representatives and speak to them, listen to their problems, rally them, inspire them and warmly encourage them. Please think about what I would do as president of the Soka Gakkai, how would I encourage them and then strive to surpass me in that spirit."

(January LB, pg 39)

"There is no distinction between friend and foe in the heart of a compassionate mother who loves her children. This is the starting point for love of humanity and peace.

(January LB, pg 41)

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"Discussion meetings are the "great earth" of the Soka Gakkai. When that ground is well tilled and nourished, trees flourish, flowers bloom and fruits ripen."

"The Soka Gakkai is a place of humanistic education, teaching people how to polish and elevate themselves, live in a genuinely humane way and work for the good of society."

(January LB, pg 45)

"The Light of wisdom and conviction break through the darkness of apathy and resignation that looms over the age. Each individual needs to become a beacon illuminating his or her community with the light of revitalization to show the best course society should take. That's the mission of the members of the Soka Gakkai."

(January LB, pg 47)

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"When he was alive, he was a Buddha in life, and now he is a Buddha in death. He is a Buddha in both life and death. This is what is meant by that most important doctrine called attaining Buddhahood in one's present form"

(January LB, pg 50)

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"At first only Nichiren chanted Nam-myoho-renge-kyo, but then two, three, and a hundred followed, chanting and teaching others."

(January LB, pg 51)

### **Possible Questions for Discussion:**

1. We are all Shin'ichi Yamamoto (President Ikeda). What does this mean?
2. How has your practice of Buddhism influenced your view of parenting or your parents?
3. What does humanistic education mean to you?
4. That most fundamental question of death impacts how we live each day. Please discuss.
5. Propagation is the lifeblood of this practice. What can you do today, in spite of the global pandemic, to plant the seed of Buddhahood in another?