



SGI-USA Men's Division

Suggested Study Material for October 2019

In October 2019, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from "*The New Human Revolution*" Volume 10 found in July "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The name of the NHR chapter name (as available) and pg number in Living Buddhism is indicated as available. All quotes from pg 22-39, October, LB.

"Our innermost determination moves the universe. Because cause and effect are simultaneous, all results are encompassed in our present resolve. Determination is not just words. True determination contains earnest prayer and brims with concentrated energy. It gives rise to wholehearted action and leads without fail to splendid victory." (A New Course), pg 38

"To treasure each person, to share their sufferings and to protect them is the spirit of Nichiren Daishonin, the Buddha of the Latter Day of the Law, and the spirit of the Soka Gakkai. It is also the starting point of humanism" (Crown Champions), pg 38

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"Life is infinitely valuable: there is no greater treasure. The most important challenge we therefore face is how and to what purpose we should dedicate our precious lives.

The Daishonin tells us to use our lives to spread Buddhism – in other words, to use our lives for kosen-rufu. For that is the direct path to attaining Buddhahood, the state of absolute happiness, in this life. (A New Course), pg 34

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"When Shin'ichi was shaking hands with staff members, a young African American man rushed up to him and extended his hand. Shin'ichi grasped it and the youth began speaking excitedly.

"President Yamamoto, thank you so much for coming to the United States at this dangerous time when riots are happening in Watts. Your actions have shown me what courage really is. You also have taught the spirit of a leader dedicated to realizing peace for all people. My own courage has increased a hundredfold. Someday we will build, through our own efforts, a peaceful and harmonious society free of racial conflicts in America. Please rest assured of that." Tears streamed down the young man's face.

Shin'ichi replied: "Thank you! If you have solidified your resolve to achieve kosen-rufu I can safely say my purpose in coming to this country has been fulfilled. It's enough for a single individual, for you to rise up with the same spirit as me. Just as a great river begins from a single drop, a great river of peace in America will begin from you. I entrust America to you."

"The young man clutched Shin'ichi's hand in both of his and shook it firmly. Both men's eyes shone with emotion." (Winds of Happiness), pg 31

Questions:

1. Please discuss the above freely.