



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

In August 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, volumes 19 found in *August Living Buddhism* published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for leaders. The NHR Vol 19 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from 18–35 August LB.

"No matter how deep the darkness, no matter how fiercely the winds blow. I hope you will keep a rainbow of hope in your hearts and advance in high and indomitable spirits.

A rainbow is a symbol of hope, ideals and lofty intentions. And faith is the source of all of these."  
(August LB, pg 21)

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"I can assert that Toda University was the best university in the world. I believe that, as an honor student of that university, it is my responsibility to widely demonstrate that fact."

"The people of every nation in the world have a right to live... Now is the time for emergence of a movement of people awakened to that inherent right. I am counting on the youth division to initiate such a movement."

"The great endeavor of realizing peace can only be achieved when the younger generation stands up. To build everlasting peace, youth and their potential must be fostered."

(August LB, pg 22-23)

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"To joyfully give one's own time and resources for the sake of kosen-rufu is the noble behavior of a Bodhisattva. That spirit of faith is certain to manifest itself as infinite good fortune and benefit."

(August LB, pg 27)

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"Smiling warmly, Shin'ichi said to him: "Riki-san, everything comes down to chanting Nam-myoho-enge-kyo. This is the time for you to overcome your karma through faith and wholeheartedly resolve to dedicate your life to kosen-rufu. That will provide the momentum for changing your karma.

"When we make kosen-rufu our mission and strive for it with all our being, the great life force of a Bodhisattva of the Earth begins to pulse within us, enabling us to break the chains of karma..."

"Kosen-rufu is another for realizing lasting peace. Efforts to rebuild the Soka Gakkai in the aftermath of World War II stemmed from Josei Toda's resolute determination to eradicate war. As such, praying and striving for peace is the essential spirit of the Soka Gakkai"

(August LB, pg 29)

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

1. What does Ikeda Sensei's attitude toward Toda University say to you about the oneness of Mentor-Disciple relationship?
2. Why is raising successors essential? How can you foster a successor today?
3. How is changing our own karma connected to advancing kosen-rufu?