



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

In February 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, volumes 13 found in February "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for all members. The NHR Vol 13 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from pp 24–41, February LB.

"As long as women's happiness is sacrificed, peace for humanity can never be realized. When women shine, they shed light upon their households, their communities and their societies. This is why we need to make the 21<sup>st</sup> century a Century of Women, a time when women will take center stage."  
(February LB, pg 33)

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"A capable person must be strong. You may have a pure and beautiful heart, but if you are weak you cannot work for peace and happiness of others. Therefore, I hope you will find something that you really excel at. It doesn't matter with it is, but the point is that you pursue it with your whole being."  
(February LB, pg 37)

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"Ultimately, whether a place achieves peace and prosperity relies solely on the determination of the people who live there... the key to building a land of happiness lies entirely at the development of human beings."

(February LB, pg 28)

"The Soka Gakkai does not exist in some faraway place. It is precisely within district discussion meetings that the reality of the Soka Gakkai is found."

(February LB, pg 29)

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"True diplomatic relations begin with connections between human beings, with human exchange. The key, therefore, is to create bonds of trust and friendship that bring people together. After all, 'it is people who move a nation.'" (February LB, pg 31)

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"The fact that our members work together amicably is proof that they are achieving their human revolution and transforming their lives on a fundamental level."

(February LB, pg 35)

**Questions:**

1. How is your human revolution going in the Century of Women?
2. Capability, strength and daily Buddhist practice. Please discuss those connections.
3. What does it mean to achieve peace? Prosperity? Happiness?
4. How can you chant to improve diplomatic relations? What can you do to move a nation?
5. Why is it challenging to work amicably with others in spite of good intentions?