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Not the End of the World

It has occurred to me recently that many members are still getting quite heavy over the random occurrence of a missed gongyo. Some wholeheartedly believe that because they have missed morning gongyo, they are destined to have a miserable day. This is in no way the spirit of Nichiren Daishonin nor our SGI President Ikeda. I believe it is residue from a previous time in our organization's history.

President Ikeda implores us to do the best we can. He has not once said that missing gongyo is the end of the world. As the Gosho says, "The real meaning of Lord Shakyamuni Buddha's appearance lay in his behavior as a human being" — not how many gongyos he did or didn't miss.

— LARRY TISH, Boston

Remembering JFK

I related to the article about Conover Hunt's efforts to develop an openness in Dallas about JFK's assassination (Dec. 27, 1996, "Worldview"). Her efforts to have a museum will let a new generation remember Kennedy. I had the opportunity to ride on the route JFK went that terrible day when my cousin drove me on a tour of the city. I walked up to the sixth floor and looked out the Book Depository window, and it sent chills through me. I was walking through the hall in junior high when an announcement was made that the president had been shot. Keep up the good work on the "Worldview" section.

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