

WOW! Nothing Wrong With You
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Some of us equate human revolution with self-criticism. We suppose that we're deeply flawed or unworthy and must correct our shortcomings before we can be happy.

To me, that's a bastardization of this beautiful religion.

Sure, self-reflection and self-development are crucial, and we all have at least one troublesome character trait. As SGI President Ikeda says, "Each of us has 'one fundamental evil' — one basic fault — that stands in the way of our personal growth."

Even so, there's nothing intrinsically wrong with you — or me — no matter what circumstances we may be in.

If you don't believe me, try this: Take a breath. See what I mean? You can turn ordinary air into the treasure called life. You're a marvel, a miracle — we all are. To me, human revolution means to disabuse ourselves of thinking otherwise.

Josei Toda said: "Human revolution means a transformation of our views of life, of the world, and of society that we have held until now.... It means changing from a small or medium objective to a great objective, from a lifestyle of small or medium good to one of great good, and from a view of life's purpose based on an awareness of this lifetime only to establishing an indomitable, steadfast view of life based on one's awareness of life's eternity."

Human revolution is not about self-flagellation or addressing perceived inadequacies. It's about coming to see the Buddhahood that's right in front of — and behind — your nose.

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