

**SIGN POSTS: Going On Eight Years**  
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**Anyone who teaches the truths of Buddhism to others is bound to incur hatred from men and women, priests and nuns. Let them say what they will. (“The Embankments of Faith,” *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 1, p. 159)**

This passage is part of a letter written in 1275 to Sennichi-ama. At the time, Nichiren Daishonin had returned from his second exile, which was to Sado Island. He had been criticized and attacked by the most powerful men in Japan.

Sennichi-ama wrote to ask about the varying degrees of slander in Buddhism. Teaching others about the correct ways of Buddhism is a difficult task. It requires not only that you understand the teachings, but that you have the desire to share the teachings with others, no matter the consequences. The SGI is the only organization making efforts to share the spirit (and not just the words) of the Daishonin’s Buddhism, while at the same time incurring slander from others.

When the priests transferred the Dai-Gohonzon, they issued a memo that due to the “slandorous conduct of Daisaku Ikeda and the Soka Gakkai in recent years, it would serve the true intent of our master Nichiren Daishonin to transfer the Dai-Gohonzon....” This memo comes from an organization that has twice excommunicated more than 99 percent of its membership (namely the SGI), and has also gone out of its way to strengthen its ties with Minobu, which it previously considered heretical.

Who’s committing slander?

Also, if the Grand Main Temple is such a bad place, wouldn’t it make sense to leave the area? Wouldn’t it be considered slander to stay there?

For going on eight years, we have heard Nikken and company proclaim that the SGI and SGI President Ikeda are slandering the Law. Let them say what they will. What’s most important is faith. And faith is not something you can order from on high or move from one building to another.

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