

GOSHO STUDY MATERIAL FOR 2001

In 2001, the SGI-USA Study Department recommends that bimonthly study meetings on *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* be held in even-numbered months by chapter, the same as last year. A study guide will be published in odd-numbered months (one month prior to the study meeting months) in *Living Buddhism*.

The following study material is for these meetings throughout 2001:

1) The February study material will be in the January 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“On Repaying Debts of Gratitude”

WND, p. 736: from 3rd paragraph, “If Nichiren’s compassion is...,” to end of 4th paragraph, “...does it not?”

“Ho’on Sho” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 329: 3rd line to 7th line in January 2000 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- Three virtues
- Benefit of daimoku
- Time of kosen-rufu
- Spirit of *shakubuku*

2) The April study material will be in the March 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“Letter to Niike”

WND, p. 1027: from 2nd paragraph, “How swiftly...,” to end of 3rd paragraph, “...evil by the foot.”

“Niike Gosho” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 1440: 8th line to 18th line in September 2000 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- Life and death
- Sustaining faith
- Benefit of offerings to the three treasures
- Defeating evil in our lives

3) The June study material will be in the May 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“Letter to Jakunichi-bo”

WND, p. 993: from 3rd paragraph, “In accordance with...,” to end of the writing.

“Jakunichi-bo Gosho” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 903: 5th line to 17th line in May 2000 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- Bodhisattva Superior Practices/Bodhisattvas of the Earth
- Mentor-and-disciple relationship/The heart of the mentor

- Spirit to never backslide in faith/Faith to surmount obstacles
- Benefit of the practice throughout eternity

4) The August study material in the July 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“The Selection of the Time”

WND, p. 579: from 2nd paragraph, “In the secular texts...,” to p. 580, end of 1st paragraph, “...to attain Buddhahood.”

“Senji Sho” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 287, 8th line, to p. 288, 7th line, in February 1999 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- Three important pronouncements
- Meaning of “the selection of the time”
- Spirit to fight against authoritarianism
- Stand-alone spirit

5) The October study material will be in the September 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“The Treatment of Illness”

WND, p. 1113: from 2nd paragraph, “Questions: If, as you...,” to end of 3rd paragraph, “...our faith is strong.”

“Chibyou Daishou Gonjitsu Imoku” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 997: 4th line to 11th line in February 2000 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- Good and evil
- The fundamental nature of enlightenment/Buddhist gods
- The fundamental darkness/the devil king of the sixth heaven
- Lessening karmic retribution

6) The December study material will be in the Nov. 2001 issue of *Living Buddhism*.

“The Kalpa of Decrease”

WND, p. 1121: from 5th paragraph, “This is explained...,” to p. 1122, end of 1st paragraph, “...the wisdom of Buddhism.”

“Genko Gosho” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 1466: 10th line to 18th line in August 2000 *Daibyakurenge*).

Points of Study:

- The spirit to refute wrong and establish justice
- The humanism of Buddhism/Standing on the side of the people
- Buddhism equals society/Actual proof in society
- Great evil portends the arrival of great good