

## 68<sup>th</sup> High Priest Nichinyo Shonin's Guidance

Gosho Passage of the Month

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*“Onkō kikigaki”*

May 28, 1280 (Age 59)

**Propagating the seven characters of  
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(Gosho p.1818 『御講聞書』)

**Nichiren Shoshu Myosenji**

... The Bodhisattva Medicine King (*Yakuō bosatsu*; twenty-third) chapter of the Lotus Sutra expounds: You have upheld this sutra, read and recited it, pondered and preached it for the sake of others. The benefits you will receive are immeasurable and boundless. They cannot be burned by fire or washed away by water. Your benefits are so great, that one thousand Buddhas preaching together could not adequately describe them. (*Hokekyo*, p.538) “You have upheld this sutra, read and recited it, pondered and preached it for the sake of others” refers to the practice for oneself and others. This passage teaches that the benefit one will gain from practicing for oneself and others is so enormous that it cannot be marred by fire or water. This benefit cannot adequately be described, even if one thousand Buddhas joined together to explain it.

Furthermore, the “Recorded Lectures” (*“Onkō kikigaki”*) states: “Propagating the seven characters of Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo in the Latter Day of the Law is the only way for one to receive true benefits.”

Now in the Latter Day of the Law, doing shakubuku is the only way for one to receive the great benefit of the Buddha. If you wish to sever your negative karma, build a supreme life condition, and live a happy life filled with benefits, you should first and foremost conduct shakubuku. It is the very mission of both the priesthood and laity of Nichiren Shoshu, who advance forth toward kōsen-rufu. We all should be aware that this is the best way to attain true happiness.

I assume we are all well aware that the only way to save those who suffer from the three poisons of greed, anger, and stupidity is to do shakubuku. However, just knowing this alone means very little.

In this “Year of Taking Action to do Shakubuku,” all individuals must put action before theory so that they, themselves, will receive the boundless benefits of the Dai-Gohonzon and will save the many people who suffer in deep distress. (On the occasion of Kōsen-rufu Shodai Ceremony at Head Temple – Jan. 1, 2011)