

*“Questions and Answers between a Sage
and a Foolish Man”*

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(Gosho p.408 『聖愚問答抄』)

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In “Questions and Answers between a Sage and a Foolish Man” (*“Shōgu mondō-shō”*), the Daishonin states: By the single practice of taking faith in Myoho-Renge-Kyo, there are no benefits that will not be drawn to you, no benefits that will fail to come, and no good causes that will fail to be accumulated. (*Gosho*, p. 408)

The Gosho “White Horses and White Swans” (*“Utsubusa nyōbō-gohenji”*) reads: All the benefits of the entire text of the Lotus Sutra of 28 chapters in eight volumes are contained within Myoho-Renge-Kyo. It can be compared to the bright jewel that possesses ten thousand treasures. This is the teaching of a single dust particle endowed with three thousand doctrines. (*Gosho*, p. 1490)

Thus, he compares the vastness of the benefit of Myoho-Renge-Kyo to the bright jewel, which can fulfill any wish.

We must etch these golden words into our hearts and conduct shakubuku as soon as possible, to save even one more person. We should embrace the Dai-Gohonzon of the Three Great Secret Laws with absolute conviction and tell people from the bottom of our hearts that anyone can transform the three paths of earthly desires, karma, and suffering into the three virtues of the property of the Law, wisdom and emancipation. One can attain the state of true happiness in one’s present and future existences through the benefits of chanting Daimoku.

What must we do in order to establish firm conviction? We must do Gongyo and chant Daimoku assiduously. When you pray to the Gohonzon sincerely, the pure heart to save others will arise from the depths of your life. Then, your words will be filled with compassion, and you will move people’s hearts without fail.

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