

**“Questions and Answers  
on Embracing the Lotus Sutra”**

1263 (Age 42)

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(Gosho p.300 『持妙法華問答抄』)

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Just like the one-eyed turtle who encounters a floating log with a hole that is just the right size for him, the joy that comes from being born a human being and encountering the Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin is immeasurable and beyond comparison due to the difficulty [and rarity] of this occurrence.

However, instead of keeping this happiness just to ourselves, it is most important that we save as many others as possible. This is the practice of the disciples and lay believers of the Daishonin. People still are struggling with misfortune, because they are committing slander against the correct Law by upholding the poison of erroneous teachings and heretical doctrines, without even being aware of it. This includes the members of the Ikeda Soka Gakkai.

Presently, Nichiren Shoshu is moving forward toward the achievement of our goals for 2015 and 2021, with concerted efforts, based on the unity between priesthood and laity. We must be aware of our great responsibility to save the world from chaos and confusion. I'd like to conclude my address with my heartfelt prayer that all of you will fulfill your mission as followers of the Bodhisattvas of the Earth, and practice harder than ever, in order to achieve our goal. (On the occasion of Kōsen-rufu Shodai Ceremony at Head Temple – Oct. 7, 2012)