

“Reply to Uchibusa Nyōbō”

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Regarding the virtues of Myoho-Renge-Kyo, it is clearly demonstrated that evil will change into good through the five characters of Myoho-Renge-Kyo, just like poison changing into medicine. Pristine Spring is so named, because in this spring, stone can change into jade. In the same manner, these five characters are able to change common mortals into Buddhas.

(Gosho p.1492 『内房女房御返事』)

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...the benefits of Daimoku, which are boundless and immeasurable, are prominently manifested. Thus, what is most important in doing shakubuku is to first properly perform shodai, and then take action based on the benefit and joy of chanting Daimoku.

In fact, shodai is fundamental to Buddhist practice, and is the basis for the achievement of our shakubuku goal. Firm determination, unwavering faith, and immeasurable wisdom in conducting shakubuku arise from the practice of shodai. This will enable us to conduct shakubuku compassionately for the salvation of all living beings, as followers of the Bodhisattvas of the Earth.

Thus, as we view the recent conditions of chaos and confusion in today's world, filled with the five impurities, we should bear in mind that now is the time for each and every one of us to conduct shakubuku—refuting erroneous belief and revealing the truth. We must devote ourselves to chanting Daimoku day and night and upholding the Daishonin's true intention expressed in the Risshō ankoku-ron.

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