

“On Chanting the Daimoku of the Lotus Sutra”

(“*Sho hokke Daimoku-sho*”)

In the Latter Day of the Law, there are many who do not possess the seed of Buddhahood¹⁾. There are only a few who possess it. Thus, there is no doubt that the people [in the Latter Day of the Law] will fall into the evil paths. [Since they are going to fall into the evil paths one way or another,] we should strongly teach and make them listen to the Lotus Sutra and let them form a poison-drum relationship²⁾ with it. Thus, now is certainly the time to create a reverse relationship³⁾ by propagating the Lotus Sutra. (Goshō, p. 231)

1)Seed of Buddhahood: Here, it refers to the fundamental seed of Buddhahood characterizing Myōhō-Renge-Kyō of the Buddhism of the sowing of the true cause from the infinite past of *kuon-ganjo*.

2)Poison-drum relationship: Poison-drum refers to a drum smeared with poison. It is an allegory contained in the Nirvana Sutra (*Taisho Tripitaka*, 12-410), which teaches that merely hearing the sound of this drum will cause a person to die. When one insists on expounding the Lotus Sutra, those who refuse to listen to it will, in fact, be slandering true Buddhism. However, based on the poison-drum relationship, such people are actually creating a relationship with true Buddhism.

3)Reverse relationship: This means to form a relationship with the Law by slandering true Buddhism.

High Priest Nichinyō Shōnin’s Guidance

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Exerting yourself in faith and practice with absolute confidence in the Dai-Gohonzon of the High Sanctuary of the Essential Teaching is the noblest and best path for achieving enlightenment in this life. Faith [and practice] based on our acceptance of and belief in the Dai-Gohonzon and the Dai-Gohonzon’s immeasurable power—abundant faith and practice in which we totally dedicate ourselves and leave everything up to the Dai-Gohonzon—enables us to build true happiness spanning the three existences [of life].