

New SGI-USA Study Department Curriculum

The following is the revised SGI-USA Study Curriculum for each level from 1998 through 2001. The page numbers listed indicate the material from which the exam questions will be derived. Pages 7–43 of this issue and the *SGI-USA Study Program Entrance-level Textbook* comprise all the necessary material for the Entrance-level Exam.

ENTRANCE-LEVEL

The Entrance-level Exam will be held on April 19, 1998; in spring 1999; in spring 2000; in spring 2001. Any SGI-USA member who has no Study Department position is eligible to take this exam.

1. *SGI-USA Study Program Entrance-Level Textbook*
 - “On Attaining Buddhahood” (pp. 6–12; 20–29)
 - “The Real Aspect of the Gohonzon” (pp. 32–43; 47–52)
2. *Learning From the Gosho: The Eternal Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin*
 - “Happiness in This World” (pp. 223–246)
3. *The Life of Nichiren Daishonin*
 - Nichiren’s Daishonin’s life (pp. 11–18; 56–78; 83–115)
4. *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue (pamphlet)*
 - Introduction; Question No. 2; Question No. 4 (pp. 4–6; 9–10; 13–16)

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL

The Elementary-level Exam will be held in October 1998 and in the fall of 2000.

1. *SGI-USA Study Program Elementary-Level Textbook*
 - “Letter to the Brothers” (pp. 6–13; 22–5; 31–51; 57–61; 67–74; 80–84; 89–104)
 - “The Person and the Law” (pp. 107–127)
 - *Ichinen Sanzen* (pp. 128–160)
2. *Learning From the Gosho: The Eternal Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin*
 - “One Essential Phrase I & II” (pp. 73–94)
3. Vol. 1 of *Lectures on the “Expedient Means” and “Life Span” Chapters of the Lotus Sutra*
 - The “Expedient Means” Chapter. (pp. 5–43; 53–83; 133–140)
4. *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue (pamphlet)*
 - The entire pamphlet.

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INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL

The Intermediate-level Exam will be held in the fall of 1999.

1. *SGI-USA Study Program Intermediate-Level Textbook*
 - “Rissho Ankoku Ron” (pp. 75–136)
2. *Learning From the Gosho: The Eternal Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin*
 - “The Opening of the Eyes, I & II” (pp. 49–72)
3. Vols. 2 and 3 of *Lectures on the “Expedient Means” and “Life Span” Chapters of the Lotus Sutra*
 - The “Life Span” Chapter. (Specific sections to be decided.)
4. *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue* (pamphlet)
 - The entire pamphlet.

ADVANCED-LEVEL

The Advanced-level Exam will be held in fall 2001.

1. *Selected Lectures on the Gosho*
 - “The True Entity of Life” (pp. 3–24; 30–38; 58–70; 87–89)
 - “Heritage of the Ultimate Law” (pp. 95–109; 121–123; 150–155; 169–172; 192–195)
 - “The True Object of Worship” (pp. 203–223; 240–281)
2. “Dialogue on the Lotus Sutra” Series
 - Specific sections for the exam will be decided in the future. (Please begin studying the series, which began in the April 1995 *Seikyo Times* and continues in *Living Buddhism*.)
3. *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue* (pamphlet)
 - The entire pamphlet.