

## The Most Meaningful Revolution Is Human Revolution COURTESY OF SGI NEWSLETTER

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Next year, 1997, I celebrate my 50th anniversary of joining the Soka Gakkai and embracing faith in Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism.

I was 19 when I met Josei Toda. At that very first meeting, I instinctively sensed that I would carry on in his footsteps and that it would be an arduous struggle.

Mr. Toda was also the go-between when I got married. At that time, he said: "We're going to launch a great revolution. It won't be a revolution that entails the use of guns or despotic powers. It will be a bloodless revolution — a 'human revolution.'"

At 32, I became president of the Soka Gakkai. From that time on, just as the summit of Mount Fuji is constantly blasted by violent gales, I have been subjected to an endless barrage of attacks and insidious schemes. Someone once remarked, "The job of Soka Gakkai president is so rigorous that the average person would not last at it for even a month." Surmounting all kinds of obstacles and persecution, I have built the SGI into what it is today.

The main theme of our drive for human revolution is that the great inner transformation in the life of a single individual can serve as a catalyst for changing society, an entire nation, and even the world.

The Buddhist scriptures describe the body of a Buddha as "indestructible as a diamond" (*The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 2 [2nd. ed.], p. 184). It is vital therefore to forge a resolute and unshakable self — a self strong enough to calmly withstand whatever conditions or circumstances one may encounter in daily life and society.

The Mystic Law is the supreme and eternal law. Nothing can surpass it. If one upholds the Mystic Law, the Buddhist gods Bonten and Taishaku will unfailingly offer their protection. However, those who act to suppress and negate the Mystic Law will only bring ruin upon themselves.

Buddhism is win or lose. Only by triumphing over devilish functions can we attain Buddhahood. That is why we mustn't fear anything.

The causes we make in the present determine the effects we will see in the future. Therefore, let us advance confidently along the wise and profound path of human revolution.

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