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Let's Move On

I apologize from the depths of my life to those of you who were offended by words I used in my head to ward off death (twice). It's true I wish I had thought *Nam-myoho-renge-kyo*. However, I didn't. The phrase I used was ugly, fearful and vicious; it is not a phrase I use in daily life. [See Ms. Bundy's experience in the May 23 *World Tribune*.]

Death was pulling me, as I flatlined twice. Both times, I thought the same thing in my mind, like a silent scream. I fought to remain in my body and not to hover above it. I seemed to know with my life that if that happened, I would never return. I was furious. I could not die, although it would have ended the excruciating pain I was experiencing (about six times that of an appendicitis attack).

So I fought with everything I had, despite cardiac arrest, etc., because I would have left my daughter basically without a parent (yes, she is an adult, but we are very close because of this practice), and because I feared the precious members of our district and all the precious people I introduced to this practice would be discouraged by my demise. This was my attitude and my determination.

So I ask you: Please, let's move on. And thank you, *World Tribune*, for printing that "phrase" — it took courage. I shall continue to chant with deep and sincere appreciation for my practice and my life, and to fight for my happiness and the happiness of others.

— BROOKE BUNDY, Los Angeles

The Priesthood Problem

Kudos and much appreciation to the publishers of *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue*! The timing could not have been better, at least for me. I've been struggling with the priesthood problem for the past few years, reading what I could, chanting about it, trying to arrive at a clear, personal position. It's only been this summer that I've come to some confident conclusions, and the appearance of this pamphlet has reinforced them. Thank you.

— DOMINIC GOMEZ, San Francisco

Big Business Blues

While riding the bus to work this morning I was reading Bill Endsley's article "Taking Care of Business — as Buddhists" (Sept. 12 *World Tribune*). Wow! As I read the article, I consciously became aware that I, too, am struggling with some of these same major business issues.

Tom Friese was quoted in the article saying: "I found the world of big business to be a world of jealousy, hatred and grudges. Executives were constantly covering for one another and in the end hurting people and the business." Exactly. Exactly. Exactly. I have chosen an approach similar to Tom's, by not playing along with their games.

Unlike Tom, I've chosen to stay in the corporate world. It has been difficult as far as personal promotions go, but as far as building bridges with my peers, it's been very successful. Who do my peers trust and to who do they turn when they need help and advice? I'll just say it's not anyone on the executive level. Thanks for the great article.

— ALBY ZATKOFF, Minneapolis, Minn.

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