

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. The December 1997 *Living Buddhism* (pp. 7–43) and the *SGI-USA Study Program Entrance-Level Textbook* comprise all the necessary material for the Entrance Exam.

ENTRANCE-LEVEL

The Entrance Exam will be held on April 19, 1998; in spring 1999; in spring 2000; and 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 Daishonin’s life (pp. 11–18; 56–78; 83–115)

4. *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue*

- “Introduction”; question No. 2; question No. 4 (pp. 4–6; 9–10; 13–16)

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL

The Elementary 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)
- A life-moment possesses 3,000 realms (pp. 128–160)

2. *Learning From the Gosho: The Eternal Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin*

- “One Essential Phrase,” parts 1 and 2 (pp. 73–94)

3. Volume 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*

INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL

The Intermediate 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,” parts 1 and 2 (pp. 49–72)
 3. Volumes 2, 3, *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*

ADVANCED-LEVEL

The Advanced 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*

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