

WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

The Right Move

The *World Tribune* was a publication I was unaware of — until a couple of months ago. Until that time, I was a member with the Nichiren Shoshu temple in Chicago. After subscribing, I realized that the SGI is not a cult like the temple suggested, but an actual educating system of the Daishonin's true intent for this wonderful Buddhism we all practice.

I realized after reading the *World Tribune* that people out in society practicing and chanting Nam-myoho-renge-kyo seem to be some of the most vibrant people, and helping others to grow. After also visiting the culture center in Chicago and visiting with SGI members in Madison, I am thoroughly convinced that this was the right move.

However the most important aspect that I have seen is in the Mailbox in the *World Tribune*. Why? Unlike the temples, there is the freedom to express how we feel, and be able to question our peers....

I have not seen such range of topics or views related in such a way to one purpose. That purpose: to teach others the magnitude of life and the chanting of the Mystic Law (Nam-myoho-renge-kyo).

—ARCHIE DURAND, Chicago

Courage Is the Key

I was touched by the experience “Thirty Years of Growth” by Lloyd Fischel (Oct. 9). It came on a day that I was feeling depressed. I have been practicing for 24 years and I can absolutely relate to what he is saying. I needed to be reminded that we do indeed create our karma, which is why we experience the good, bad and evil. I have been struggling with my own demons, which causes me to forget that I have this wonderful practice. I got so caught up in my misery that I lost sight of how to take on my problems through my Buddhist practice.

President Ikeda says, “All you need is courage.” The Daishonin says, “A coward cannot have any of his prayers answered.” Your prayers will not be fulfilled if you are a coward. Victory and glory are both born from courage.

Thanks again for sharing your beautiful experience.

—MARY REEVES, Virginia Beach West, Va.

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