

ENTRANCE- AND ADVANCED-LEVEL EXAMINATIONS IN 2001

Study examinations of the entrance and advanced levels will be held this year. This will conclude the current study curriculum that began in 1994.

Entrance Examination

1) Date of the Exam: Sunday, April 22, 2001.

2) Eligibility of Candidates:

Those who are currently SGI-USA members. Anyone who is currently not an SGI-USA member but wishes to take the exam may do so but will not be able to receive a Study Department certificate until they become a member of SGI-USA, even if they pass the exam.

3) Study Materials:

The study material for the exam is the same as last year. All of the study material has been published in a single booklet titled *SGI-USA Study Department Entrance Exam Study Material*, which is available at SGI-USA bookstores and from the SGI-USA Mail Order Center. The materials are collected from four different sources:

Source No. 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).

Source No. 2: *Learning From the Gosho: The Eternal Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin.*

- “Happiness in This World” (pp. 233–46; these pages were reprinted in the December 1997 issue of *Living Buddhism*).

Source No. 3: *The Life of Nichiren Daishonin.*

- Nichiren Daishonin’s life (pp. 11–18, 56–78, 83–115; these pages were reprinted in the December 1997 issue of *Living Buddhism*).

Source No. 4: *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue (pamphlet).*

- Introduction, Question No. 2, Question No. 4 (pp. 4–6, 9–10, 13–16; these pages were reprinted in the December 1997 issue of *Living Buddhism*).

4) Sample Questions:

The sample questions, which are same as last year’s, will be published in the Feb. 16 *World Tribune*.

Advanced Examination

1) Date of the Exam: Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001.

2) Eligibility of Candidates:

Those who are currently SGI-USA members and who have passed the SGI-USA Study Department Intermediate-level or Senior-level examination previously.

3) Study Materials:

The study materials are the same as announced at the end of 1998. The materials are from three different sources. *Selected Lectures on the Goshō*, vol. 1, and *The Wisdom of the Lotus Sutra*, vol. 1, are available at SGI-USA bookstores and from the SGI-USA Mail Order Center.

Source No. 1: *Selected Lectures on the Goshō*, vol. 1, published by NSIC (1993 edition).

- “The True Entity of Life” (pp. 3–24, 30–38, 58–70, 87–89).
- “Heritage of the Ultimate Law” (pp. 95–109, 121–23, 150–55, 169–72, 192–95).
- “The True Object of Worship” (pp. 203–23, 240–81).

Source No. 2: *The Wisdom of Lotus Sutra*, vol. 1, published by World Tribune Press.

• The entire book (1st through 9th installments of “Dialogue on the Lotus Sutra” series that began in the April 1995 *Seikyo Times* and continued in *Living Buddhism*).

Source No. 3: *Questions and Answers on the Temple Issue*.

- The entire pamphlet.

4) Sample Questions:

The sample questions will be published in June in the *World Tribune*.

Note: English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish will be the official languages for both examinations. Study materials in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish will be available at local SGI-USA bookstores or from the SGI-USA Mail Order Center at 1-800-626-1313; e-mail: SGIUSAMOC@aol.com.