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## ● Introduction

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It has been more than a decade since SGI members were excommunicated and denied access to the Dai-Gohonzon by the Nichiren Shoshu priesthood in 1991. Studying the issues that have arisen as a result of this situation has provided us with invaluable opportunities to understand more deeply the spirit and practice of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism.

In the following essays, Shin Yatomi, SGI-USA Study Department vice leader, revisits the issue of pilgrimage and discusses the meaning of our faith and practice. These essays originally appeared in the June 2002 issue of *Living Buddhism* and the May 24th issue of *World Tribune*. They are reprinted here with few editorial changes.

We hope that this pamphlet may assist those who wish to practice Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism by clarifying the true meaning of faith and practice as he intended.

*SGI-USA Soka Spirit Committee*