

Reply to Shijo Kingo

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Many people accept the Lotus Sutra upon hearing it. However, it is rare to find those who “remember and never forget [what they have been taught]” when the great hardships that they have heard about actually befall them. Accepting is easy, but continuing is difficult. Even so, one must maintain one’s faith in order to attain Buddhahood. Those who uphold this sutra must be prepared to undergo hardships. However, there is no doubt that “they will be able to instantly attain the unsurpassed Buddha way.”

(Gosho, p. 775)

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こ きょう 聞 受 ひと おお き う ご と だいなん き
此の経をきゝうくる人は多し。まことに聞き受くる如くに大難来たれ

おくじふもう ひと まれ う 易 たも 難
ども「憶持不忘」の人は希なるなり。受くるはやすく、持つはかたし。

あいだじょうぶつ たも こ きょう たも ひと なん あ
さる間 成仏は持つにあり。此の経を持たん人は難に値ふべしと

こころえ たも そくいしっとくむじょうぶつどう うたが な
心得て持つなり。「則為疾得無上仏道」は疑ひ無し。

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