



**NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE**  
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# The values of Good, Beauty and Gain

**D**ear Friends,  
I am overwhelmed with respect and gratitude to each and every one of you for your daily struggles to achieve kosen-rufu in 2021. You are sterling Bodhisattvas of the Earth who opened the path of kosen-rufu in South Africa like never before. All the Buddhas throughout the universe from past, present and future are surely applauding you.

This year, 2022, has been themed by the Soka Gakkai globally as the “Year of Youth and Dynamic Progress.” In the run-up to this new year, I have been chanting about fully realising the meaning of this theme for my life and for our beloved community of SGI-South Africa. For me, “dynamic progress” is synonymous with eagerly embracing human revolution.

In pursuit of your goals for 2022, what human revolution will dynamically shift your life to the next level of happiness? What words capture the change you need to embrace in 2022 in order to live with greater abundance and joy?

This year I will be challenging a new frontier of karma and recognise that at some subterranean level this frightens me. Yet, as SGI President Ikeda has firmly stated since the time of my youth: “Faith is to fear nothing.” To achieve transformation, I commit to embracing my human revolution with courage and joy—in order to achieve a fundamental shift in my ancestral karma, my personal karma, and my community’s karma. To achieve this goal means I have to overcome self-sabotage and master my small ego’s sometimes overwhelming desire for things that ultimately deplete or divide.

My focus words for 2022 will be “Pleasant” and “Good.” “Pleasant” in that I hope that all in my family, community and society, will gain a pleasant feeling from having interacted with me. As Nichiren Daishonin noted, “The purpose

of the appearance in this world of Shakyamuni Buddha, the lord of teachings, lies in his behaviour as a human being” (p. 852). In 2022, I am determined to make potential adversaries into allies.

“Good.” The “Soka Gakkai” or “Value Creation Society,” was founded on the philosophy of Tsunesaburo Makiguchi who identified that human happiness includes and integrates the values of good, beauty and gain. I intend to create good that contributes to the vibrancy, resilience and strength of our community and society in these difficult and troubling times.

## **PRAYER INFUSED WITH A GREAT VOW**

All starts with prayer infused with a great vow. The Gakkai is an organisation eternally committed to propagation. In the Year of Youth and Dynamic Progress, the youth must lead. In the “Light of Happiness” chapter of *The New Human Revolution*, Sensei shared that “It’s crucial that the Soka Gakkai’s youthful successors gain real experience propagating this Buddhism. The Soka Gakkai has emerged as an organisation dedicated to spreading Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism and carrying out kosen-rufu just as the Daishonin instructed. Its successors, the youth, need to be fostered into great champions of propagation, or the Gakkai will have no future.”

Let’s stand behind the youth as they carry forward the banner and have their backs through intergenerational dialogue. Let’s chant for more and more youth with deep karmic bonds to emerge joyously dancing. Let’s support them, guide them and inspire them; taking responsibility to raise them steeped in the heritage and empowerment of our faith. Then our organisation will go from strength to strength and we will dynamically progress together. Let’s go 2022! ■