

SOP

1 2 3 4
When how- e- ver I reached the point of en- coun- ter- ing the Lo- tus

5 6 7 8 9 3 9 3
Su- tra I was a- sto- nished to dis- co- ver that it in no way

10 3 11 12 3 13 14
con- tra- dic- ted the sci- en- ti- fic and phil- o- so- phi- cal prin- ci- ples which

15 16 17 18 19 20 3 21
form the ba- sis of our dai- ly li- ves with a joy that is be- yond

22 3 23 3 24 25 26 3 27 3
the po- wer of words to ex- press I have com- plete- ly re- newed

28 29 30 31 32
the way of life I had pur- sued for al- most six- ty years

33 34 35 36
Then when I had fi- na- lly de- ci- ded t- o firm- ly co- mmit my-

37 38 39 40 41
self to this faith I found con- fir- ma- tion of Ni- chi- ren Dai- sho- nin's

42 43 44 45 46
state- ment "when the skies are clear the ground is i- llu- mi- na- ted" "when the

47 48 49 50 51 52 3
skies are clear the ground is i- llu- mi- na- te- ted" with a joy that is be-

53 54 3 55 3 56 57 58 3
yond the po- wer of words to ex- press I have com-

59 3 60 61 62 63 64
plete- ly re- newed the way of life I had pur- sued for al- most six- ty years