

# EXPOSING THE WRONG DOINGS OF A PRIEST

**Question:** Is it slander to expose the wrongdoing of a priest?

**Rev. Hirota:** No, it is not slander. Both priests and believers are practicing together for enlightenment. It is very important to teach each other to follow the Law and not the person. If a teacher teaches you to follow him, he is teaching the wrong way. But if a Teacher teaches you to follow the Lotus Sutra, he is teaching the right way. It is very Important that we admonish each other and encourage each other. But human beings are very strict with others and lenient with themselves. You must look at yourself before you point out to other's their faults. You must be strict with yourself too. The goal of Nichiren Daishonin's teachings is not to achieve perfect personalities. The goal is for we imperfect people with various faults to gather together and help each other attain enlightenment. Pointing out the faults of others and hurting them is not the objective of practice.