

## Gosho Passage

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**Nichiren Daishonin states in “On Practicing According to the Buddha’s Teachings”:**

The fifth Five-hundred-year Period, which corresponds to the beginning of the Latter Day of the Law, is the time when the pure and perfect teaching of the single truth of the Lotus Sutra is to be propagated throughout the world. [As precisely predicted by the Buddha], this is the age of conflict, when the pure Law will become obscured and lost, and the Lotus Sutra and pre-Lotus Sutra teachings are confused. When there are enemies, you should take up a sword, stave, and bows and arrows. When there are no enemies, you do not need such weapons. In the present time of the Latter Day of the Law, the pre-Lotus Sutra teachings are the enemies of the Lotus Sutra. When the teaching of the one vehicle of Buddhahood is spread, all the pre-Lotus Sutra teachings become its enemies. When the Lotus Sutra and pre-Lotus Sutra teachings are confused, you first should refute the pre-Lotus Sutra teachings using the true Mahayana. Of the two practices of shoju and shakubuku, this is called shakubuku, based on the Lotus Sutra.

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zōng zǔ rì lián dà shèng rén yú rú shuō xiū xíng chāo yuē  
宗祖日莲大圣人于《如说修行抄》曰：

mò fǎ shǐ zhī wǔ bǎi suì wéi chún yuán yī shí zhī fǎ huá jīng guǎng xuān liú bù zhī  
末法始之五百岁唯纯圆一实之法华经广宣流布之

shí yě fó dìng cǐ shí wéi dòu zhèng jiān gù bái fǎ yǐn mò  
时也。佛定此时为斗诤坚固、白法隐没，

quán shí zá luàn zhī jì yě yǒu dí shí yìng chí dāo zhàng gōng jiàn  
权实杂乱之际也。有敌时应持刀杖弓箭，

wú dí shí gōng jiàn bīng zhàng hé yòng jīn shí quán jiào jí chéng shí jiào zhī dí  
无敌时弓箭兵杖何用。今时权教即成实教之敌。

yī chéng liú bù shí dài quán jiào chéng dí hùn xiáo bù qīng yìng yóu shí jiào zé zhī  
一乘流布时代权教成敌。混淆不清应由实教责之。

yū shè zhé zhī xiū xíng zhōng wèi cǐ nǎ fǎ huá zhé fú yě  
於摄折之修行中谓此乃法华折伏也。