

## Nichiren Daishonin states in “An Offering of Steamed Cakes”

I have received your offerings of one hundred steamed cakes and a basket of fruit. New Year’s Day is the first day, the first month of a new year, and the beginning of the year and of spring. Therefore, those who cherish this day will amass virtues and will be loved by others, just as the moon becomes gradually full while travelling from west to east and the sun shines increasingly brighter as it moves from east to west.

### 宗祖日莲大圣人御诞生八百周年

拜读御书

2021年3月

zōng zǔ rì lián dà shèngrén yú shí zì yù shū yuē  
宗祖日莲大圣人于《十字御书》曰：

shí zì bǐng yì bǎi méi xiān guǒ yì lóng shōu qì  
十字饼一百枚，鲜果一笼收讫。

zhēng yuè yī rì nǎi rì zhī chū yuè zhī shǐ nián zhī chū chūn zhī shǐ  
正月一日乃日之初，月之始，年之初，春之始。

shàn yòng cǐ zhě rú yuè zì xī xiàng dōng ér yíng  
善用此者，如月自西向东而盈，

rì yóu dōng cháo xī ér míng dé gèng shèng yì wéi rén suǒ ài yě  
日由东朝西而明，德更胜，亦为人所爱也。