GIVE ONLY PRAISE TO OTHER PEOPLE

The Basis for Raising Human Beings

<Professor Nobuzo Mori>

says that teachers should only open their mouths to give praise.

For example, if the children have not neatly lined up their shoes in the school's shoe locker,

it is the teacher's job to tidy them up when the students are not looking.

they gradually start to place their shoes neatly inside the shoe locker on their

and then the teacher praises the students.

This is what Mori means by education and guidance.

⟨Similarly, Professor Ko Hirasawa⟩

'Education is the study of how to give praise to others."

"The most important thing is to bring out the best in people and then to instill in them joy, courage, and hope."

"In the depths of your mind, you have many times more wonderful things than you yourself know. No matter what, be confident and do things magnificently."

the basis for raising young people is giving them praise.

(President Niwano>

"Let's raise people—let's cultivate people who have the mind of compassion" and

"Let's raise and nurture the minds of the people who are shouldering responsibility for the future."

"This is because the beauty of the kindness in each and every human heart protects our beautiful planet earth and leads to the happiness of all living things that exist in harmony on

" If these are words of praise, in the educational sense, then it seems to me that raising people means encouraging awareness of buddha nature,

and praising them means believing in their buddha nature

Believing In and Revering the Buddha Nature

(That said)

praising others is

difficult to do.

that says scolding is as

ineffective as "fertilizing wheat after the spring equinox, and parents' opinions after the age of twenty.

we are more especially once they become adults, no matter how much likely to end up you scold or lecture them, scolding or the important points will not nagging, aren't be conveyed unless they have already sunk into their we? minds.

⟨There is a proverb⟩ ⟨So what should we do?⟩ ⟨After all⟩

Just as Isoroku Yamamoto said, "People are only inspired if you show them how, tell them how, let them try, and give them praise."

I also think that instead of scolding others, we should lead by example and praise them when they succeed, which will inspire their minds.

(Here we can)

also see and feel the love and trust someone expresses when they tell another person "I need you."

Interactions like this make other people realize their

own value and give them the joy, hope, and courage to live.

(A former minister of a Dharma center said,)

"By telling the members of the merits I have received by listening to them, I am praising them."

(This teaches us the important lesson that)

in order to completely believe in and respect the buddha nature of ourselves and others,

our minds must be honest and sincere. Otherwise, we cannot truly praise others.

an attitude of

completely

believing in and

revering the

buddha nature

of other people is important for

raising human

beings.

Such interactions also guide their minds to the desire to become like the person who needs them.

We who hope to raise human beings through our diligent daily practices, while also further developing our own humanity, are always receiving encouragement and praise from the Buddha, too.