

# What is the origin of the Threefold Lotus Kwoon

Thank you for reminding me that I really need to make a video on the origins of this independent school of Buddhism. As you may recall the late 1980's and early 90's there was yet another series of shakeups and controversies in the Buddhist community regarding egos, excommunications, money, power, politics, etc... Of course this is the history of Man and certainly no special insulator exists for Buddhism. Due to the wide spread of Buddhism by this time, several devoted practitioners, fed up with the politic and infighting, took the courageous steps to deepen their scholarship and do as Nichiren exhorted his students to do. That is, to emulate his own course as independent scholarship in order to study, read, recite, copy, and inculcate the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha as read, without the manipulations of the politics and personal agendas of the day. Just strict adherence to the teachings of Shakyamuni.

Since that time, many independent individuals and groups have borne out the path of the Bodhisattva practice in the footsteps of Nichiren, some more insightful than others, but spreading to the best of their abilities the teachings of Lotus Sutra Buddhism with the doctrine and tools of Bodhisattva Nichiren. My own study, oh and I love to study, made clear several points.

1. One cannot study the Lotus Sutra effectively without a grasp of many previous sutras on which the scholarship, insights, and methodology of the Lotus is based.
2. The "opening and closing" sutras of the Lotus are essential to the complete understanding of the Lotus. Therefore the "Threefold" Lotus Sutra.
3. The tools and guidelines of Nichiren are essential to this era of tremendous distraction and short attention span.
4. The language of modern sound bites makes the ancient languages and consequent translations a minefield of misinterpretation and social/cultural biases the obfuscate and twist the meaning of the sutras. This is something I view deeply, as a failure of Academic scholarship.

So, as I was already dedicated to excavating the truth from my research, I began sharing my insights as I expanded and deepened my understanding of the teachings. I made a paradigm of forcing myself to research alternate views and published works to get the most complete picture of the teachings. All of this is to say that the Threefold Lotus Kwoon is my life and scholarship of my Buddhist independent practice as I pursue my best emulation of Nichiren. Because of my earlier career in the sciences, I adopted the moniker of Quantum Life Buddhism to marry the vast insights in the sciences to mirror or bear out the insights of Shakyamuni. I find this fascinating and more than a little validating.

Love and respect,  
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