

**Nichiren Daishonin states in “On Remonstrating with Hachiman”:**

India was called the land of the moon. It is a name, indicating the advent of Shakyamuni Buddha. Fuso is the name for ancient Japan, the land of the rising sun. Indeed, how could a sage not appear in this land? The moon travels from west to east, which is a sign of the Buddhism that originated in India spreading to the East. The sun rises in the east, which is an auspicious sign of the Buddhism that emerged in Japan gradually returning to India. Moonlight, when compared to the sun, is not as brilliant. Shakyamuni Buddha expounded the true teaching for only eight years. Sunlight is brighter than the light of the moon, and this signifies that the Buddhist teaching [of Nichiren Daishonin] in Japan shall illuminate the infinite darkness of the fifth Five-hundred-year Period.

宗祖日莲大圣人御诞生八百周年

zōng zǔ rì lián dà shèngrén yú jiànxiǎo bā fānchāo yuē

宗祖日莲大圣人于《谏晓八幡抄》曰：

tiān zhū guó wèi yuè shì guó wèi yìng fó chū xiàn zhī míng yě  
天竺国谓月氏国，为应佛出现之名也。

fú sāngguó wèi rì běnguó qǐ bù chū shèngrén hū yuèyóu xī xiàngdōng  
扶桑国谓日本国，岂不出圣人乎。月由西向东，

yuè shì zhī fó fǎ dōng liú zhī xiàng yě rì zì dōng ér chū  
月氏之佛法东流之相也。日自东而出，

rì běn zhī fó fǎ fǎn yuè shì zhī ruì xiàng yě yuè guāng bù míng  
日本之佛法返月氏之瑞相也。月光不明，

zài shì jǐn bā nián yě rì zhī guāng míng shèng yuè zhào yào wǔ wǔ bǎi suì  
在世仅八年也。日之光明胜月，照耀五五百岁

cháng àn zhī ruì xiàng yě

长暗之瑞相也。