



# Buddhist Thoughts

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## Holiday Boutique

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

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Saturday Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 22, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Over 40 booths of artisans and retailers.  
Gift items, clothes, jewelry, crafts, toiletries,



# Why Jodo Shinshu ?

Rev. J.K Hirano

*(BCA Minister's Association has published a booklet called "Why Jodo Shinshu?" it was passed out at the Parliament of World Religions. 1000 copies were printed and less than 100 remain. Bishop Umezu and BCA will probably republish the booklet. This is my introduction to the booklet and the reason I am a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. I just wanted to once again thank all of the volunteers that hosted the BCA ministers during the Parliament. I think it is the first time we have had a gathering in the U.S. with the Bishops of BCA, Canada and Hawaii along with ministers from throughout BCA and even Japan.*

*I would like to especially thank, Sherrie Koga, Elaine Endo and their minions for all their preparation of meals and snacks for this event. Ashley Holbrook for the delicious crepes for one of our lunches. Mary Misaka and Stephanie Sueoka for getting the new Kodo finished and prepared for our meetings. Carmela and Dot Richeda for making sure the various details of the classes and many other little things were taken care of. It was really a wonderful event, I hope you were able to attend some of the activities. This might have finally put our temple on the BCA map. They were already mentioning how our temple is perfect for a BCA seminar, maybe in a few years. Thank you everyone for your hard work, we couldn't have done it without you.)*

I have read books, articles, blogs etc. about the experience of Americans and Buddhism. How and why has this religion founded by an Indian nobleman, in a small Indian kingdom some 2500 years ago moved throughout the world and now become firmly established as part of the spiritual tapestry of the United States of America? As most who are at least marginally familiar with the Buddhist teachings know, there are many colors and flavors to this religion called Buddhism. From the basic teachings of Theravada Buddhism up to the newer Soka Gakkai forms of expression in chanting "Na Myo Ho Ren Ge Kyo". Within these books and articles I have found many of these American believers or followers of Buddhism express why their particular choice of Buddhism has interested them and transformed their lives. As Americans, we have been blessed to live in a time and place never seen in the history of Buddhism, all the various traditions are now gathered and available here in America.

A friend of mine, Michael Zimmerman, who is a retired chief justice of the Utah Supreme court and is now the head priest of the "Two Arrows Zen Center" in Salt Lake City, had told me when he heard a Zen teacher say that in Zen there was "No Hope", meaning there is only the "now", something in those words rang true and resonated within him. This statement moved him deeply and then sitting in Zazen opened up a worldview that changed his life, which had been in transition and chaos at the time.

In all my readings and study, I have heard the reason Tibetan Buddhists, Zen Buddhists, those who have studied Vipassana meditation or just loved to read books by Thich Nhat Hahn or the Dalai Lama, why they became Buddhist or at least considered Buddhism right for their life and lifestyle. As a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist priest, I know that I have seldom expressed exactly why I chose Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as right for me, over the myriad forms of Buddhism now available. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism was the first organized form of Buddhism to establish itself in the United States in 1899. It's about time we Jodo Shinshu Buddhist shared these teachings with the larger American community and this is my answer to the question, "Why Jodo Shinshu?"

Within Buddhism we find one of the most non-judgmental, compassionate teachings in the history of mankind. The historical Buddha Shakyamuni has said, "There are 84,000 paths to enlightenment." What he means by 84,000 paths is that there is an infinite number of ways to awaken to Truth. Each of us human beings are individuals; consisting of our own histories and various causes and conditions which make up our lives. We each have our own stories and truths that make us who we are. Buddhism recognizes that the teachings must be flexible to encompass so many different viewpoints. There cannot be only one true and real teaching. Just as there cannot be only one story or history to identify each and every one of us, yet, why is Jodo Shinshu out of those 84,000 paths the right truth for **MY** life.

Jodo Shinshu has enabled me to see myself as "the foolish being" I know I am, just as the idea of "No

Hope” resonated with my friend Michael Zimmerman, “foolish being” rang true for me. I know without a doubt, that I am a foolish being, filled with greed, anger, ignorance, however, I recognize how my life has been blessed and I am alive as a result of the wondrous compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha, the essence of the relationships that surround me and allow me to exist. Jodo Shinshu has shown me my life is not about just me, the foolish being, but in the relationships the world has given me. The words, the terminology, the rituals, the traditions all resonate with who I am. This is why I am Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

## Chiyoko Terashima 100 years of Gratitude

*On October 25 at our Sunday service, Chiyoko (Chic) Terashima was presented with a special certificate of recognition from Bishop Kodo Umezu on the occasion of her 100 birthday. On a personal note, there maybe some who may not like her for this, but Chic is one of the reasons I chose to come home to Salt Lake Buddhist temple. Her support of my studying to be a BCA minister, made me want to return to Utah to repay the kindness I had received from her letters and financial gifts while I was a student in Japan. I'm sure that there are many others who have benefited from her kindness through the years, on behalf of all of us, Congratulations Chic and Thank you.*

Chiyoko Doi Terashima was born in Magna, Utah on September 23, 1915. She was the oldest daughter of Sekizo and Masayo Hata Doi. She had three younger brothers...Ichiro, George and Misao...and a younger sister, Harue...all who are deceased.

She married Kay Terashima on 3-7-37. They had three children: Paul born 2-1-38, Jean born 2-1-40 and Naomi born 1-1-42. As you can see, she was very well organized!!! She also has 9 grandchildren (6 boys and 3 girls) and 10 great grandchildren (6 girls and 4 boys). All of the great grandchildren live in Northern California and all but one of her grandchildren live there also. This is the main reason grandma is driven out to California so often!!

Chiyoko has been very active in the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. She served as President of the BWA as well as other offices. A few years ago she finally turned over her job as the Tsukemono expert and the organizer of the Sushi plates...she felt very happy turning this job over to a very organized person...Kari Minaga-Miya. Kari has been doing a great job!! She is very happy the way the young members like Kari are stepping up to make the Temple strong and welcoming.

## November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 15, 10:00 am

Deceased	Date of death	Next of kin
Fujii Bunzo	11/26/81	Masami Hayashi
Fujii Shigeno	11/24/99	Amy Tomita
Hachisuka Toma	11/15/87	Nancy Takagi
Hasegawa Fumi	11/19/85	Jane Sakashita
Ikegami Torako	11/18/93	Rick Ikegami
Imada Mitaro	1/24/51	Imada Family
Imada Wasaburo	11/17/67	Imada Family
Kaizumi Maki		Craig Kaizumi
Kashima Sawaki Kiyoo	11/23/93	Hitoshi Suenaga
Kobayashi Naoki	11/13/71	Kobayashi Family
Koga Sue	11/16/74	Koga Family
Koseki Toraji	11/22/79	Kathy Terashima
Matsuura GeorgeIwao	11/11/29	Greg Matsuura
Mitsunaga Tsurukichi	11/24/25	Tomio Mitsunaga

Muraki Yachiyo	11/21/87	Sam Muraki
Oishi Umeko	11/3/78	Victor Oishi
Okubo Kiyotaro	11/30/71	Harry Okubo
Omura Michiko	11/27/83	Omura Family
Omura Toyome	11/13/94	Omura Family
Sako Yoshimitsu	11/7/84	Koko Sako
Sekino Takasaburo	11/21/79	Dave Sekino
Sugino Mitsuye	11/29/91	Bob Sugino
Takagi Tami	11/25/89	Nancy Takagi
Watanabe Hikomune	11/7/93	Fumi Watanabe
Yamane Kazuo	11/12/81	Ken Yamane
Yakumo Ryuji	11/10/80	Kazuko Yakumo
Tohinaka Masayoshi	11/29/70	Sachiko Tohinaka
Iwamoto Kiyotoshi	11/11/02	Iwamoto Family
Furubayashi Masato	11/9/03	Maxine Furubayashi
Matsuura Doris	11/1/04	Greg Matsuura
Akiyama Genevieve	11/2/04	Francis Akimoto
Shimizu Keiko Kae	11/6/04	Kerry Shimizu Lee
Namba Kumeno	11/21/05	Kaz Namba
Sudoku Taro	11/29/04	Nobue Sudoku
Sumiko Hattori	11/4/05	Gary Koga
Henry Imamura	11/11/07	Imamura Family
Ritsuko Hayashi	11/12/11	Masami Hayashi
Noriko Kobayashi	11/25/11	Keizo Kobayashi
Chad Masanori Tohinaka	11/17/12	Mike Tohinaka
Miyuki Nakano	11/24/13	Joy Furubayashi
Masako Nakayama	11/19/98	Yosh Nakayama

## 2015 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER DONATIONS

(August 23 – October 23, 2015)

### Dana Campaign

Sanctuary for Healing & Integration 200  
(Carmela Javellana Hirano)

### Fall Ohigan Donations

Mits & Terry Fujinami	25	Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	30
Rev. Jerry and Carmela Hirano	100	Setsuko Nagata	25
Sandy Iwasaki	25	Dot Richeda	25
Jeanne Konishi	50	Paul & Kathy Terashima	100
Richard Matsuda	30	Robert & Tami Tokita	25
Buster Mayeda	30	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	25
Mark & Gail Minaga	25	Arthur Yakumo	25
Reiko Mitsunaga	25		

### Food Bazaar Donations

Bradley & Amey Mayeda	500	Buster Mayeda	50
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50		

**Shotsuki Hoyo**

Mits & Terry Fujinami	25	
Lisa Imamura	20	
Richard Matsuda	30	
Kazuko Terasawa	35	
Bob & Setsuko Schock	100	Chiyoko Nishimura
Mark & Gail Minaga	25	Fred Seo
Bob Sugino	20	Fusaye & Kuma Ogawa
Jim & Faye Eng	25	Hiroshi Mitsunaga
Robert & Tami Tokita	25	Hiroshi Mitsunaga
Jeanne Konishi	50	J. Konishi
Bob Kasubuchi	30	Kyushiro Masuko
Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami	50	Masako Morinaka
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	25	Masami Mitsunaga
Byron & Reiko Mitsunaga	25	May Watanabe
Nancy Takagi	25	Michael
Chiyoko Terashima	25	Sekizo Doi
Yoshiko Uno	25	Toshi Mayeda
Jim & Faye Eng	20	Tsune Date

**In Memory Of:****Nokotsudo**

Charlene Doi	100	
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**BWA**

Misao & Elsie Doi Family	1000	
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**Dharma School**

Misao & Elsie Doi Family	500	
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**YBA**

Misao & Elsie Doi Family	500	
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**Temple General**

Rachael Elliott	20	
Osamu Hideshima	400	
Max & Kathleen Hirabayashi	25	
Kirk & Betty Yamashita	20	
Kunie Oda	25	
Terashima/Sato/Kagemaya	100	Chic Terashima 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Great-Grandkids		
Reiko Mitsunaga	25	Doi's Memorial
Buddhist Churches of America	150	Donation from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Kyoto
Employees Charity Organization of Northrop Grumman	120	Donation on behalf of Sharon Matsuura
Employees Charity Organization of Northrop Grumman	48	Donation on behalf of Stan Endo
Misao & Elsie Doi Family	2000	
Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	40	In memory of Elsie & Misao Doi
Steven & Janice Doi	50	In memory of Ichiro Doi
Cindy Yamada Thomas	1000	In memory of Jerry Yamada
Maxine Furubayashi	50	In memory of Misao & Elsie Doi
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100	In memory of Misao & Elsie Doi
Masami Hayashi	25	In memory of Naka Fujii

Richard & Lynne Doi	25	Ohigan Seminar
Paul & Kathy Terashima	25	Ohigan Seminar
Donna Sato	20	Special Service (Parliament of World's Religions)
Ron Kobata	50	Thanks for generous hospitality (Parliament of World's Religions)
Pete Schwager	50	Tomio & Junko 50th Wedding Anniversary
anonymous	200	

## 2015 MEMBERSHIPS

Kayo & Jeannette Hayakawa

## 2015 PAID SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

*These members contributed \$1200 per member in this new membership category.*

Richard & Lynne Doi	Dot Richeda
Carmela Javellana Hirano	Dave Sekino
Craige Mayeda	Paul & Kathy Terashima
Reiko Mitsunaga	Ivan VanLaningham
Kenneth Nodzu	

## Upcoming Services and Seminars

Eshinniko and BWA Memorial service and seminar

November 14-15

Sat. Nov 14, 3:00 pm, Eshinniko Seminar

(Introduction to Jodo Shinshu)

Prof Keiko Toro: Jinai University

Sun. Nov 15, 10:00 am Eshinniko and BWA Memorial service

Eitakyo Memorial Service

Sun. Nov. 22, 10:00 am, Dr. Geoffrey Russell