



# Buddhist Thoughts

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## Holiday Boutique

Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

211 West 100 South, Salt Lake City 84101

Saturday Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 20, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Booths of artisans and retailers, Food  
Gift items, clothes, jewelry, crafts, toiletries,



# From “Boo” to “Namo Amida Butsu”

J.K. Hirano



*Dear, dear! How queer everything is to-day! And yesterday things went on just as usual. I wonder if I've been changed in the night. Let me think. Was I the same when I got up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. But if I'm not the same, the next question is "Who in the world am I?"*

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

There's a new television series that I'm really enjoying. It's called Westworld, loosely based on the science fiction movie written and directed by Michael Crichton. The original movie starred Yul Brynner, and although I primarily like him in The Magnificent Seven, he was still cool in Westworld. The series and movie are about an adult type of Disneyland called Westworld, but I don't want to focus on the series or movie. In the current series, there is a segment when an android is asked to read from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, one of my favorite novels. The android reads the quote I began with. This reminded me of one of my favorite Disney cartoons the 1951 Alice and Wonderland. In the movie, Alice meets Absolem the caterpillar.

*Caterpillar:* Who... are... you?

*Alice:* I- I hardly know, sir. I've changed so many times since this morning, you see...

*Caterpillar:* No, I do not 'C.' Explain yourself.

*Alice:* I'm afraid I can't explain myself sir, because I'm not myself, you know.

*Caterpillar:* I do not know.

*Alice:* Well, I can't put it any more clearly, sir, for it isn't clear to me.

*Caterpillar:* You? Who ARE you?

In the Disney version Richard Haydn is the voice of Absolem, and in the Tim Burton version it is Alan

Rickman. I know it's geeking out a bit, but Alan Rickman also played Prof. Severus Snape in the Harry Potter movies, another favorite. So many favorites, new favorite T.V. show, favorite novel, favorite Disney cartoon, favorite character in Harry Potter, etc. etc., so many favorites flashed through my mind at this android sequence, but I knew I had to focus my November article on this question. Although in the book, Absolem the blue caterpillar never asks the question, it is a question Alice asks of herself. This question asked by Absolem in the Disney cartoon is the central question of Buddhism. "Who are you?" Since it is in October when I am writing this article, it is also a great time for each of us to ask ourselves "Who am I?"

I think it is important to always question our lives. I have found that the most important concept that Buddhism has taught me is that all things are in constant flux. There is a vibration within our lives, even shinjin (faith mind) is a dynamic vibration within our lives. It is not an unchanging constant but a movement within the question of "Who am I?" When we are able to answer the question of "Who am I?" we move into the realm of gratitude. Very appropriate for Halloween moving into Thanksgiving. Happy Halloween leads to the question of "Who am I?" Naturally moving us to "Namo Amida Butsu." Trick or Treat, what did you get or give?

## SLBT President's Message

Stan Endo

THANK YOU to everyone for the hard work at this year's BAZAAR. Special thanks to the chair persons, Troy Watanabe and Reiko Mitsunaga for their hard work. There were so many members, spouses, families and friends that worked so hard and I can't acknowledge and thank them all in this article but you know who you are. What a great sangha! Although we had smaller attendance compared to the past and unsold food items I think it was another great success as we still made a reasonable profit. The bazaar, Obon and Nihon Matsuri are the three major events that provide the operating funds for the temple. Please support these events and other fundraising activities in 2017.

GOOD NEWS! To date, we have not had to and don't expect to withdraw funds from the temple reserve accounts as we have had to over the past three or four years. Many thanks to all that have made donations to the temple in addition to membership dues and supporting the fundraisers. Hopefully we can grow our membership and get past members to support the temple. We can all help to reduce costs by being careful with our utilities. We spend over \$20,000 per year on electricity, gas and water for both facilities. Please turn lights off when not in use and do not adjust the setting on our programmable thermostats including the fan setting. This setting should always be on "auto". As we move into the winter months, please adjust the temperatures to a higher temperature as needed. The thermostats will automatically reduce the temperature programmed temperatures as the cycle continues. We are trying to save money by not paying for services like landscaping, repairs and maintenance and doing as much of this work with volunteers. I hope that in the future we become more efficient and self-reliant in reducing costs. We need to get to a fiscal state where we rebuild our reserve accounts so we can pay for those major repairs that can't be done by members. That said, I will be calling for volunteers to support another Temple repair and maintenance day after Eshinniko service on November 6.

Recently, the city and county have made attempts to disperse the "homeless" in various areas of the city. As a result, we have had an increase of individuals around and on temple property. If you observe these individuals on temple property camping behind bushes or on the front porch at night, please call the Salt Lake Police Dept. on their Non-Emergency number, 801-799-3000. Before the installation of locking gates, we have had people camping in the back of the west building that caused vandalism and significant littering. The police were called and some of these individuals were arrested as they had outstanding felony warrants. Please be safe, call the police and don't confront these individuals on your own. We all want our Sangha to be at ease at our temple.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

# Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) News

Elaine Endo

A big thank you to the BWA members who helped with all aspects of the Bazaar, especially our Issei and Nissei members. Without your expertise and guidance, we would not be able to carry on the traditions that have been established throughout the years. We honor and respect our members who have passed on and not a day goes by that we don't miss their gentle nature and wise sensibilities. We will continue to work hard to honor their legacy.

Eshinniko will be observed on Sunday, November 6. We are pleased to welcome our guest speaker Rev. Candice Shibata whose Grandfather was a minister in Salt Lake many years ago. That morning, all BWA members are invited to a breakfast at the temple before service starting at 9:00. That will give us time to chat with Sensei and Rev. Shibata until service begins at 10:00. Please plan on joining us for breakfast and this important memorial service commemorating Shinran Shonin's wife.

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Silent Auction during the Temple Bazaar. Each year, we solicit our friends, family, Sangha, businesses and local community for donations for our silent auction baskets. Once again, we had some amazing and unique baskets that were competitively bid upon. We appreciate your help in making the auction such a success!

The Temple would not be able to continue without the generous donations and support from our Temple members, local community and businesses. Your support is truly appreciated and will provide our Temple to continue to be a diverse and unique entity in the Salt Lake community. Thank you so much once again for your kindness and generosity.

With deepest gratitude,  
Rise Hirabayashi and Faye Mitsunaga Eng  
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

## Sherrie Hayashi Honored

Stephanie Sueoka

Praise and honor are in order for our very own Sherrie Hayashi. She is a lifelong temple member with deep roots in the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Sherrie is the epitome of justice and equality. Her Dana or selfless giving, combined with her passion of justice is endless and extends far beyond not only to her family, her friends and the Sanga but to the greater community as a whole.

Sherrie is the recipient of the Utah YWCA Outstanding Achievement Award, presented at the annual YWCA Leader Luncheon last month. She is one of five remarkable women from the State of Utah to be presented with this prestigious honor. This award recognizes women who have demonstrated their commitment to the advancement of the well-being of Utah women and girls and whose work and achievements exemplify the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Sherrie is most deserving of this award and the recognition for her work in our local community and throughout the state.

Sherrie is currently the new Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and the Title IX Coordinator at the University of Utah. A large part of her job is ensuring students have equal opportunity in pursuing their educational efforts free from discrimination and harassment. Sherrie graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate of Law. Creating a culture and climate where equal opportunity and inclusiveness are values important to Sherrie. Sherrie's compassion and commitment to equality was also evident in her position as Commissioner of the Utah Labor Commission, where she served for 10 years, and prior to that as Director of the Antidiscrimination and Labor Division, as Assistant attorney general with the Utah office of Attorney General, and as the founding member and executive director of the Utah Multi Cultural Legal Center.

Sherrie's commitment to helping others is prevalent throughout her involvement in various community organizations to include currently serving as the Co-President of the Salt Lake Chapter of the Japanese – American Citizens League, serving in various capacities with the Disability Law Center, the Utah Minority Bar Association and various Youth organizations affiliated with the Japanese Community.

She is an experienced and collaborative leader at the Temple. She just stepped down from the position of Dharma School Co-superintendent after a two-year calling, she is the founder and co-director of the Japanese Language and Cultural School (Dobo Gakko) and she serves on several Dharma School and Temple committees. Every activity Sherrie is involved in is successful and is completed with efficiency, thoroughness and professionalism.

Her values, perspective and experience make her an exceptional individual and temple member. Despite her humble nature, please join us in congratulating her on her well-deserved accomplishments and achievements!

And though she be but little, she is fierce - William Shakespeare

## Honorable Judge Raymond Uno

Dot Richeda

Surprise! That was the theme for honoring Raymond S Uno for this Lifelong Service to the community. Judge Uno was told to deliver pizzas, with his son, to the Cottonwood Club at 11:30 am on Saturday 24, 2016. When he walked into the hall with all the pizza, we all shouted "surprise" and he was really surprised. Judge uno was roasted by his peers, family and friends. Yoshiko, his wife, and S sans with their family were all present. His sister from California also made the trip. Judge was presented with a portrait drawn by Ted Nagata and a memory book, including pictures, of everyone attending the luncheon. It was a great celebration for a man that has done so much for our community.

## SAVE THE DATE

November 4, 2017

Mountain States District conference will be held on November 4, 2017 at the Sale Lake Buddhist Temple. More information to follow.

## Special Awards

Paul Terashima

We will start selling Special Award tickets. In Nov. If you would like to buy or sell these tickets please come and see me. Let's try and sell all 200 tickets this year. Thank you very much.

## Special Awards Winners 2016

January- Greg Sueoka  
February- Tracy Sudoku  
March- Cory Shimada  
April- Elaine Fukushima  
May- Yoe Kageyama  
June- Kristine Aramaki  
July- Steven Shiba  
August- Ty & Eric Koga  
September- Henry Munson

## November Shotsuki Hoyo

November 20, 10:00 am

| <b>Deceased</b>      | <b>Date of death</b> | <b>Next of kin</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Kiyo  | 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  |

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| Namba Kumeno           | 11/21/05 | Kaz Namba       |
| Sudoko Taro            | 11/29/04 | Nobue Sudoko    |
| 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   |

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016 DONATIONS

*(September 27 – October 24, 2016)*

### Dana Campaign

|   |     |                 |      |
|---|-----|-----------------|------|
| Sanctuary for Healing & Integration<br>(Carmela Javellana Hirano) | 200 | Roberto Toro    | 8.33 |
| Troy & Ashley Holbrook  | 100 | Aaron Froemming | 10   |

### Obon

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Buster Mayeda | 50 |
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### Food Bazaar Donations

|                                 |     |                              |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Stan & Elaine Endo              | 600 | Kenneth Nodzu                | 25  |
| Steven & Vanessa Shiba          | 500 | Terry Omura                  | 50  |
| Jim & Faye Eng                  | 100 | Byron & Reiko Watanabe       | 50  |
| Steven Fukumitsu & Jani Iwamoto | 50  | Masami Hayashi (Calligraphy) | 129 |
| Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga         | 50  | Lumbini's Garden             | 350 |
| Asako Mori                      | 40  |                              |     |

### Shotsuki Hoyo

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|------------------------|-----|---|
| Bob Sugino             | 20  | <b>In Memory Of:</b><br>Fusaye & Kuma Ogawa |
| Yutako & Yaeko Ikegami | 50  | Masako Morinaka                             |
| Mickey & Gina Morinaka | 50  | Masako Morinaka                             |
| Bob Kasubuchi          | 30  | Masuko Kyushiro                             |
| Thomas Endo            | 100 | Yoshiko Endo                                |

### BWA

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| Rick & Susan Spehar | 100 | Yuriko Inouye 1 Year Memorial |
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### Dharma School

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| Rick & Susan Spehar | 100 | Yuriko Inouye 1 Year Memorial |
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### YBA

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| Rick & Susan Spehar | 100 | Yuriko Inouye 1 Year Memorial |
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### Temple General

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| Bobbie Ikegami      | 35  | Donations from yoga instruction         |
| Linda Oda           | 100 | For winning raffle grand prize          |
| Marye Okada         | 200 | In memory of Kenge Okada                |
| S. Mori             | 100 | In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Tohinaka |
| Kazuko Yakumo       | 50  | Mirrors of the Mind Seminar             |
| Rick & Susan Spehar | 200 | Yuriko Inouye 1 Year Memorial           |

## **2016 PAID SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS**

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

Richard Doi

Lynne Doi

Brian Fukushima

Tammy Park

Carmela Javellana Hirano

Buster Mayeda

Craige Mayeda

Reiko Mitsunaga

Marcus Miya

Karie Minaga-Miya

Kenneth Nodzu

Dave Sekino

Paul Terashima

Kathy Terashima

Roberto Toro

Yoshiko Uno