



# Buddhist Thoughts

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## A New Dharma School Year J.K. Hirano

*Father and Mother, altogether two.  
Parents of my father and mother, altogether four.  
Parents of parents, altogether eight.  
If I count in this way,  
Back to ten generations, altogether, 1,024.  
What about back to twenty generations?  
To my surprise, over one million people.  
From infinite past, a life rally baton has passed on.  
Here, now I live with my baton.  
This is your life!  
This is my life!  
River of Fire, River of water Taitetsu Unno*

The other day I was sitting in my study, thinking about how much I like the quietude I find there. I was taking a break from preparing for my family barbecue. My study is filled with books that I enjoy. It has my superhero figures and Disney trinkets lined up above the bookcases. I have some of my prints ready to be hung up, when I get the chance. My print of Blue Dog hangs in the entry protecting my private kingdom.

Looking at my prints by Hideo Takeda of the Gempei War, the great war between the Taira and Minamoto clans 1180-1185. This is the war that established the Kamakura Shogunate which lasted for over 100 years, this was the period where many of the great Japanese Buddhist thinkers such as Nichiren and Shinran were born. All this day-dreaming brought me to Gary Snyder's translation of a portion of the Heike Monogatari.

*The great bell of the Gion Temple reverberates into every human heart to wake us to the fact that all is impermanent and fleeting. The withered flowers of the sala trees by Shakyamuni's deathbed remind us that even those flourishing with wealth and power will soon pass away. The life of fame and pride is as ephemeral as a springtime dream. The courageous and aggressive person too will vanish like a swirl of dust in the wind.*

*Heike Monogatari(Translated and quoted in Danger on Peaks by Gary Snyder, p. 97)*

This poem made me think about the impermanence of life. This scenario shows how much my mind wanders. I thought about all the stuff that I liked and how I called them mine; my study, my home, my superhero figures etc. There is nothing here that is really mine. None of these things will remain with me when I die. Even though I even have the urn I have picked out to hold my ashes. All those things will one day disappear. In some ways, I can understand the criticism that some people have about Buddhism. It is so pessimistic. Impermanence without out reflection on the “here and now” can be rather discouraging. However, this is only when looking at impermanence from one side. The full picture shows me that at this moment, there are so many things that I have to be grateful for and not discouraged about. Last week was my Father’s four year memorial day. He has been dead for four years. His house is now where my nephew lives. His car now belongs to my cousin. His beloved dog Jasmine is now my nephew’s dog. His few treasured possessions are now mine and my sister’s. These physical remnants are no longer his things. However, he remains my father as long as I live. Which reminded me of what was important in life.

It isn’t about my superhero or Disney figurines. It has nothing to do with my prints or my study. It is about the now of being a husband to Carmela, and the now of being a Father to my daughters. It is about the now of enjoying this life that I have been the recipient of and the echoes that this presence will create for my children, family and community. These things that I now call mine are really only temporarily in my possession. But isn’t that true for us all? Buddhism leads us all to this question, “If all things are impermanent, what are we doing with the now that we have been given.” I hope that each of you will join me in this search for the answer to this question, for this is where we find the meaning in our lives.

Our Dharma School begins on September 20. On September 26 and 27 Rev. Mitsuya Dake, former dean of Ryukoku University will be our Ohigan speaker and will be presenting a seminar on 3:00 pm at the temple, the subject will be “Socially Engaged Buddhism.” Rev. Dake presented this talk at the BCA Pacific Seminar. I hope you will join us for our Dharma School Ohigan and seminar. This will be a very exciting new year for our Dharma School please don’t miss it.

## Dharma School News

Sherrie Hayashi and Stephanie Sueoka

Hello everyone! Welcome to a new Dharma School year!

Sensei and Carmella have graciously opened up their home again for our annual Picnic which will be held on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The address is 13 W. 3100 S., Bountiful Utah.** Dharma School will provide chicken. **Please bring a dish to share.**

Members of the Dharma School board for 2015-2016 are: **Tracy Akimoto, Faye Eng Sherrie Hayashi, Ashley Holbrook, Ryoko Okamoto, Tammy Park, Vanessa Shiba, Stephanie Sueoka, Shelly Taketa, Troy Watanabe, and Judy Watanabe** and our Dharma School teachers, **Gina Mejia, Stephanie Sueoka, Judy Watanabe and Troy Watanabe.** We need 1-2 additional teachers, please let Stephanie or I know if you are interested in teaching. Our first meeting of the Dharma School board will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the picnic. Elections of officers will be held at this meeting. The first day of Dharma School will be Sunday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

The Bazaar will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will be circulating a sign-up sheet among the dharma school kids and parents to help with bussing. Please feel free to ask friends to help with bussing.

Our Dharma School enjoys the support of all of the Dharma School Board members and parents and we are looking forward to another fabulous year!

## August and September Shotsuki Hoyo

### September 27, 10:00 pm

<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Next of Kin</b>
Akimoto Hideko	8/8/82	Tom Akimoto
Akiyama, Takeo	8/26/85	Francis Akimoto
Doi Sekizo	8/27/67	Ichiro Doi
Hirase Torae	8/5/89	Eunice Yamane
Imada Izumi	8/2/52	Imada Family
Kano Dessie	8/12/94	Paul Seo
Kuwahara Alice	8/12/84	Arnold Kuwahara
Matsuura Hana	8/26/45	Greg Matsuura
Ninomiya Tasuo		Yoshiko Ninomiya
Sakashita Etsuno	8/24/73	Hiroshi Aramaki
Sakashita Fukutaro	8/2/55	Hiroshi Aramaki
Sakinada Shoji	8/29/85	Henry Haraguchi
Sugita Denzo		Mark Tsuyuki
Takenaka Matsuzo	8/5/67	Takenaka Family
Tersawa Kuniko	8/2/91	Kazuko Terasawa
Akino Hideshima	8/14/00	Tad Hideshima
Fred Toshiyuki Seo	8/11/01	June Seo
Milja Park-Yea	8/12/01	Evelyn Matsumura
Mitzie Tsuyuki	8/13/02	Mark Tsuyuki
Wallace Doi	8/28/67	Mary Doi
Mitsuno Hata	8/11/88	Suzanne Hata
James Konishi	8/25/04	Jeanne Konishi
Rhu Toru Sueoka	8/21/08	Sumi Sueoka
George Doi	8/20/10	Ruby Doi
Toshiko Mayeda	8/21/10	Yoshiko Uno
Chiyoko Nishimura	8/22/11	Setsuko Schock
<b>September</b>		
Akimoto Fukuichi	9/24/54	Tom Akimoto
Akimoto Setsuko	9/1/83	Tom Akimoto
Date Tsune	9/9/70	Faye Eng
Doi Emiko	9/11/70	Ichiro Doi
Endo Yoshiko	9/10/87	Xan Matsuda
Fujii Naka	9/2/92	Masami Hayashi

Fujinami Kichi	9/26/95	Mitsuru Fujinami
Fukunaga Koma	9/27/92	Ben Fukunaga
Hirase Hikotaro	9/11/53	Eunice Yamane
Inouye Mika	9/5/33	Miye Aoki
Iwata Chubei	9/13/66	Imai Family
Kasubuchi Isa	9/12/68	Robert Kasubuchi
Kasubuchi Otomatsu	9/19/28	Robert Kasubuchi
Kato Kikuyemon	9/1/49	Dan Tsukamoto
Masuda Haruko	9/22/85	Edna Shiotani
Masuko Hisao	9/28/68	Robert Kasubuchi
Mitsunaga Masami	9/13/34	Tomio Mitsunaga
Mori Masumi	9/20/83	Marilyn Bouyer
Niwa Shozo	9/19/83	Pat Ninomiya
Sudoko Kotomi	9/20/94	Jun Sudoko
Takagi Michael	9/3/89	Nancy Takagi
Tsuyuki Kimiko	9/20/62	Mark Tsuyuki
Usui Fumiko	9/17/84	Nancy Hikoeda
Endo Michiye	9/26/00	Stan Endo
Hiroshi Mitsunaga	9/24/03	Faye Eng
Shizuye Susie Nakai	9/4/04	Eleanor Sasaki
Hiroshi Ikegami	9/27/04	Rick Ikegami
Carol Matsuura	9/29/97	Greg Matsuura
May Mitsuko Matsuda	9/6/2012	Richard Matsuda
Ben Terashima	9/3/2013	Terashima Family
Hatsue Masuda	9/16/2013	Xan Masuda

## Dharma School Annual Picnic

On September 13 at 11:00 am the Dharma School will be holding our annual picnic as part of the opening of the new year. The picnic will be held at Rev. Hirano's home 13 West 3100 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010. The Dharma School will provide the chicken and drinks, if families could bring the side dishes. Hope to see you there.

## Mountain States Conference Nov 6-8, 2015

### Moab Valley Inn

711 South Main Street ☐ (435) 259-4419 ☐ Group Code OBC2015 ☐ Room Rate is \$110.00 per night ☐ Registration fee \$15.00 adults and \$5.00 children

### Activities:

Golfing: ☐ Steve Kato – 801/771-1761 home or 801/698-5305 cell E-mail:

[skato2013@gmail.com](mailto:skato2013@gmail.com)

Hiking or Driving Tour: ☐ This is a hiking and/or driving tour – on our own Kirk Yamashita – 801/776-3709 home ☐ E-mail: [yamiek@netscape.net](mailto:yamiek@netscape.net)

Afternoon Workshop with Rev. Marvin Harada

## 2015 JUNE-AUGUST DONATIONS

(June 25 – August 20, 2015)

### Dana Campaign

Sanctuary for Healing & Integration 400  
(Carmela Javellana Hirano)

### Keiko Mimai (Obon Practice) Donations

Tamiko Adachi	25	Buster Mayeda	25
Tracy Akimoto	25	Reiko Mitsunaga	25
Teri Akiyama	20	Kim & Diane Mugleston	20
Cookie Chappell	25	Laurie Noda	20
Mike & S. Lee Chew	25	Chris Oki	25
Richard & Lynne Doi	25	Dennis & Connie Okumura	100
Jim & Faye Eng	25	Dot Richeda	25
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Naomi Sanada	25
Scott & Joy Furubayashi	25	Bob & Setsuko Schock	50
Suzanne Hata	50	Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	25
Alyce Hideshima	25	Jamie Doi Slade	25
Rev. Jerry and Carmela Hirano	100	Pamela Koike-Stillman	25
Christie Jenn	25	Dru & Joni Sueoka	25
Lisa Joko	25	Christopher & Shelley Taketa	25
Paula Kawa	30	Paul & Kathy Terashima	25
Brent & Sherrie Koga	25	Janet & Verdo Thomas	25
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto	25	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	25
Pam Lancaster	25	Nancy Pearson	25
Lisa Matsuda	25	Sandy Iwasaki	25
Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	25	Dean Hirabayashi	25
Brian Mayeda	25		

### Obon Donations

Sharon Akimoto & David Rothstein	100	Torao & Merry Nakagawa	100
Tracy Akimoto	20	Karen Nakagiri	100
F. Lester Aoki & C. Ann Kelsey	100	Yosh Nakayama	50
Nobuo Aoki	50	Kenneth Nodzu	25
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50	Alice Ogura	25
Aki & Neil Chow	25	Chris Oki	50
Ichiro & Takeko Doi	100	Grace Oshita	50
Richard & Lynne Doi	50	Dot Richeda	30
Stan & Elaine Endo	25	Jo Ryujin	30
Thomas Endo	100	Jane Sakashita	50
Jim & Faye Eng	100	Donna Sato	20
Bob & Shirley Farr	50	Bob & Setsuko Schock	50
Mits & Terry Fujinami	100	Jean Shiba	30
Brian Fukushima & Tammy Park	200	Steven & Vanessa Shiba	25
Maxine Furubayashi	50	Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	50
Raymond & Aiko Hamada	30	Jamie Doi Slade	50

Masami Hayashi	100	Jun Sudoko	40
Joseph & Rose Kamaya	50	Nobue "Nancy" Sudoko	25
Bob Kasubuchi	35	Dru & Joni Sueoka	25
Eleanor Naomi Kobayashi	50	Bob Sugino	50
Jean Kobayashi	50	Nancy Takagi	25
Brent & Sherrie Koga	40	Christopher & Shelley Taketa	50
Jeanne Konishi	50	Nanae Taketa	50
Koyo Restaurant	100	Kazuko Terasawa	35
Henry & Tammie Kuramoto	50	Chiyoko Terashima	25
Richard Matsuda	25	Paul & Kathy Terashima	50
Todd Matsuda	100	Sachiko Tohinaka	25
Kenneth & Renee Matsuura	50	Robert & Tami Tokita	100
Buster Mayeda	50	Amy Tomita	25
Hisako Minaga	25	Yoshiko Uno	30
Mark & Gail Minaga	25	Ivan Van Laningham	50
Helen Mitsunaga	50	Byron & Reiko Watanabe	50
Reiko Mitsunaga	25	Paul & Sandy Iwasaki	30
Tomio & Junko Mitsunaga	100	Kimi Doi Foard/Mary Doi Family	25
Marcus & Karie Minaga-Miya	50	Monte Cruz and Cindy Nagasawa-Cruz/Margine Nagasawa Family	50
Bill & Shigeko Mizuno	50	Terasawa & Moriyasu Families	20
Keiko Mochizuki	20	cash	21
Asako Mori	30	Karen Cone-Uemura, memory of Ethan	50
Haruko & Mikio Moriyasu	50	Wade and Kim Hirase-Doi, memory of Mary Doi	50
Setsuko Nagata	50	Pamela Koike-Stillman, memory of May Koike cash, temple tours	25 60

### Shotsuki Hoyo

Nobuo Aoki	50
Richard Matsuda	30
Keiko Mochizuki	20
Alice Ogura	25
Amy Tomita	25
Hiroshi & Mary Aramaki	50
Ruby Doi	25
Dru & Joni Sueoka	25
Bob Kasubuchi	35
Bob Sugino	25
Lynn & Marilyn Shimada	25
Stace Hasegawa	25
Eleanor Naomi Kobayashi	25
Jane Sakashita	25
Amy Tomita	25

### Dharma School

Phil & Merry Nakamura	100
Kelvin & Jackie Kojimoto	30

### In Memory Of:

Daijiro Masaru Fujii
Fukutaro Sakashita & Etsuno Sakashita
George Doi
Henry Hirano
John Kasubuchi
Kizo Sugino
Misuko Shimada
Paul Hasegawa
Paul Hasegawa
Yoshio Beppu
Yukiyei Tadehara

PJ & Merissa graduation

Christopher & Shelley Taketa	20	Parent's Day
Robert & Tami Tokita	40	Eric & Alex birthdays, Attendance
Sherrie Hayashi	25	Seiji birthday
Jim & Faye Eng	20	Kyle birthday
Sherrie Hayashi	25	Seiji graduation
Tina & Ed Munson	50	Henry graduation
Troy & Judy Watanabe	20	Haley graduation

#### **YBA**

Sherrie Hayashi	25	Seiji graduation
Maxine Furubayashi	25	Parent's Day
Paul & Kathy Terashima	25	Parent's Day
Chiyoko Terashima	25	Parent's Day
Mas & May Akiyama	25	Parent's Day
Joni Sueoka	25	Parent's Day
Byron & Reiko Watanabe	25	Parent's Day

#### **Nokotsudo**

Maxine Furubayashi	25
Nanae Taketa	25
Ruby Doi	50

#### **Temple General**

Ivan Van Laningham	25	
Jeanne Konishi	50	In memory of Becky Konishi
Jeanne Konishi	50	In memory of Kay Matsumiya
Jeanne Konishi	50	In memory of Larry Konishi
Rev. Jerry and Carmela Hirano	18	Book sales
Sharon Akimoto & David Rothstein	200	George Akimoto One Year Service
Haruko & Mikio Moriyasu	25	In memory of Elsie & Misao Doi
Tracy Akimoto	10	In memory of George Akimoto
Ruby Doi	100	In memory of George Doi
Jean Kobayashi	100	In memory of Kenneth Kobayashi
Mark & Hiroko Mitarai	25	In memory of Kimio Asano
Junior Endo	50	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jae Tamura
Junior Endo	50	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kaz Kuwahara
Tracy Akimoto	20	In memory of Rev. Shintatsu Sanada
Naomi Sanada	25	In memory of Rev. Shintatsu Sanada
Wat & Katie Misaka	50	In memory of Tatsumi Misaka
Jeanette Misaka & Family	100	In memory of Tatsumi Misaka
Jean Kobayashi	50	In memory of Yuriko Matsuno
cash	10	

## **2015 MEMBERSHIPS**

Dallas Weaver

### **2015 PAID SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS**

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

Richard & Lynne Doi

Dot Richeda

Carmela Javellana Hirano  
Craig Mayeda  
Reiko Mitsunaga  
Kenneth Nodzu

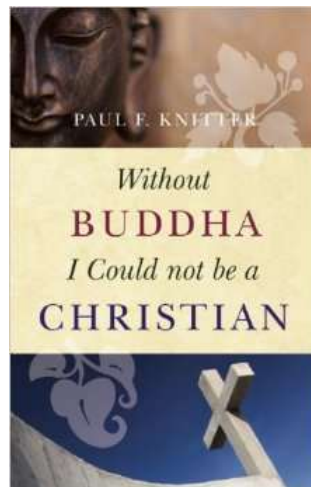
Dave Sekino  
Paul & Kathy Terashima  
Ivan VanLaningham

## Ohigan Seminar

September 26, 3:00 pm : Salt Lake Buddhist Temple  
“Socially Engaged Buddhism”  
Professor Mitsuya Dake, Ryukoku University

## September Book Club

September 7, 7:00 pm  
“Without Buddha I could not be a Christian”



## October Book Club

October 5, 7:00 pm

In Honor of the World Parliament of Religion and the Dalai Lama

“Answers: Discussions with Western Buddhists”

by The Dalai Lama

*This is a book that is adapted from Discussions and Lectures held with The Dalai Lama in Bodhagaya, India. Some of the topics discussed: psychology, Christianity, being a practicing Buddhist in the West, spiritual teachers, reincarnation, emptiness, etc.*



These books are available in the Lumbini's Garden book store