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## Formula in Buddhism

### The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow: Part-5

#### The 20<sup>th</sup> Vow

**“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the sentient beings of the 10 quarters, upon hearing my name, should place their thoughts on my land, cultivate the roots of virtues, and direct their merits with sincere mind desiring to be born in my land, and yet not ultimately attain birth, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”**

This vow is the very bridge from impure to pure experience of Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion. In a practical sense, we are stubborn to accept new ideas and views. That’s why we attach to old standards; especially in religion, we attach to good and evil such as “a good guy is good; a bad guy is bad.”

Immeasurable Working (Amida) equally embraces all sentient beings in the 10 directions. It sounds OK to me, but it is not easy to realize the true meaning of ‘anybody’ (all sentient beings). Since we have very strong and deep attachment to the standard of good and evil, “It embraces anybody equally” does not seem acceptable. Why does it work on good guys and bad guys equally? Does Amida ignore morals and ethics in this world? Can we do anything bad in this world? In the process of experiencing a world of purity, we have to overcome these thoughts.

The key words are “**embraces anybody equally.**” The words show how Namo-Amida-Butsu actually works on us. It goes like this: Anything negative I have in mind such as ignorance and blind passions does not hinder the Working; anything positive I have in mind such as kindness and good personality does not help the Working. It works as it works. The Immeasurable Working is indeed beyond something negative and positive. The Working goes beyond good and evil. That’s why it is said that the Working embraces anybody equally. And the Working is called “Other Power” or the power beyond me.

When we realize what we have in our minds and what we are, the word “anybody” clearly becomes “Oh, it’s me!” That’s why the vow says “we ultimately attain birth, or we experience the purest Wisdom and Compassion.”

The process to the purest experience is this; first, we hold the great practice of Namo-Amida-Butsu, but we don’t know what it is. So we doubt it, but we want to know it. While struggling with knowing and realizing Namo-Amida-Butsu, we come to realize what we are through the Teaching. We see what we are with the eyes in our mind. That’s why Teaching of Amida is not the teaching to believe but to see.

Most Jodo-Shinshu followers are in the 20<sup>th</sup> vow struggling to reach the true meaning and experience of Immeasurable Working. However, I can say that as long as we have doubts or questions, we are already in the Working knowingly or unknowingly. It is because Compassion never gives us up.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Doei Fujii



March  
Buddhist Holiday

Ohigan  
Vernal Equinox

# 100th Anniversary Celebration Planning

by Richard Yoshida

## Activities are being planned for all -

In less than a year, we will begin activities and events remembering the “good ole days” of yesteryear. For some of us old timers, do you remember the annual conferences, holiday dances, year-end programs, scouting and sporting events that were held? Plans are being finalized by the 25+ committee members who are making arrangements to hold as many of these events as feasible, plus other exciting activities, between January 2016 and October 2016. A “Save the Date” brochure has been designed and will be distributed to any member of the Temples and Sanghas in the Tri-State area and to other interested parties. The brochure will widely publicize our event. Specific dates to save are **September 30, 2016 through October 2, 2016**, when we will have the celebratory banquet, services and program commemorating Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples’ 100 years in existence. The building that originally housed the Temple before moving to 1947 Lawrence Street is still standing at 1942 Market Street. Although another business is operating at that location today, it may be possible to arrange a tour there for interested parties.

## Logo and Mementos -

Many thanks, again, to the participants of the recent logo contest for our anniversary. As you know by now, Connor Ospina, Co-President of the YBA, was the designer of the winning logo. Congratulations to Connor for his accomplishments! Now we will be able to order mementos with our logo to remember this celebration. Contestants in addition to Connor who submitted very worthy designs were: Clarynne Blanchard, Antruan Henderson, Donna Inouye, Joe Molina, Bruce Thompson, and Jeremy Watada. Plans are being

considered to use some of the other entries at various functions. Some Dharma School classes have already asked to order t-shirts, using the logo, as a potential fundraiser for this project. Stationery and other items needed to communicate with the other Temples, members and the community at large will be ordered, as well. When you see the ‘100 blossoming out of the lotus flower’, hopefully, you will immediately think of our upcoming anniversary celebration.

## Other activities –

Invitations are being prepared to send to dignitaries and former ministers of TS/DBT to share in this momentous occasion. Hopefully, many will be able to attend!

The BWA ladies are taking quilting lessons from Mrs. Lillian Miyazawa and Mrs. Elaine Tsumura, to learn how to make cut out cranes to sew onto squares for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt. Thank you to the Miyazawas for opening up their home for a sewing school on Saturday mornings!

Dharma School students are beginning to fold 1000 cranes as a project for this anniversary. Other Dharma School projects are encouraged.

The history book is well underway with most stories already submitted. Anyone who has a story that hasn’t been submitted should turn it in as soon as possible. If it is too late for the hard copy book, it may be added to the online version of the book.

A video project is currently being produced, featuring many activities and interviews. Please don’t be shy, if asked to be interviewed for it.

If you have any questions regarding the planning of these activities and events, please contact any of the Planning Committee members, who are listed on the “Save the Date” brochures!

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## “なも・あみだ・ぶつ”とはなにか？ 1/6.

私の世代は「南無」の発音を「なも」とも「なむ」とも教えられたが、私は「なも」と発音することになっている。ところが昔あるお寺で「藤井先生は、なも・あみだ・ぶつ、と言う。だが、私達の念仏は、なむ・あみだ・ぶつ、だ。先生の念仏は私達のとは違うのではないか」との質問があった。

戦後、サンスクリットの研究もずいぶんと進み、昔は「なむ」と発音していたが研究の成果で「なむ」の後に「あみだぶつ」という言葉が続くと発音は「なも」とするのが適切とのこと。だが、結論から言えば「なも」でも「なむ」でも、どちらでもよろしい。古い本ではすべて「なむ」と成っているが。

ところで、日本ではもう一つ違った発音の仕方がある。禅宗の念仏は「なみ・あみだ・ぶつ」と発音する。この発音は間違いなのだろうか？実は学問的な違いは知らないが、仏法の上からなら説明ができる。

「なみ・あみだ・ぶつ」と発音すると、それは「多くの行がある中の一つ」のこと。布施（ふせ）行、持戒（じかい）行、精進（しょうじん）行、など多くある修行の中で、念仏は愚か者に与えられた「ささやかな行」という意味となる色々な修行があるが「念仏は他の修行を補う、補足的な行」という意味で、つまりは「1セント」みたいな「ささやかな行」の意味となる。だから何度も念仏を繰り返し積み重ねて、ついには「1セントを一万ドルにする」ような念仏のこと。

では、「なむ」あるいは「なも」と発音する念仏はどういう意味になるのだろうか？意味するところは「ささやかな行」でもなく「積みかさねる行」でもない。「十方衆生にとって唯一の行」という意味となる。「これしかない行」「これ一つでよろしい。他の行は不要」という意味となる。この違いはどこから来るのだろうか。実は仏教の歴史の中で日本人は法然上人（1133-1212）を待たねばならなかった。彼こそその違いを言い当てた人だった。そして親鸞聖人はその違いを細かに分析し多くの人々をアミダ仏の世界に導いてくれた人。

さて「南も阿弥陀仏」には二つの呼び方がある。一つは「名号（みょうごう）」といい、もう一つを「念仏」という。どちらも中身は同じ「なもあみだぶつ」のことだし、どうでもいいように聞こえるが、坊さんの私には見逃すことが出来ない違いがそこにある。この違いを言わないと寝つきも目覚めも良くない

「名号」と呼ぶ時には「いまだ私に届いていない南無阿弥陀仏。いまだ仏の側にある行（ぎょう）」のこと。一方「念仏」という時には「名号が私に届いた仏の行」のことで、「称名念仏（しょうみょう・ねんぶつ）」という。この違いは丁度「いまだ食べていない料理の説明」と、実際に食べて「うまかった！」というほどの差がある。どんなに美味しい料理でも、まず食べなくちゃー、話にならないではないか。

合掌、藤井道栄

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**In memory of Tadao (1<sup>st</sup>) &**

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Richard & Michiko Yoshida .....	in memory of Taisho

# March Shotsuki Names

*(Sangha members who have passed away in the month of March)*

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Tom Fumio Abe	George Yuji Kondo	Harley Haruo Shimamoto
Henry Masao Aigaki	Taneji Koshio	George Gunichi Shimoda
Mrs. Itsue Ando	George Tomiharu Kuga	Kamekichi Shimogaki
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		Toshiaki Yoshimura

## Religious Services

SUN	Mar 1	9:30 am Dharma Family service (M) 10:15 am Adult Service (M)
MON	Mar 2	7:00 pm Funeral (F/T)
TUES	Mar 3	11 am inurnment - Fairmont
SAT	Mar 7	2 pm Funeral
SUN	Mar 8	8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 am Dharma Family service(F) 10:15 am Adult service(F) 9:00 am Brighton service(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)
FRI	Mar 13	11 am Shinran's Day service (F)
SUN	Mar 15	Spring Ohigan 9:30 am Dharma Family service (T) 10:15 am Adult service (F)
WEDS	Mar 18	6 pm LaJara/Alamosa service (F)
SAT	Mar 21	1 pm Greeley service (T)
SUN	Mar 22	Clean Up Sunday 8:30 am Nihongo service (F) 9:30 am combined DS/adult service(T) 1 pm Sedgwick (F)
SAT	Mar 28	10 am Hoji
SUN	Mar 29	March Shotsuki service 9:30 am Dharma Family service (F) 10:15 am Adult service (T)

## Meetings

WEDS	Mar 11	7 pm JACGP meeting
SUN	Mar 15	TSDBT Board Meeting
WEDS	Mar 18	6:30 pm 100-YR planning mtg
FRI	Mar 27	7 pm YBA Lock-in
SUN	Mar 29	11 am Pride Parade planning mtg

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples' membership offers condolences to the family and friends of:*

*Ron Sakai*

*July 25, 1936 to January 15, 2015*

*Steve Koga*

*August 2, 1955 to January 27, 2015*

*Aiko Takeda*

*died February 2, 2015*

*Frank Akahosui*

*March 22, 1922 to February 9, 2015*

*James Mizuno*

*July 29, 1925 to February 9, 2015*

*Tepper Koga*

*July 2, 1958 to February 12, 2015*

*Teruko Matsushima*

*June 28, 1932 to February 13, 2015*

*Rose Tanouye*

*August 5, 1919 to February 14, 2015*

*Betty Kajiwara*

*December 19, 1920 to February 16, 2015*

## **Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

The Shotsuki Service is a general memorial service held on a monthly basis for members and friends of the temple who have passed away during the month of service. For instance, if a member passes away in March (of any year), then his/her passing would be observed by surviving Sangha family and friends every succeeding March.

Although there are major memorial (hoji) services set at specific time intervals such as 49<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> years, the temple will now also provide families with monthly memorial (shotsuki) services; these will be held in conjunction with regularly scheduled Sunday services. At each Shotsuki service, family members will have the opportunity to pay respect and gratitude to loved ones who have passed away in that particular month.

Donation by affected family members: \$50/observance.  
In Gassho,

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> BCA National (F/T) 9:30 Dharma School service(M) 10:15 Adult service(M) 7 pm funeral (Tanouye) 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>2</b> 7 pm funeral (Tanouye)	<b>3</b> 10 am student visitors 11 am inurnment-Fairmont	<b>4</b> 10 am student visitors	<b>5</b> 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>6</b> 9 am Speak offsite (F)	<b>7</b> MAP/Discussion group (F) 10 am BWA Cooking Class
<b>8</b> 8:30 Nihongo service (F) 9:30 DS Service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 11 am MAP/discussion (F) 9 am Brighton service(T) 11 am Ft. Lupton service(T)	<b>9</b> 7 pm funeral (Tanouye)	<b>10</b> articles due for April newsletter 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>11</b> 10:30 am student visitors 7 pm JACGP meeting	<b>12</b> 11:30 am Religious Advisory Council (T)	<b>13</b> 9:45 am student visitors 11 am Shinran's Day service	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Spring Ohigan 9:30 Dharma School service(T) 10:15 Adult service(F) 11:30 TSDBT Board mtg 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>16</b> 7 pm funeral (Tanouye)	<b>17</b> 1 pm college lecture (offsite) (F) 7 pm Humu Humu Uke	<b>18</b> 6 pm Lajara/Alamosa(F) 6:30 pm 100YR mtg	<b>19</b> 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Brighton Chow Mein 9 am Group Discussion w/Rev. Fujii 10 am BWA Kimono dressing class 1 pm Greeley (T)
<b>22</b> Brighton Chow Mein 8:30 am Nihongo service(F) 9:30 Combined DS/Adult (T) Clean Up Sunday 1 pm Sedgwick (F) 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>23</b> 7 pm funeral (Tanouye)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Rev. Thompson - Spring Break	<b>26</b> Break	<b>27</b> 7 pm YBA Lock-in	<b>28</b> 10 am Hoji
<b>29</b> March Shotsuki Service 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult service (T) 11 am MAP/discussion (F) 11 am Pride Parade Plan mtg 4-6 pm Denver Taiko workshop	<b>30</b> 7 pm funeral (Tanouye)	<b>31</b> 7 pm Dharma Disc (T)				



# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8am - 5 pm Aikido Tournament
5 9:30 Hanamatsuri service 11 am Hanamatsuri lunch 12:30 Hanamatsuri program	6 1 pm Sedgwick 5 pm Scottsbluff	7 7 pm Humu Humu Uke	8 7 pm JACGP meeting	9	10 9 am Student visitors 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F) <i>articles due for May newsletter</i>	11 (R) 11 am KeiRokKai (YBA)
12 (R) 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 11 am MAP/discussion (F)	13 9:30 Dharma School service(F) 10:15 Adult Service(F) 11 am MAP/discussion (F)	14 <del>WeHope</del> Conference (T)	15 <del>WeHope</del> Conference (T)	16	17	18 9 am Time w/Rev Fujii 12 noon Greeley Hanamatsuri (T) 4 pm Hoji - offsite
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26 (R) 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 Adult service w/ April Shotsuki (T) SEE: page 7	27 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 Adult service w/ April Shotsuki (T) SEE: page 7	28 7 pm Dharma Discussion(T)	29	30	Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple 1947 Lawrence St. Denver, CO 80202  RE: Spring Ohigan	

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**Discussions With Diana Sensei**

Thursday, March 5th at 7 pm  
Tuesday, March 10th at 7 pm  
Thursday, March 19th at 7 pm  
Tuesday, March 31st at 7 pm

**MAP & Discussions With Rev. Fujii**

Saturday, March 7th at 9 am  
Sunday, March 8th at 11 am  
Saturday, March 21st at 9 am  
Sunday, March 29th at 11 am

**Denver Taiko Workshops**

Sunday, March 1st at 4-6 pm  
Sunday, March 15th at 4-6 pm  
Sunday March 22nd at 4-6 pm  
Sunday, March 29th at 4-6 pm

**BWA Special Events**

Saturday, March 7th at 10 am  
Saturday March 21st at 10 am

**Humu Humu Ukulele Sessions**

Sunday, March 1st at 11 am  
Tuesday, March 17th at 7 pm  
Sunday, March 29th at 11 am

## Arigato Gozaimasu

I apologize for and (presumptively) thank you for your acceptance of a late USPS mailing of the February Temple newsletter and a skimpy March newsletter issue.

Thank you to Revs. Fujii and Thompson and to Sangha volunteers for keeping the proverbial ball (temple office matters) in rolling motion for these first months of 2015.

Much of my 2014 was spent in Ogden, UT assisting “my” Steve in recovering from a prognosis of incurable neuro-endocrine cancer, which manifested itself as a sino-maxillary facial tumor.

Despite two major surgeries, followed by chemo treatments and extremely aggressive radiation, the cancer managed to metastasize with equal ferocity.

Steve Koga passed away, in his sleep, on January 27, 2015. His UT funeral was held at the Ogden Buddhist Church on Monday, February 2nd. His Colorado funeral memorial service was held on Sunday, February 8th at the Denver Buddhist Temple.

For as much as Steve was a man of giving and sharing (his assistance, his support, his labor), he lived a life of gratitude towards others; he felt great appreciation for the cause & conditions that made his life, his life. Cancerous manifestations made vocal utterances quite labor intensive during Steve’s final days - but he remained steadfast in his resolve to say, “Thank you” at each wakeful moment.

Gassho,  
Donna Inouye