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Formula in Buddhism The 19th Vow: Part-3

The formula below consists of essential ingredients for learning the Teaching of Buddha:

1. To Learn Buddhism is to learn myself,
2. to learn myself is to learn Buddha's Compassion.
3. to learn Compassion is to forget myself,
4. and to forget myself is to throw me into Buddha's World.

The 19th Vow

“If, when I attain Buddhahood, the sentient beings of the 10 quarters, **while awakening the mind aspiring for enlightenment and performing meritorious acts, should desire to be born in my land with sincere aspiration, and yet should I not appear before them at the moment of death surrounded by a host of sages,** may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

In traditional Buddhism, firstly a person has to generate the mind to attain enlightenment with sincere aspiration. Secondly the person has to sacrifice worldly desires, including family, friend, job, income, etc. Thirdly, the person leaves society and just concentrates on attainment of enlightenment under a Buddha or a master.

When you read this vow carefully, you find something strange - the person is sincere and serious, but enlightenment is not attained at the very moment of death. His path is not completed, yet. That's why the Buddha and sages appear before the person at the very moment of death. They appear to guide the person who does not know where to go after death.

For example, I had an offsite Hoji (Memorial service); the house was located in a new development area, so even a new map and GPS did not show its location. Then I called the family and specified the exit number of freeway and a gas station nearby to meet. Although I had the address, I needed personal guidance by the family.

When a person has generated the mind seeking enlightenment, and has learned and practiced doctrines for years, this person has the destination and address. But, still, this person does not know exactly where to go after death, so the Buddha and sages appear to him to guide at the last moment. This is the one serious short-coming in process as stated in the 19th Vow. Honen-Shonin (1133-1212), the master of Shinran-Shonin, pointed out - it's not necessary for a person to generate the mind for enlightenment before Buddhism. For this, he was blamed and labelled by traditional sects and priests as “a destroyer of Buddhism”. Honen was exiled.

However, he emphasized as follows: First, listen to Amida's Teaching. Then, the Teaching or Vows shows you what to do. Depend on something clear and sure as the first step for Highest Enlightenment. In Gassho, Rev. Doei Fujii



October Buddhist
Holiday

Tamai Sensei
Memorial

Monthly Salutations

from Rev. Diana Thompson

Hello everyone and welcome to the *spooky* month of October! Though Halloween comes at the end of the month, it is around us all month long and the over-all theme is 'fear'. Though displays in stores range from the amusing to the truly terrifying, all stem from a tradition designed to lead the participants to face fears and in way, overcome them. At this time of year, fear is associated with ghosts, monsters, witches, etc. but outside of those, we also have fears such as fear of heights, fear of germs and, one of the major human fears, fear of public speaking. Some fear stems from an innate survival instinct. Hearing a strange noise for instance will cause panic triggered by that instinct. However, what we envision when we hear said noise varies based on our own personal experience. Now, I mentioned my love of scary movies and books and based on that, when I hear a strange noise, I immediately envision a ghost, walking ventriloquist dummy, zombie, etc. I will freely admit that this is absurd and yet no matter how often I tell myself that, I will always think of the eerily supernatural. For others, the strange noise may be a burglar, an animal or the merely the house settling but, until we go and check on it, the source of the noise will remain mere perception.

Buddhism views all kinds of fear as the result of one's own perception. One of the qualities of a Buddha or bodhisattva is 'fearlessness in expounding the dharma.' This means that after having achieved great wisdom, they can go forward and confidently share that wisdom with others. They are able to perceive things 'just as they are' and desire to bring all beings from this shore of delusion and fear to the Other Shore of wisdom and fearlessness. Achieving great wisdom and fearlessness is something that many of us are sure that we want, but it requires us to face something truly terrifying, our true and real selves. When we begin to see that our lives are perceived through our own experiences, we come closer to the Other Shore and begin to lose our fear. We may never be completely rid of those fears but we can acknowledge our own foolish limitations and in this way, come a little closer to awakening.

Namu Amida Butsu

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RE: Tamai Sensei Memorial

Dharma Discussion

Led by Rev. Diana Thompson

**Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

Please join us here at the temple for evening dharma discussions. We will cover topics such as Amida Buddha and the Pure Land, basic temple etiquette, onajin objects and other concepts related to JM'do Shinshk Buddhism. We would also like to encourage participants to bring in their own questions and topics in order to keep the discussions lively and relevant ☺.

Dates and times are subject to change. Signing up or contacting us ahead of time is highly recommended if you wish to park in the Sakura Square lot and also so that we may keep you informed of changes or cancellations.

Contact: Sensei Diana Thompson
(303) 295-1844
dthompson@tsdbt.org

Read The Teachings; Join the Temple Book Club

by Rev. Diana Thompson

Please join us for the first Book Club gathering . . .

October:

Buddha's Wish for the World

by Monshu Koshin Otani

discussion, Tuesday, October 14th, 6 pm

November:

Ocean by Kenneth Tanaka

discussion date and time TBA

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老人の値打ち

昔のことだが、私の知りうる限りでは、三代が同居する家庭が一般的だったから、分からないことがあれば「年寄り」に聞けば大体のことは分かったものだ。例えば、地域の間人関係、田畑の手順、作付けのことなどは簡単に知れた。子育てや料理のことも教えた。また、何かにつけて口出ししたから煙たがられてもいたが、威張ってもいたから少々の権威も威厳もあった。現金も持っていたから小遣いも孫にくれる余裕もあった。老人には知識もあり家庭内では威張ってもいた。

そんな時代から何年が過ぎただろうか。老人の立場は大きく変わった。核家族が多くなり親子だけの家族が大多数となり「じいちゃん・ばあちゃん」とは離れて暮らし「じじぬき・ばばぬき」と言われる時代となった。地域の間人関係も昔ほど注意を払わなくなり、若い親たちは、分からないことはインターネットを使うようになった。それでも老人は金を持っているから息子や娘は小遣いほしさに親を訪ねる。老人の値打ちは銭の多少になった。

さて、昔は70歳前後で親は逝ったから、子供の歳は50歳前後。今頃は90歳前後まで親が生きる。と言うことは、息子や娘が70歳前後ということになる。介護に疲れた息子や娘が「親殺し」をするようになった。一人が寝込むと二人の健康人が世話に要る。施設でも入れないと子供だけでは介護は難しく、財布もとられた老いた親は今や「厄介者」となった。

今の社会で老人がどのように扱われているかを見れば自分の将来が大体見えるものだ。その見えてくる未来はそれほど希望に満ちたものではなくなった。では、一体老人の値打ちとは、長寿の値打ちとは何なんだろうか。そんなものがあるのだろうか。あるとすれば、それは何か。どんなものだろうか。

私は坊さん。仏教からみれば「値打ちはある」と言える。なにかにつけて世話が要るようになる老人は、本人の記憶も動きも鈍くなる。台所に行けば「はて、何しにきたのやら？」と、ついさっきのことでも忘れてしまう。寺に来て説教を聴いても、聞いたことは直ぐに忘れる。みんな忘れてしまうから何回寺に来ても同じことを繰り返す。

ところが、聞いたこと、知ったことを全て忘れても「それは素晴らしいこと」なのである。どんなボケ老人でも、忘れないものが一つあるからで、それは「なもあみだぶつ」のこと。仏法を聞いた人はこれだけは忘れない。驚くばかりだ。「一つを持たせ、称えさせ、我が国に迎え入れる」とは無量の働き（アミダ）の真髓である。この「一つを持たせて」という中に私の相（すがた）がすでに入っている。「藤井は直ぐに何でもかんでも忘れるから、一つだけを持たせるしかない」と無量の智慧と慈悲とがすでに私を見抜いているからである。老人の値打ち・長寿の値打ちとは己の相（すがた）を通して無量（アミダ）の働きを日々如実に味わうことだとデンバーに来てからつくづくそう感じるようになった。これは一人の間人として、人生で最も大切なことではないか。

合掌、
藤井道栄

Mountain States District
Conference
November 8th and 9th
at Tri-State/Denver
Buddhist Temple

This year, the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple will be hosting the Mountain States District Conference. This conference is meant to bring together the sanghas from the Colorado and Utah Temples for the purpose of sharing the Dharma. Ministers and Minister Assistants from the various temples will be giving presentations on the Myokonin, or ‘wondrous people’ whose great respect for the teachings of Buddha brought them to lead wondrous lives in the Dharma and inspired others to do the same. There will be activities for both children and adults with lunch (Saturday and Sunday) and dinner (Saturday) will be provided. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Thompson dthompson@tsdbt.org. Hope to see all sangha members there!

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2014-15 YBA News

by Brian Horiuchi

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I would like to start off this latest installation of the YBA’s portion of the newsletter by welcoming everyone back to temple. With that being said, there are a couple of things that we need to get down to. I would like to congratulate the new YBA officers who have earned their respected positions. The list is as follows: co-presidents: Connor Ospina and Brian Horiuchi; vice president: Cami Shigaya; head chef: Andrew Horiuchi; secretary: Miko Holmes; treasurer: Bryan Tanigawa; deputy treasurer: Allison Phillips; and director of fun: Ryan Kim. Congratulations everyone, and let’s have a great year.

The second object I would like to address is Akimatsuri. Yay! Akimatsuri will occur on October 26th. As always, we will be serving lunch for everyone, there will be games for the kids to play until the costume contest and there will also be a haunted house for those brave of heart. With that in mind, happy fall everyone and welcome back to temple! Let’s have a fun and enlightening year.



Got kamaboko boards?

by Michelle Asakawa

Don’t throw them away—instead, bring them to the temple! We can put them to good use.

Please wash your boards and leave them in the box marked “Kamaboko Boards Here,” in the auditorium.

(For those of you who may be wondering what kamaboko boards are, they are the small boards that come underneath the semicircular white-and-pink fish cake that’s used in many Japanese recipes. It’s available at Pacific Mercantile and most other Asian markets, in the refrigerated case. You can now buy kamaboko without the board, but why would you want to do that now that you know we can reuse them?)

*Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples gratefully acknowledges donations
and offerings received from August 1, 2014- August 31, 2014:*

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Ruby Harada, Jiro Shoji & Ugi Harada**

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Obon Service

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Facilities Usage

DBT Judo Dojo; Tagawa
Memorial Shiai
DBT Craft Class

**DBT Judo Dojo
Gives Thanks**

In August 2014 the Denver Buddhist Temple Judo Dojo received a generous \$3000 grant from the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple/Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation Grant Program. The money will go toward the purchase of new state-of-the-art tatami, replacing our current tatami which is over 20 years old. The Dojo wishes to express its sincere gratitude for the monetary award, and extends a heartfelt thank you to the Temple, grant committee, Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation, its members past and present and their families. This donation helps assure that Judo remains part of the Japanese American Community for years to come. Thank you.

Taeko Ito	ash burial; Sueo Ito
Elaine & Ted Tsumura	Autumnal Ohigan
Green Spot, Inc.	CBF donation
George & Yoko Nagai	Eitaikyo Fund donation
Katayama Family	funeral; Henry Katayama
Nakata Family	funeral; Henry Nakata
Kato Family	funeral; Kimiko Kato
Matsuda Family	funeral; Tatsuo Matsuda
Jennilei Powers Takemoto	Hatsubon
Charles & Teri Ozaki	wedding; Courtney & Moch
Concordia on the Lake	Hondo tour & lecture
Eiji & Fumiko Horiuchi & family	in memory of Andrew Horiuchi
Alice Yasumura	in memory of Ed Yasumura-17 th yr
Charles Kagiyama	in memory of Henry Katayama
.....	In memory of Henry Nakata
Yago/Nagaki/Mayemura Families	in memory of Junko Yago-13 th yr
Randy, Helen, Kathy Sakurai	in memory of Renae Sakurai-13 th yr
Jennilei Powers Takemoto	in memory of Rick Takemoto-1 st yr
Tetsuo & Sadako Iwahiro	in memory of Shigeo Iwahiro-13 th yr

TS/DBT 100-Year Celebration Progress Report

by Richard Yoshida

The committee has been busy making plans for a memorable event in 2016. Current plans include a number of exciting activities throughout the 2016-year. You will hear more about these as we progress further.

Plans also include setting up displays, most likely in the gymnasium during the October 7-9 weekend, that present historical, present day, as well as future accounts of the Temple. These may be in the form of photographs, slide shows, short presentations, visual creations, etc. We will be asking Temples (e.g., Denver, Brighton, Longmont, Greeley, Sedgwick, La Jara/Alamosa), affiliated organizations, and community organizations to be key participants for this component of the celebration. Put on your thinking caps for displays and provide them to your organization, or to the 100-Year Celebration Committee. If you have any artifacts that represent the past days of the various Temples and organizations, let us know and please do not throw them away; these items may be very useful for this event. Artifacts can include items such as old baseball or softball uniforms, old and new equipment, curtains saved from stage plays (shibais), trophies, and of course, photographs, etc. Give us your own ideas and also look for future announcements for this activity.

One point: If you do have artifacts to contribute that may be used for possible exhibit, do not bring them to the Temple at this time due to storage limitations. Rather, please save them and inform the organization or affiliate that will be utilizing the items. Also contact Richard Yoshida (720-369-5195) or Ann Murphy (720-839-7614) for coordination purposes.

Save the date for an informational seminar on Medicare and planning for healthcare in retirement.

Date: Saturday, October 25th, 2014

Time: 10:00 - 11:00AM

Where: The Mezzanine Space at Sakura Square

Guest Speaker: Andy Nash, Regional V.P. Nationwide

Sponsored by: Kristy Tochihara, CPRC. First Vice President, Mogan Stanley, Noel Culberson, CFP, CFA. Vice President, Mogan Stanley, JARCC, and TS/DBT.

Please contact Gail Ida at gailann.ida@gmail.com or 303.466.6937 to **RSVP by October 20th, 2014** or for more information.

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

James Shimada

October 10, 1929 - September 9, 2014

Richard Masaki

January 31, 1946 - September 12, 2014

Wedding Ceremony Memories

A 100 Yr Sub-Committee Project

by Kay Takahashi

In preparation for the 100 year celebration of the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple, the committee is planning to display wedding pictures of couples who were married under the auspices of the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and performed by a minister affiliated with Tri-State.

To have your photo included in the exhibit/slide show, please submit the following information:

- Name of Couple, including the bride's maiden name
- Date of Wedding (month, date, year)
- Name of Best Man
- Name of Maid of Honor/Matron of Honor
- Name of Officiating Minister

This information and scanned photo should be submitted to anymurph@gmail.com. If this method is not feasible, a copy of the picture and pertinent information should be addressed to:

The 100 Year Wedding Project
c/o TSDBT
1947 Lawrence Street
Denver, CO 80202

Please note that the copy of the photo will not be returned.

Please pass this information to others who were married in a Buddhist ceremony.

Religious Services

SAT	Oct 4	11 am Hoji
SUN	Oct 5	Rev. Tamai Memorial Service 8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma Family service 10:15 am Adult Service 12 pm Sedgwick w/Hoji
FRI	Oct 10	11 am Shinran's Day service
SUN	Oct 12	9:30 am Dharma Family Service 10:15 Adult service 9:00 am Brighton Sangha service 11 am Ft. Lupton service
SAT	Oct 18	1 pm Greeley service
SUN	Oct 19	8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 am Dharma Family Service 10:15 Adult service
SUN	Oct 26	9:30 am Dharma Family service 10:15 am Adult Service

2015 Colfax Marathon Prep

by Rachel Davis

It's never too early to plan and/or train for the 2015 Colfax Marathon. Just this past year, DBT Sangha, DBT Judo, and Denver Taiko members participated in the 2014 Colfax Marathon Relay - in just a few months, we were able to raise \$7,562.40 by quickly assembling "rag-tag" teams of runners (some experienced and some not). Imagine what can be accomplished with a few months more lead time?

We are so excited to announce that we have pre-registered team participation for the 2015 Colfax Marathon Relay which is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Past runners, new runners, and anyone who would like to participate in the planning and execution of the event - you are invited and encouraged to contact Rachel Davis at raychotai@gmail.com.

It's fun - it's healthy - it's worthy and it's appreciated. Please join.



Dharma School Schedule

Bake Sales

Oct. 5	2nd & 3rd grade
Oct. 12	K & 1st grade
Oct 19	Preschool
Oct 26	YBA AkiMatsuri Lunch & Party

YBA Students will chair service during family services in October. We'll celebrate October birthdays on October 19th. Look for the sign-up sheet for bringing treats for future Birthday Sundays (usually observed on the third calendar Sunday of each month).

**Get Your Flu Shot
Sunday, October 5th
9 am - 12 pm**

at the Temple through Walgreens

Arigato Gozaimasu

Thank you to the following people who helped to get last month's newsletter into the mail: Alley & Yoshimi Watada, Shirley Tsuchimoto, Mabel Googins, Kay Takahashi and Michiko Kajiwara.

Thank you Sakura Square Management Board for offering and working with the TSDBT Board to create a Building Maintenance contract. By providing funds for the Temple's facility maintenance costs, not only do you insure the ongoing and attentive care required to keep an aging building viable, but you also allow the Temple to re-allocate budget funds to other important Temple needs (i.e. education, ministerial services, Buddhist events, etc.) This arrangement also allows for the regular cleaning of sidewalks and courtyard - thank you . . . it makes a wonderful difference in the appearance and welcoming atmosphere of the Temple.

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 NO Services	Bishop Umezu officiates a Special Presentation for Rev. Thompson's Kaikyoshi attainment					1 5 pm Hoji - offsite
2 8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service	3	4	5	6	7 Mtn States District Conference	8
9 MSD Conference 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service 9 am Brighton	10	11	12 6 pm LaJara/Alamosa	13	14 11 am Shinran's Day Service (F)	15 1 pm Greeley
16 Eitai-kyo Service 8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult Service 11:30 Trurkey Bingo 11:30 am TSDBT Board mtg	17	18 7 pm Humu Humu	19	20 Rev. Fujii - Los Angeles, CA - vacation	21	22
23 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service 4 pm Hoji	24	25 Rev. Fujii - Los Angeles, CA - vacation	26 Rev. Fujii - Los Angeles, CA - vacation	27 10 am Interfaith Thanksgiving service Christ the King Catholic Church	28	29

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 11 am Hoji
5 Rev. Tamai Memorial Seminar 8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service 9-12 Flu Shot clinic 12 pm Sedgwick w/Hoji	6	7	8 7 pm JACGP mtg	9 6 pm Dharma Discussion	10 11 am Shinran's Day Service	11 8 - 5 DBT Judo Tournament Tagawa Memorial Shiai
12 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult Service 9 am Brighton service 11 Ft. Lupton service	13	14	15	16 6 pm Dharma Discussion	17	18 1 pm Greeley
19 8:30 am Nihongo service 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service 11:30 am TSDBT Board mtg	20	21 6 pm Book Discussion 7 pm Humu Humu Uke	22	23 6 pm Dharma Discussion	24	25 10 am Medicare Seminar @Sakura Square
26 9:30 Dharma School service 10:15 Adult service 11 am YBA Aki Matsuri	27	28	29	30 6 pm Dharma Discussion	31	

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Sakura Square's New Faces

by Gary Yamashita

In support of the ongoing evolution of Sakura Square, there are several new employees filling new positions and becoming part of our community. Stacey Shigaya has become the Sakura Square Executive Assistant. Stacey will support the Chief Executive Director and will assist with the daily business operations of Sakura Square. She is located in the Sakura Square Office on the first floor of Tamai Tower.

Jesse Rascon with Cornerstone has joined the team as the Sakura Square Facility and Maintenance Supervisor and will oversee all maintenance throughout the entire Square. Jesse brings years of experience and a strong background in facility maintenance and is a welcome addition to Sakura Square.

Jerry Montoya is a new member of the Sakura Square Maintenance Staff; he will serve as groundskeeper for the site. Part of Jerry's responsibility is to maintain the Temple courtyard on a regular basis.

In addition to the new members, we wish Gary Matsuda well in his new endeavors. After serving as the Sakura Square Facility and Maintenance Coordinator for 2.5 years, Gary is now pursuing other opportunities.

As Sakura Square continues to grow, there will be more exciting announcements. Please feel free to contact Gary Yamashita with any questions gary.yamashita@comcast.net or (303) 204-8039.