



# Buddhist Thoughts

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## The Buddhist Way

J.K. Hirano

### 10 Commandments for Responsible Living

- \* Live in a way that satisfies your needs without detracting from the opportunity of other people to satisfy theirs.
- \* Live in a way that respects the right to life and development of all other people, wherever they live, and whatever their ethnic origin, sex, citizenship, and belief system.
- \* Live in a way that safeguards the right to life and a healthy environment of all the things that live and grow on this Earth.
- \* Pursue happiness, freedom and personal fulfillment in consideration of the similar pursuits of your fellows in your community, country and culture, and in the global community of all peoples, countries, and cultures.
- \* Do your best to help those less privileged than you to live without hunger and penury, whether they live next door to you or in another part of the world.
- \* Join like-minded people to preserve or restore the integrity of the environment so that it can generate and regenerate the resources essential for human life and well-being.
- \* Help children and young to discover sustainable ways of thinking and acting on their own.
- \* Ask your government to deal peacefully and cooperatively with other nations and cultures, recognizing the legitimate aspirations for a better life and a life-supporting environment of all the peoples, countries and cultures of the world.
- \* Patronize businesses that produce goods and offer services that satisfy your needs and the needs of other people without impairing the environment and widening the gap between rich and poor in your community and the world at large.
- \* Give preference to newspapers and magazines, television and radio programs and Internet sites that provide regular and reliable information on the trends and events that affect your life, and help you and others around you make informed decisions on crucial issues affecting your future.

Ervin Laszlo

I found these ten commandments for responsible living on a web site for the Catalyst Magazine where our temple has an advertisement about our services. The article was actually a book review by Vaughn Lovejoy about a book by Ervin Laszlo called You

Can Change The World: The Global Citizen's Handbook for Living on Planet Earth, these commandments were taken from the book. Other than changing the word commandment to suggestions, I believe that these could be considered a guide to living a Buddhist Life. We

Buddhists do not have a patent or the only key to the way to live your life. As a Buddhist we try to keep our minds open to suggestions that are all around us. I really like these suggestions in this list. I will leave it at that for this month. Namu Amida Butsu.

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## Rigors of the 10 Day Kyoshi Training

Masami Hayashi

**B**ishop Ogui and staff developed the Minister's Assistants Program and continuing Education Seminars. After several minister assistants received their Tokudo Ordination on Oct. 15, 2003, a four day session consisting of updating and developing the minister assistants to become more knowledgeable in Buddhist ministry was started. Emphases were placed on sutra chanting, Dharma talk presentation, counseling, and the teachings of Shinran and other great religious leaders. Prior to the Kyoshi training in Kyoto, we had at least nine four-day sessions: one, in Sacramento Betsuin, three in BCA headquarters in San Francisco and five in the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. Several aspirants who did not receive Masters degree from IBS were required to take additional qualifying examinations for the Kyoshi training.

After the preliminary nine four-day sessions were completed, eleven candidates from BCA applied for the 10-day Kyoshi training at Nishiyama Betsuin and joined five others from Hawaii, Canada, Australia and England to form a 16-member "foreign" group. The sessions started on December 3, 2007 through December 13. The balance of 62 Japanese trainees came mostly from temple families and formed four more groups to divide the assignments of clean-up, kitchen help, and conducting the early morning and bedtime services. The afternoon service was conducted daily in a separate room for foreigners. The foreigners were divided into two teams. Each

team would take turns conducting the services in the altar.

During the 10-day session our daily activity started at 5:30 am and ended at 11:00 pm. Our training started with awakening at 5:30 am to gatha music played over the loud speaker. All ten men from the foreign group crowded into one room, got up, washed, shaved and folded the beddings into the closet, then we went to our assigned areas to do cleaning duty. After rool call by the supervisors we went to our early morning service conducted jointly with the Japanese trainee at the Betsuin's hondo.

Our service training for the 10-day session used about 35 hours: early morning service jointly with the Japanese trainees, afternoon service basically for the foreigners, and bedtime service for both foreigners and Japanese. We spent additional 11 hours in rehearsals to prepare for the next day services. The services included chanting Shoshinge (Gyofu and Sofu), Hoji service, funeral services, wedding service, Muryojukyo Saho (ritual), and Ho-onko rituals. The services intended as training required more time than normal because of our chanting mistakes. Our instructors were very patient and helpful and stopped us frequently when our chanting was off pitch or was not in rhythm. Organ was played several times to correct our chanting mistakes. I was surprised that the Japanese trainees from temples had just as much difficulty chanting as we foreigners.

We attended about 44 hours of lectures. The topics were in Buddhist music, Jodo Shinshu Seiten study, the basic structure of Jodo Shinshu teaching, Organizational rules and regulations and bylaws, Gonshiki liturgy, Jodo Shinshu and contemporary issues, social programs (Vihara), core movements, and Howa presentation.

We were individually tested to perform: (1) Zensho-kada (memorized), (2) Chant Jusan, (3) Chant Sanbujo, and (4) perform rituals: Toraiban (Koraiban)-(ascending and descending rituals).

The Japanese and foreigners ate every meal together in the dining room. All members of the

Kyoshi program were required to be present before the “words of thanksgiving” were recited. During the first two days, the same lady was late and held everyone from starting to eat. She was embarrassed but was always on time thereafter. The menu was basically Japanese. For some of the foreigners, the food was a little strange, but for me, it was wonderful. There was no talking in the dining room. We had to gobble our food in 13 to 15 minutes, this hurry up system certainly spoiled any pleasure of eating.

During the 10 day session, we got plenty of exercise and stayed in good condition. Our room was on the third floor. The dining room, class room, Japanese style bath and the ‘Hondo’ was on the first floor. The Nishiyama Betsuin was spread through two wings. We were always changing from our formal Kokue robe to the casual Fujo, so we would have to go up to our room several times a day to change. This kept us in good shape. We were certainly busy during the ten days, we were sut-ins and didn’t have time to know what was going on in the outside world.

On the tenth day, we got up at 5:00 am, went to the Hongwanji morning service, listened to the Go-monshu’s message, received our certificates, took group pictures and did our final clean-up at the Nishiyama Betsuin. All in all, I enjoyed the experience and felt good about participating in this rigorous Kyoshi training with a group of the most friendly and helpful companions.

I am grateful to Rev. Jerry Hirano for his guidance and to the temple members for their support during the four years of training that lead to my Kyoshi certification. I would like to thank Socho Ogui, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Rev. Ron Kobata and the staff at the Hongwanji International Center and Nishiyama Betsuin for their support and encouragement during the Kyoshi training sessions.

## President’s Message

Stan Endo

So far, we have had some snowy days this winter. The temple has a service for the parking lot behind the west building but the sidewalks are our responsibility. Please be carefully and don’t get hurt when walking around the grounds. Thank you Byron and Reiko Watanabe who donated a great snow blower that really helps with all this snow. AND, thank you Paul Terashima who has been blowing the snow. Many of you know how hard Paul works for the Temple so the next time you see him, please thank him for everything he does. Also, thanks to the BWA and Dharma School for the great luncheon after the Hoonko Service. It was delicious.

At the January Board Meeting it was agreed that the Temple will again support the upcoming Nihon Matsuri Festival. Paul Terashima volunteered to be the focal point for the Temple. Nihon Matsuri is an excellent opportunity for temple fund raising. Please contact Paul or myself if you have any ideas for fund raising.

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## Dharma School News

Faye Mitsunaga and Gail Minaga

Delicious soba and ramen noodles were served after the Joya-E Service on New Year’s Eve. A special thank you to Elaine Endo and family for preparing and serving the dishes. We appreciate all the temple members who helped with set up and clean up.

Hoonko service was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> and a nice luncheon followed the service. Appreciation goes to Bobbie Ikegami for organizing and coordinating the event. Thank you to all the Dharma school parents who contributed salads and desserts, as well as the BWA for providing the delicious main dishes and ozone. Special thanks to all the parents and students who helped with set up and clean up.

Our annual Bowling Party will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Bonwood Bowl on 2500 South and Main Street. The cost will be \$1.25 per game and \$1.25 for shoe rental. The Dharma School will provide the pizza and drinks. We request that each family bring either a salad or dessert. All Temple members are invited and we will also be hosting Ogden Temple for this event.

The Dharma School winter skiing activity will be held on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Brighton Ski Resort. This is always a fun activity for the entire Sangha. Sign up sheet for food assignments will be at the Bowling party.

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## **Dharma School Bowling Party**

Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>- 11:00a.m.-1:00  
p.m.

Bonwood Bowl

\$1.25 per game- \$1.25 shoe rental

Please bring a salad or dessert and serving  
utensil

Pizza and drinks will be provided

All Temple members invited-come join us  
for some fun!

## **BWA News**

Dot Richeda

**T**he BWA is looking forward to a busy and successful year for 2008. We will be providing the main dish for Hoonko luncheon on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to the seminar by Rev Ken Yamada on Saturday to discuss the difference between Nishi and Higashi Honganji.

Please remember to pay your membership dues (2008) of \$10.00 to our treasurer, Connie Sakashita.

Our next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am, before the General Membership Meeting.

Thank you for your support.

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## **Jr. YBA**

Christy Fong

**T**he Jr.YBA held their monthly meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Joy and Shelby Furubayashi for volunteering to provide breakfast items for our meeting.

We are scheduled to volunteer at the Food Bank on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00. All members meet at the Food Bank, 1025 South 700 West and we'll make plans for lunch afterward at the temple. We'll have our next meeting during lunch.

We are planning a Laser Tag/sleepover with the YBA in March.

Our next Scrip order will be taken on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Toban**

Brenda Koga

Thanks for Your Help

My appreciation to those who helped clean the temple for the January Toban. You did a fabulous job as usual!

We had a great group including Christy, Bruce, Jennifer, Michael and Kenny Fong; Samantha and Maya Chow; Dave and Sean Sekino; and Karen Tohinaka. Thank you for your hard work. Special thanks to Kazuko Yakumo for doing our laundry.

## February Shotsuki Hoyo

February 10, 10:00 am

Deceased	Date of Death	Next of kin
Doi Masayo	2/23/87	Ichiro Doi
Ishimatsu Yoshiko	2/17/26	Chizuko Ishimatsu
Iyezuka Tazo	2/26/70	
Kawaguchi Hirokichi	2/2/	Bill Kawaguchi
Kikushima Shizue	2/20/86	Bernice Kida
Kobayashi Yasuji	2/5/50	Ken Kobayashi
Kojima Hideo	2/3/85	Tama Kojima
Maeda Shime	2/4/36	Sachiko Koga
Nakai Kanesaburo	2/19/60	Lily Havey
Nishida Hide	2/23/68	Aiko Okada
Nodzu Shige	2/7/80	Ken Nodzu
Ogawa Gentaro	2/9/09	Bob Sugino
Oike Kazuyoshi	2/3/59	May Koike
Okawa Paul	2/11/87	Kiyoko Okawa
Sauki Izyo	2/28/94	Marge Kruze
Seko Kikuno	2/4/89	Duzo Seko
Shiotani Sataro	2/13/85	Kai Shiotani
Suehiro Otozo	2/2/36	Greg Matsuura
Suehiro Tomiko	2/4/31	Greg Matsuura
Sueoka Tokusaku	2/4/70	Rhu Sueoka
Tsugino Masuko	2/8/80	Matsue Kasubuchi
Tsutsui Mojiro	2/23/73	Geraldine Chappell
Ushio Tatsuo	2/14/03	Ruby Ushio
Watanabe Ichiro Roy	2/19/85	Mae Watanabe
Yagi Emiko	2/6/83	Rose Mayeda
Koga Sueyoshi	2/22/99	Sachiko Koga
Sauki Tamaye	2/22/98	Marge Kruze
Lessie Yamamoto	2/4/99	Eleanor Nakamura
Tadao Ushio	2/22/01	Ruby Ushio
Michiko Koga	2/5/02	Gary Koga
Jerry Tsuyuki	2/7/02	Mark Tsuyuki
Harry Tsutsui	2/27/02	Geraldine Chappell
Utako Tokunaga	2/27/02	Al Tokunaga
Jimmy Yoshio Kido	2/26/03	Yoshiko Kido
David Lew	2/14/06	Bobbi Lew
Frank Nakai	2/15/06	Eleanor Sasaki
Shigeo Nagata	2/28/07	Setsuko Nagata

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## YBA News

Maya Koga Chow

Membership dues of \$5.00 are being collected for 2008. The YBA will be having their laser tag activity with the JR YBA. All paid members will be notified of the date.

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## Temple Website

Cassandra Van Buren

Anyone can donate to the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple by visiting the website [www.slbuddhist.org](http://www.slbuddhist.org) and clicking the big yellow Donate button. PayPal bank transfers donations and credit card donations are possible. When you donate, please fill in the Message form to designate the purpose of your donation.

Aimee Kyed, Kayla Watanabe, and Monet Watanabe have volunteered to update the Temple web calendar each month. Thank you, Monet, Aimee, and Kayla! Of course, it remains the case that anyone can enter Temple events directly on the web calendar, although it takes a day or so for the events to be approved as official Temple events.

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