



November 2010

Question & Response

I have been involved in the inter-religious dialog between Christianity and Buddhism. Recently, I received two questions from a Christian to which I responded as follows:



A. In Canadian society is it acceptable to share your religious beliefs with friends or even with strangers or co-workers?

Yes, it is acceptable to share our religion with people in Canada. First of all, Buddhism is not a brief system held by one particular race, time or place. If it is, it might conflict with others. Buddhism is called Buddha-Dharma, meaning Buddha-Truth. It is the teaching to awaken to true and real life. Buddhism talks about a life of interdependence and interconnectedness. About time, for example, I am here because of my parents and their parents. If we go back 30 generations in time, millions of people are involved in my life. Concerning space, I am talking because of you. You are listening because of me. In truth, you and I are not separate entities but existing interdependently. We are here in time and space, because of our relationship to one another. Therefore, people who truly understand the life of interconnectedness say, "Your suffering is my suffering and your happiness is my happiness." Buddhism is able to share its teaching with anyone, whether Japanese or non-Japanese. It is indeed a universal teaching.

B. What does your religion teach about extra marital affairs?

One of the five precepts* that we, Buddhists follow as a guide to our everyday lives is to avoid misconduct in sensual matters. The precept would include extra- marital affairs. Buddhism is essentially non-judgmental. Before we consider judging others, we should first reflect on ourselves and examine whether as married individuals we have ever considered an extra-marital affair when things in our married lives did not go as we desired. Buddhism encourages us to be careful of our thoughts, because our thoughts may manifest themselves in various actions which may affect others and ultimately will come back to us. This is called karma, the law of cause and effect or the law of action and reaction. Buddhism does not have the concept of god as a judge. Remember whatever we do in thoughts, words and physical deeds usually entail consequences for which we are responsible.

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1. Not to kill or injure living creatures
2. Not to take what has not been given
3. To avoid misconduct in sensual matters
4. To abstain from false speech
5. Not to take intoxicants

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私は、コールデールに住んでいます。が、小さな町から都会を訪れると、まず空気が汚れていることに気づきます。町を歩いていても、ガソリンのにおいが鼻につくことがあります。都会は、だんだん住みにくくなっていますが、全て人間が造り上げたものですから、住みやすいように変えることが出来ます。人間そのものはどうでしょうか。仏教では人間を煩惱具足と呼ぶことがあります。具足とは、そなわっていて、離すことができない、と言うことです。人間のむさぼり心や、いかりの心は、地位や名誉やお金が出来ても、簡単に変えることが出来ません。浄土真宗は、転ずる、と言うことを教えています。川の水が大海に入れば、そのままにして海の味になります。川の働きではありません。それは、ひとえに海の働きです。私たちも、仏様の慈悲の光に出遇うとき、煩惱の心あるままに、お浄土に向かう身にさせていただくのです。私たちの働きではありません。仏様の休みなき働きのおかげなのです。

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Namo Amida Butsu,
Yasuo Izumi, Minister of BTSA

BTSA NOTES

The October buzz at the temple arose mainly from the **annual fall chow mein supper**, with many members turning out to cook, wash, cut and weigh vegetables, and perform other chores for this important fund raiser. The sangha energy was palpable as volunteers mixed hard work with social exchanges. A warm thank you to everyone for participating in this sell-out event. Thankfully, too, gorgeous autumn weather contributed to the smooth drive-through in the parking lot. (See related story.)

Members may have noticed a new structure in the northwest corner of the parking lot. The shed which had been approved by the board was finally installed on Oct. 14, and the new space should help alleviate some of the crowding we've experienced in the temple storage space. Thanks to Tak Okamura who looks after temple building matters for shepherding this project.

October was designated by the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada as the month to commemorate the beginning of the Jodo Shinshu movement in Canada and the founding of its predecessor organization, the Buddhist Churches of Canada. Our temple held **Jodo Shinshu Day on Oct. 24**. Donations received on behalf of JSBTC will be forwarded to the national organization. The board also voted to include the month's collection box offerings as part of the total donation.

Late in the month, more than thirty BTSA members traveled to Calgary and to the annual **Alberta Buddhist Conference**. This year, it was held in conjunction with the 750th Memorial commemoration of Shinran Shonin for the Alberta district. Further reports of the event will be featured in the next Hikari.

The flurry of activity continues unabated in November with the second **Funeral Fair** scheduled for Nov. 6 (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). We need help from volunteers to get the temple ready for the event and are asking those able to do so to assist on Nov. 5, the previous day, at 2:30 p.m. Similarly, we will require help to clean up after 3 p.m. on the day of the fair. Everyone's cooperation is gladly accepted.

On Nov. 27, the temple hosts its second annual **Bodhi Day Craft and Bake Sale**. Again, please assist when requested. The event will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Last year's memorable beginning of this event was threatened with cancellation when we woke up to a blizzard. Hardy customers turned out in numbers nonetheless to pick up mein noodles, Japanese food items and an assortment of baked goods. We're hoping for a repeat of the turnout without the inclement weather.

The next **movie night** is still a month away, on Dec. 10: "Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring," an acclaimed Korean film, with English subtitles. The setting is a Buddhist monastery on a small island in a beautiful lake. A curry dinner is planned for the evening at 6 p.m., with the film to follow at 7 p.m. More details are forthcoming in the next Hikari.

Akira Ichikawa

TOBAN UPDATE

Toban Rotation Schedule

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| November | Toban 4 |
| December | Toban 1 |
| January | Toban 2 |

October was a busy month for **Toban 3** after a relatively quiet September. In addition to the regular after-service tea/refreshment preparation and usual cleaning, there were two funerals where meals were prepared.

Preparations for the **Bodhi Day Bake Sale/Bazaar** have begun and will continue. Sale items prepared by member groups will include three types of manju, sushi, and mein. Brenda Ikuta and Deb Friesen are co-chairs of the Committee and will have some new items for bazaar sales.

Thank you to the group of workers who are in the process of improving our English music folders. Appreciation to Katie Nakagawa, Reyko & Mac Nishiyama, Flo Senda, Deanna Jones & Kimie Sudo.



The October Memorial Service had a large turnout of over 100 people.

Dear Dharma Friends,

The Bodhi Day Bake and Craft Sale is fast approaching: Saturday, November 27, 1-3 p.m. You may begin to see posters and free media ads popping up in the next few weeks. There are people busy making t-shirts, aprons and bags. Of course, the much anticipated sushi, manju and mein noodles will be available.

If you would like to donate baking or crafts we would be thrilled to accept them. I have attached some suggestions for baking that were made by previous customers and volunteers. You can drop off your crafts or baking from 9am to 12 noon in the Temple multipurpose room.

If you would like to donate your time, it should be a fun, short event to participate in. Please contact us and we will let you know what spots need to be filled.

If you have questions, concerns or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact either of the co-chairs:
Brenda Ikuta (403) 317-0078 or email rolikuta@shaw.ca
Debbie Friesen (403) 345-4767

Last, but not least, we always need customers! So mark the date on your calendar and come join us on **Saturday, November 27**. We would love to see you!

In Gassho,
Brenda Ikuta

2nd Annual FUNERAL FAIR Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Do you know how to plan your own funeral? If you could choose a headstone, what kind of stone would it be? What about the differences between cremation and burial? And what happens if you die without a will? What if your aging parent dies without a will? And what about those Personal Directives that allow your parents to control their health care interventions? Do you have questions about death, the obligatory paperwork and your legal obligations? Then you don't want to miss this opportunity to ask all the questions you have and probably find out some information you didn't even know you needed.

On Saturday November 6th, The Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta in Lethbridge is hosting its second annual one day event (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to provide information to the public and temple members about funerals, estate planning, personal directives, writing a will and other matters concerning end of life issues.

If you would like more information please contact Renae at renaeb@telus.net.



The Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta is hosting the 2nd Annual Bake & Craft Sale Saturday, November 27, 2010 1 – 3 pm

The following suggestions arose from concerns expressed by previous customers and volunteers:

- Please wash off all fragrances from hand soap or lotion before handling food products. Fragrance and taste of chemicals can transfer to the baking. Even latex gloves do not eliminate some fragrances.
- Bake sale items sell better when they are clearly labeled and ingredients are listed; particularly when they are good for diabetic diets or other health/diet restrictions. Presence of nuts, type of nut, and type of baking oil is commonly of high interest.
- Pack cookies by the dozen in your choice of clear Ziploc bags or plastic wrap.
- Please pack as "one kind" rather than as an assortment.
- Smaller loaves appear to sell better than larger loaves.
- Pricing will be done according to grocery store prices. We will also be asking the donors for their recommended prices. Nothing will be priced for under a Loonie.

Thank you everyone for your contributions to this important fundraiser!



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2010 Membership Form

- Full Membership (\$100 for each member) Student Membership*

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Last Name: _____ First Names(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

- Check to receive The Hikari newsletter by Email only.

Please send this form and your remittance to:
 Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta Treasurer
 470 40th Street South
 Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Z5

Notes

*Student membership is limited to persons 18 years or older who are currently registered in a recognized educational institution. It is free of charge with a valid student ID card. Student Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or to hold office in the BTSA and this category of membership does not include membership in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

LET'S EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF THE DHARMA!

A memorial rite marking the death of the deceased not only calls for the adornment of the shrine and the reading of the sutra but also is a precious occasion for recalling the cherished memories of the beloved and the most of all to realize the blessings of the Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion which embrace us all. (from Jodo Shinshu Handbook for laymen) On the first or near the first Sunday of every month, the BTSA observes a monthly memorial service in memory of those people whose date of death (meinichi-命日) falls in that month. Please bring a Homyo of your loved one.

2010 Buddhist Memorial Service 仏教徒の年忌法要

Year of Death (死亡年)

- 2009 First annual memorial ...1 year from death
- 2008 3rd2 full years from death
- 2004 7th6 full years from death
- 1998 13th12 full years from death
- 1994 17th16 full years from death
- 1986 25th24 full years from death
- 1978 33rd32 full years from death
- 1961 50th49 full years from death

ATTENTION DONORS

The Finance Committee is trying streamline the donation process! To that end, we kindly request that, whenever possible, please make your donations with a cheque (instead of cash). This would greatly assist and streamline our bookkeeping efforts and, more importantly, ensure the amount of your donation is recorded accurately. Also, we will be counting and depositing donations on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Those donations received on or before the 3rd Sunday of the month will be recorded in the next month's Hikari. Those donations received after the 3rd Sunday will be featured in the subsequent month's Hikari. Official tax receipts can be issued by the BTSA for any charitable donation.

Memorial Donations

October 2010

- Martha Akune
- Marg Fujita
- Floyd & Yoko Gillies
- Yosh & Lois Hattori
- Janet Hinatsu
- Robert Hironaka
- Tomi Hisaoka
- Akira & Lorita Ichikawa
- Ayako Imahashi
- Toshio & Kazuye Kanashiro
- Joe & June Kanomata
- Tom & Sumi Medoruma
- Robert & Toshye Miyanaga
- Kenneth & Maureen Nakama
- Amy Nakamura
- Kiyoto & Toki Nishijima
- Sandra Nishimazuru
- Mac & Reyko Nishiyama
- Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
- Kimio Oikawa
- Fred & Ami Oliver
- Florence Senda
- Robert & Judy Takaguchi
- Bob & Shirley Taniguchi
- Sam & Betty Taniguchi
- Mas Terakita
- Akira Terashima
- Jim & Marion Tomiyama
- Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
- Kaz & Marjory Tomomitsu
- Mrs. S. Yamagishi
- Yasuo & Lil Yamashita
- Ron & Kathryn Yoshida

Total - \$1,690.00

Shotsuki Hoyo

October 2010

- Lilly Oishi
- Marie Hirashima
- Fumi Sugimoto
- Kay Osaka
- Noboru & Kazuko Sugimoto
- David Takeda
- Larry Osaka
- Kaz & Setsuko Ohno
- Mrs. Fujiko Okamura
- Glen & Pamela Tanaka
- Judy Fukushima
- Doug Osaka
- Tomi Hisaoka
- Irene Karia
- Bob & Eiko Shigehiro
- Ruby Brett
- Fujio & Yoshiko Tsukishima
- Pat & Irene Hagar
- Tak & Yoko Tsujita
- Tom & Mitsuko Shigehiro
- Yumiko Osaka
- Tomiko Sugimoto
- Joe & Sumiko Tomiyama
- Fuji Takeda
- John & Alice Kanashiro
- Doreen Osaka
- Joe & Mary Shigehiro
- Judy Irvine
- Sumie Tsukishima
- Rumiko Ibuki

Total - \$860.00

REGULAR EVENTS

Japanese Conversational Language Class

Instructor: Rev. Izumi

Next class is Sunday, Nov 7, 7 - 8pm. There will be no further classes until the new year. If you are interested in coming out to one or any of the classes and/or for more info contact: Denise Takao at 381.1187 or detakao@telus.net

Study/Discussion Group

Sundays (except first Sunday of the month) 9:40am
Morning chanting and discourse

The purpose of meeting is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Jodo Shinshu revealed by Shinran Shonin. Please contact Renae Barlow (renaeb@telus.net) or Rev. Izumi 382.7024

Southern Alberta Buddhist Choir

Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm

Please contact Katie Nakagawa 403.327.4296
or katienak@shaw.ca

Tonari Gumi Tuesdays 12 - 3pm

Taiko Class Tuesdays 7 - 8:30pm

Please contact David Tanaka 403.330.1548
or david@eyesquared.com

The Lethbridge Karaoke Club

Sessions resume October 13

Wednesdays 1:30 - 4 pm

All interested are welcome to join or just listen and enjoy



A person slanders you!

Do not give way to anger

Do not hate him.

His philosophy,

His outlook on life

May simply be different from yours

- Miyoko Gyoren Nozawa

Japanese Lesson:

How do you say this in Japanese?

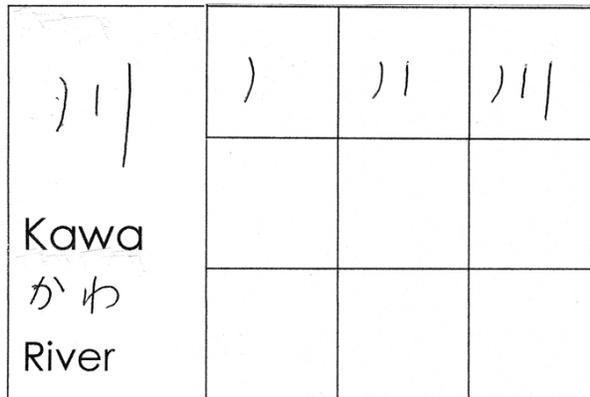
How are your parents?

Anata no goryoshin wa ogenki desu ka?

They are fine.

Goryoshin wa genki desu.

Kanji Corner



3 strokes

The kanji suggests the idea that mother, child and father are together.

"Flow with the universe with no struggles and no fears."

CHAIR SCHEDULE Nov & Dec 2010

Nov 07 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Akira Ichikawa
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Nov 14 REGULAR

Chair: Robert Takaguchi
Audio: Tak Okamura

Nov 21 REGULAR

Chair: Renae Barlow
Audio: Brenda Ikuta

Nov 28 REGULAR

Chair: Roland Ikuta
Audio: Roy Sassa

Dec 05 SHOTSUKI

Chair: Joyce Shigehiro
Audio: Tak Okamura

Dec 12 REGULAR

Chair: Sway Nishimura
Audio: John Dubbelboer

Dec 19 REGULAR

Chair: John Dubbelboer
Audio: Akira Ichikawa

Dec 26 NO SERVICE

Annual Buddhist Memorial Service in 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

The Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta expresses heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

Mrs. Chito Kimura (101) Oct 9, 2010

Mrs. Nobuko Nagama (93) Oct 13, 2010

Mr. Hiroshi Moriyama (93) Oct 18, 2010

Mr. Yoshio Nishiguchi (83) Oct 20, 2010

Mein-making session, in preparation for the Bodhi Day Bake Sale and Bazaar will be held November 19 at 8 am and Saturday, November 20 at 9 am.

Movie Night At the Temple

"Spring, summer, fall, winter and spring"

A Korean Picture by Kim Ki-Duk

Korean with English subtitles

Friday, December 10

6pm curry dinner, 7pm movie

Look for further information in the December Hikari

JSBTC WF Update

The profits keep rising thanks to your generous support, we are now at \$4,875.76 across Canada. Safeway and Chapters have been added to our list of suppliers. Contact Donna Dubbelboer by early November if you would like gift cards for Christmas gifts, as that will be the last order before Christmas.

Onenju (Ojuzu) For Sale

New Onenju from Japan are available. (\$15 for male onenju. \$18 and \$20 for female onenju)

Flowers are delivered to those in hospital.

Please contact Kay Tsukishima, 403.327.9786 or Kaz Takaguchi, 403.328.3190 if you are aware of a BTSA member who has been hospitalized for a week or more.

Chow Mein Supper

The fall Chow Mein Supper, October 16, was another successful fundraiser thanks to the hundreds of volunteer hours and the leadership of the Committee led by Judy Takaguchi, with 2,000 tickets sold at \$10 each and approximately \$16,000 in revenues after expenses. Perhaps as important was the opportunity again, for the Sangha to come together and enjoy each other's company, as well as the delicious lunches, in the midst of all the hours of work.

Judy would like to thank the Chow Mein Supper Committee, Roland Ikuta, Mary Thomas, Pat Sassa, David Major, Akira Ichikawa, Mary Shigehiro, Totsy Nishimura, Glen Tanaka, Nancy Adachi, and Robert Takaguchi. We are especially grateful to Judy for taking on this tremendous task and providing some innovations, which cut in half the hours of preparation. She reported that all the crews worked well together and everything went very smoothly, thanks to all the good help.

Thanks also go to the following donors whose generosity is greatly appreciated:

- Nakagama's – rice
- Wayne Kwan, Regent Restaurant – \$400 toward meat
- Bob Wallace, Harwood Distributor – half of the bean sprouts
- Glen Tanaka – half of the bean sprouts
- Casey Gouw, Gouw's Onions – 350# onions
- Rod Yokoyama, Taber Safeway – 24% off the cost of vegetables, ketchup, etc., a saving of \$222.00
- Wesbridge Construction – pylons
- Kei Nishida, Taber Transport – onions and vegetables delivered from Taber
- Joe & Sumi Tomiyama and Wanda Tomiyama – pickles
- Yoshiko Tsukishima – pickles





THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA children & youth dharma classes

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7

Juli Talerico has been invited to instruct yoga to the Dharma class. For the past five years, Juli has been conducting a variety of classes, workshops and yoga therapy in India, Calgary and Lethbridge. Currently she teaches yoga classes locally at Ammena Dance Company, including Yoga 4 Kids.

The children will gather in the Dharma room when service begins at 10:30am. The session will be approximately a half hour. The Dharma class welcomes Juli and looks forward to the fun!



Juli Talerico, yoga instructor

Sunday, November 14

We will make labels for bags of Dharma Chips, which the Dharma class will sell at the Bodhi Day Bake & Craft Sale.



Sunday, November 21

We will fill bags of Dharma Chips and attach labels in the BTSA kitchen.



Saturday, November 27

The Bodhi Day Bake & Craft Sale!

The Dharma students will have their own table to sell their delicious treat.

See you there!



November & December 2010 Schedule 十一月と十二月の予定表

Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service 祥月法要 Please bring Homyo (Buddhist Name) of your loved one. 法名をご持参ください。

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------|--|---|---|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| NOVEMBER | | 10:45am Breathing, Stretching, Moving 1 | 10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 2 | 10am Exploring Art for Preschoolers 1:30pm Karaoke 3 | 7pm SAB Choir 4 | 2:30pm Funeral Fair set-up 5 | 10am - 3pm Funeral Fair 6 |
| | 10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service 7 | 10:45am Breathing, Stretching, Moving 8 | 10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 9 | 10am Exploring Art for Preschoolers 1:30pm Karaoke 10 | 7pm SAB Choir 11 | | |
| | 9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service 14 | 10:45am Breathing, Stretching, Moving 15 | 10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 16 | 1:30pm Karaoke 17 | 7pm SAB Choir 18 | 8am Mein-making 19 | 9am Mein-making 20 |
| | 9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service 21 | 10:45am Breathing, Stretching, Moving 22 | 10:30am Gentle Yoga 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 23 | 1:30pm Karaoke 24 | 7pm SAB Choir 25 | | Bodhi Day Bake & Craft Sale 1 - 3pm 27 |
| | 9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service 28 | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 30 | | | | |

Annual Buddhist Memorial Service in 2011

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| DECEMBER | | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko | 1:30pm Karaoke 1 | 7pm SAB Choir 2 | | |
| | 10:30am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service 5 | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 7 | 1:30pm Karaoke 7pm BTSA Board Meeting 8 | 7pm SAB Choir 9 | 6pm Curry Supper/Movie Night 10 | |
| | 9:40am Chanting 10:30am Regular Service 12 | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 14 | 1:30pm Karaoke 15 | 7pm SAB Choir 16 | | |
| | 9:40am Chanting 10:30am 19 | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 21 | 1:30pm Karaoke 22 | 7pm SAB Choir 23 | | |
| | No Service 26 | | 12 noon Tonari Gumi 7pm Taiko 28 | 1:30pm Karaoke 29 | 7pm SAB Choir 30 | 8pm Joya-e (Year-End Service) 11:30pm Joya-no-kane (bell ringing) Nikka Yuko Garden 31 | |