



# The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

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## Calendar of May Events

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## Regular Sunday Services

### **Dharma Sunday School**

Sundays 11am, May 13 and 27

### **Religious Services**

Sundays at 11am – Noon, in English

### **Monthly Memorial Service**

Shotsuki Hoyo, Sunday, May 6, 11am in English, 1pm in Japanese

## Special Observances & Events

**Tanjo-e Seminar with Dr. Haneda** – Saturday May 26 (see insert)

**Tanjo-e/Hatsu Mairi** – Sunday May 27 (see article within)

**Interfaith Memorial Day Gathering at Montrose Cemetery** – Monday May 28, 2012 at 11am.

**Introduction to Buddhism** – Call temple to confirm dates and time

**Meditation Sessions** – 9am Sundays and 7:30pm Thursdays – use parking lot entrance.

**Sutra Study Class** – Open to All, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 12:30pm to 2pm

**Study Class** – Open to All, Wednesdays, 7pm

## Activities & Meetings

**Asoka Society** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1pm

**Calligraphy** – Japanese brush writing class, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7pm

**Crafts Class** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 10am to noon, open to all (call temple to confirm)

**Fencing** – Introduction to Kendo, Dojo sessions, Tuesdays, 8pm to 10pm at Bethany United Church (call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187)

**Japanese Language Class** – Saturdays, 10am to noon, children or adults, call 773-334-4661 to register

**Japanese Swordsmanship** – Iaido, Mondays 7pm to 9pm

**Middle Way** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, noon

**Taiko Drumming** – BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe, Fridays, 7pm to 9pm

## **Shame Of Having No Ears To Hear**

By Rev. Yukei Ashikaga

Takashi Hirose, a former president of Otani University and long-time teacher of Jodo Shinshu, passed away on December 30, 2011 at the age of eighty-six. He was an outstanding student of both Rev. Ryojin Soga and Rev. Daiei Kaneko, who were direct students of Rev. Manshi Kiyozawa.

During World War II, Hirose was a student at Otani University. He was drafted into the army and sent to China. At the end of war, he became a Russian P.O.W. and was sent to Siberia for four years of hard labor. He never spoke about his experience in Siberia. But I could imagine how unbearable and sad it must have been after reading the story of Dr. Sosuke Nishimoto, a former professor of Kyoto University who was also a P.O.W. in Siberia at the same time. He wrote about his experience of Siberia in his book, *The Family Life and Faith*.

We worked all day in sub-zero weather. Every day some fellows died and were buried naked in the snowy ground. We looked at each other thinking that tomorrow would be our turn. Food was so poor that all became bone and skin.

The reason why Rev. Hirose did not talk about his years in Siberia remains an unanswered question. However, it is almost certain that the experience in Siberia must have changed his thoughts on life and death completely.

Rev. Hirose was able to survive Siberia and returned to school. After many years of research and study, he became professor of Jodo Shin Shu and in 1980 became the 21st president of the university. He was a great scholar, becoming a “Kohshi,” which is the highest rank of academia in the Higashi Honganji tradition.

Rev. Hirose was a good friend and great teacher to me. I want to reminisce about a few of his warm and wonderful personality traits. After I came to the U.S., I visited Japan for the first time in 13 years in 1971. I wanted to see Rev. Soga and attend his lecture, but before I arrived in Japan, Rev. Soga passed away on June 20, 1971. I was able to attend the memorial service of Soga-sensei on July 10 at Otani University. By the time I arrived at the auditorium, most of the seats were occupied. I stood at the entrance, and Rev. Hirose recognized me from a distance and invited me to sit next to him. I felt quite honored.

Rev. Hirose came to U.S. for the second World Dobo Conference held in Los Angeles in 1980. He was a keynote speaker for the Conference. A few years later, I had a great opportunity to meet him

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## Temple News, March 2012

- ☸ 03/04 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) was observed. Rev. Ashikaga delivered Dharma message both in the morning English Service and afternoon Japanese Service.
- ☸ 03/06 Rev. Ashikaga attended ministers' meeting of the Japanese Buddhist Federation of Chicago at Furama Restaurant.
- ☸ 03/10 The 3<sup>rd</sup> year memorial service of the late Kenneth Shindo was conducted at the Temple.
- ☸ 03/11 The First Year Memorial Service of those who have passed away by earthquake and tsunami in northeast Japan and the Memorial service of the late Rev. Gyoko Saito were observed. Rev. Ashikaga gave a talk to Dharma school children and Gary Nakai read Rev. Patti's message.
- ☸ 03/12 Rev. & Mrs. Ashikaga attended the reception for the First Year Memorial of the tragic earthquake and tsunami in Northeast Japan at the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago.
- ☸ 03/17 Asoka Society met. \* \* \* The First Year Memorial Service of the late Masao Nojiri was conducted at the Temple.
- ☸ 03/18 O-Higan special service was observed. Rev. Ashikaga delivered the Dharma message in the morning English Service and the afternoon Japanese Service. After service everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared and served by Asoka Society and other members of the temple.
- ☸ 03/21 Rev. Ashikaga attended the Chicago Japanese American Council meeting in downtown Chicago.
- ☸ 03/23 The April issue of the BTC Bulletin was assembled and readied for mailing.
- ☸ 03/24 Rev. & Mrs. Ashikaga attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest held at the Information Center of the Consulate General of Japan.
- ☸ 03/25 Gyomay-Ki, the special memorial service of Rev. Gyomay Kubose, was observed. Rev. Ashikaga delivered the message and Anna Idol Sugano and Glenn Fujiura gave their remembrances of the late Rev. Kubose. \* \* \* Temple board of directors met.
- ☸ 03/26 Rev. Ashikaga was invited to meet with the new Consul General of Japan Yoshifumi Okamura together with the members of Chicago Japanese American Council at the Consul General's office.
- ☸ 03/28 The First Year Memorial Service of the late Yasuko Horiuchi was conducted at the Temple.
- ☸ 03/31 Hiroshima Kenjinkai sponsored their annual New Year Party at the Temple.

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THANK YOU,  
THANK YOU!**  
**Understanding the  
Nembutsu through  
recognizing the  
Paramitas in others.  
Send in your  
recognitions!**

- ☸ Sunday Service  
Participants: Ruth Abbinanti, Karen Baier, Susan Balsam, Bill Bohlman, Noreen Enkoji, Glenn Fujiura, Anna Idol, Haru Ito, Janet Lipner, Gary Nakai, Kiyoko Omachi, Shin Saito, Kay Schroeter, Elaine Siegel, Leroy Wiley, and Mrs. Hisayo Ashikaga, our pianist
- ☸ Temple Bulletin Mailing: Rev. Ashikaga, Noreen Enkoji, Evelyn Inamine, Haru Ito, Chuck Izui, Joe Korner, Gary Nakai, Mary Shimomura, Tak Tomiyama
- ☸ Taking care of the Temple inside and out: Tomio Tadamoto
- ☸ Cleaning the entire Temple every week: Justin Woodward
- ☸ For manning the Temple office every Thursday: Tak Tomiyama
- ☸ Maintaining and updating the temple website and computer: Shawn Lyte
- ☸ For emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Joshua Garcia, Adam Kellman, April Kellman, and Shawn Lyte

## Important Dates

These dates are in addition to the *Calendar of May Events* listed on page 1:

- ☸ May 13: Deadline to inform temple to include child(ren) in the May 27 Hatsu Mairi ceremony
- ☸ May 24: Deadline to reserve a space for the May 26<sup>th</sup> dinner with Dr. Haneda (required only if you will not attend the seminar – seminar attendees may RSVP at the seminar on the 26<sup>th</sup>), see bulletin insert
- ☸ May 30: Deadline for The BTC Scholarship application, see instructions and guidelines on page 5
- ☸ June 2: Visakha event, see article below
- ☸ June 24: 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Natsu Matsuri, see blue food pre-sale order form
- ☸ Mid-July (to be scheduled): Help Wanted Meeting, see article on page 6
- ☸ Aug 1: Deadline to register for the EBL Conference in Minneapolis, see article below
- ☸ Aug 31–Sept 2: EBL Conference in Minneapolis, see article below

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### 2012 Eastern Buddhist League Conference

Registration materials are now available for the Eastern Buddhist League Conference being held over Labor Day weekend, Friday, August 31 through Sunday, September 2, in Minneapolis, at the Hilton hotel near the famous Mall of America. As many of you know from previous years' EBL conferences and retreats, the annual gathering is a great time of fellowship with Buddhists from throughout the Midwest, east coast, and Canada.

The Twin Cities Buddhist Association is the host this year. Their Sangha has been putting together an informative and fun program of events under the theme "Many Paths, One Path." In addition to the Friday evening interfaith panel discussion and Saturday workshops on Buddhism, optional trips are planned to places such as the Minneapolis Institute of Art and Mystic Lake Casino, and there will be special activities for youth.

Detailed information and registration forms are available at [www.tcbuddhist.org](http://www.tcbuddhist.org), and we have forms available at the temple bookstore on the glass bookcase. The Midwest Buddhist Temple is arranging for bus transportation to Minneapolis leaving Friday morning and returning to Chicago on Monday, September 3. The estimated cost is \$100 per person, but could be slightly higher or lower depending on how many people sign up.

We hope you join our temple's delegation of adults and children to the EBL conference, not only for your own spiritual development, but to learn from the Twin Cities Buddhist Association about putting on a successful gathering. That's because next year, 2013, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago will be hosting the conference. You can be sure that we'll be calling on everyone to help out!

### Visakha, Natsu Matsuri, & Food Orders

June is the month for fun activities at BTC. On Saturday, June 2, BTC will co-host the annual Visakha event along with our friends at the Thai temple on Racine. This event, sponsored by the Buddhist Council of the Midwest, brings together many of the Buddhist temples and groups throughout the Chicago area. BTC will be the location for the various meditation sessions, a calligraphy class with Rev. Ashikaga, woodcarving with Michio Iwao, and other activities. At the Thai temple, there will be an opening ceremony, talks on various topics, information tables by many of the groups, and lots of food. In the evening, there will be cultural performances by some of the groups. Admission is free.

The last Sunday in June, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Natsu Matsuri, Summer Festival. As always, we will have great food, including our world famous teriyaki chicken, chirashi, inari, udon, ohagi and other treats. Don't go away hungry; get your food pre-order in now! A blue order form is included in this bulletin. (You can make copies or get additional copies at the temple.) Both of our taiko groups will perform, and Rev. Patti will once again have her "Taste of Chicago Buddhism" talks. The craft group will have many beautiful items for sale along with a silent auction. Try your luck with our main raffle and quilt raffle: you have to be in it to win it! Come see old friends and make some new ones.

Contrary to what some folks think, this does not all happen by magic; it takes lots of hard work. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at [budtempchi@aol.com](mailto:budtempchi@aol.com) and I will direct you to the people in charge of the various areas. Or, see me at Sunday service and become a part of the team.

Gassho,  
 Bill Bohlman  
 1st Vice President, Religious Affairs  
 Natsu Matsuri Chair

### Hatsu Mairi Ceremony

On May 27 during the Tanjo-E Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., the temple will conduct the annual Hatsu Mairi ceremony. Hatsu Mairi means “first visit,” and the ceremony is the official welcoming of a child to the temple (although some of them have already been attending). Each family participating in Hatsu Mairi will receive a certificate and o-juzu (meditation beads) for their child and will be part of the group picture featured in our temple’s calendar.

If you would like your child (any age from infant to teen) to be included in the ceremony, please contact Rev. Ashikaga at the temple office before May 13 at 773-334-4661. Please provide the following information: the child’s full name, birth date, and gender along with the name of the parent(s) or guardian(s), address, phone number, and e-mail.

We ask all past Hatsu Mairi families to help welcome the new honorees by helping with refreshments after the service. Please contact Diana Schoendorff of the Dharma School at [billandi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billandi@sbcglobal.net) if you can help serve and/or bring food.

### Hana Matsuri

BTC celebrated Buddha’s Birthday on April 8. Hana Matsuri, “flower festival,” refers to the Buddha’s birth in Lumbini Garden, the place his mother, Queen Maya, wanted to rest while on her way to her parents’ home. BTC Dharma School students poured tea from small ladles onto a statue of the baby Buddha, symbolizing the soft rain that fell at his birth. The children dressed in the colorful costumes of the court nobility of ancient Japan.



*birds sing and  
the clouds cry in joy  
Buddha is born*

- William Shehan



After the service, Dr. Alice Murata (pictured above) teaches a Dharma School class focusing on flowers.



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## Asoka Society: In The Beginning

By Ruby Izui

The February Bulletin included Dennis Chan's article about King Asoka, an important figure in Buddhism. That article prompted me to start a project. I am currently in possession of Asoka meeting minutes from decades ago. I will be returning these papers to the temple soon. In the meantime, I submit this article.

The first Asoka Society organization meeting was held in November of 1952, which was about eight years after the Temple doors opened on the South Side of Chicago. Prior to the Asoka Society's formation, three groups had already been established: the teen Bussei, the college-age Sangha, and the Issei-Kai. A few far-sighted young adults decided that the temple needed to form an adult group basically for religious purposes, but more importantly, for social purposes. You'll have to remember that most of us, at that time, were fresh out of internment camps, trying to establish new lives.

Thus this group of young singles and married couples got together every month (even back then it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month) to compare notes and make new friends. The beginning years of the society's existence must have been trying, with bylaws to be formed and officers to be elected. Even the selection of a name was a tedious exercise in patience. It took three or four meetings before the new group finally chose a name. Choices that came up for approval were: Asoka Society, Bodhi Society, Young Adult Fellowship, and Sonen-Kai. The minutes state that it took two secret ballots for the final selection.

The minutes also show that there once was a time when temple membership dues were 50 cents per month, Asoka membership dues were 25 cents, and that ash trays should be cleaned after every meeting. Asoka joined the Eastern Young Buddhist League in 1954. The EYBL was established in New York in 1945 and is now currently called the "Eastern Buddhist League."

For my part, it's time to drop this project, not only because of lack of information, but I find that in this electronic age, I am absolutely unschooled. I need to tend to the more immediate things such as controlling my creaking joints and trying to remember where I put my glasses.

## Gudelines For Awarding The BTC Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY** – Applicant must be a high school senior or an undergraduate senior who has attended The Buddhist Temple of Chicago Dharma School and/or participated in one of the youth affiliations of BTC, and is a paid member or listed on a family membership for the scholarship year, and for the two years prior to the scholarship year, according to BTC membership records.

**SELECTION** – The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit and personal dedication to the Dharma, with consideration given to individual need.

**PROCEDURE** – An applicant must complete the Scholarship Application, obtain one recommendation, and write a 200 word essay. All applications must be accompanied by a certified transcript of the student's high school grades and ACT/SAT scores. The responsibility for a completed application rests with the applicant.



A completed application consists of:

1. Scholarship Application Form A
2. One recommendation from someone who is not a minister of BTC, Form B
3. A 200 word essay on the topic selected from a choice of posted subjects, Form C
4. Copy of a certified high school and or college transcript and ACT/SAT scores.

**DEADLINE** – Applications must be received no later than May 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. All correspondence, forms, inquires and applications should be sent to:

**BTC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
c/o The Buddhist Temple of Chicago  
1151 W. Leland Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60640

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY** – The number of BTC Scholarships awarded in any given year will be determined by the Board of Directors, up to a maximum number of funded scholarships available at the time.

**PRESENTATION** – The Buddhist Temple of Chicago Scholarship(s) will be awarded in June of each year during Sunday Graduation Service. Recipient(s) of the BTC Scholarship will be notified during the first week in June, either by mail or telephone. Contact Rev. Ashikaga, 773-334-4661 for a complete application packet.

## **Tanjo-e: The Celebration of Shinran's Birthday**

By Rev. Patti Nakai

If I had not met the teachings of Nembutsu [conveyed by Shinran],  
I would continually fall into confusion and despair.  
My existence is like the dark mud, thoroughly defiled and bogged down in selfishness.  
But in the light of Nembutsu, I become like a refreshing breeze playing upon the glittering  
ocean of all existence.

– From “Liberation by the Power Beyond Self” (*Tariki no kyusai*) written for Shinran's  
birthday by Manshi Kiyozawa (translation by PN)

If you don't know (or care about) who Shinran Shonin was, that's okay. When I first started exploring Buddhism as a young adult, I couldn't relate at all to Shinran. He just didn't seem very interesting compared to all the colorful characters in Zen Buddhist literature. Then two things happened that made me appreciate how great a teacher Shinran is. One was smashing into the brick wall of my suffering and struggles. (If that hasn't happened to you yet, soon enough the specters of sickness, old age, death, war, disaster etc. will get to you.) The other thing was encountering someone who could convey the power and subtlety of the Dharma as Shinran discovered its working throughout his life. That someone was Nobuo Haneda who was conducting the study classes at our temple in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

As a monk for twenty years at the Mt. Hiei monastery in 12<sup>th</sup> century Japan, Shinran felt as many American converts to Buddhism feel – that with continual and diligent practice one would eventually attain a transcendent

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### **Help Wanted Meeting**

As a follow-up to my bulletin article last month, it has been brought to my attention that a summons for help for the various temple projects outlined in the article needs to be systematic and organized. A clear conduit for two-way communication must be in place to field volunteer inquiries along with a more robust dissemination from this end on details about what is needed and why. Whenever a “Help Wanted” sign is posted, the posting agent should be prepared to explain what it needed in detail and answer any questions.

Briefly, the topics discussed in my article were: fundraising, cultural/community events, and the operating budget. Recognizing fiscal responsibility and the ways and means to achieve operations sustainability are complicated enough to those charged with executing the business affairs of the temple. These topics are even less sensible or obvious to each member who may view the temple through the “glasses” of religious practice or purely social interaction and any point in between. So to attempt an open discussion suggests to me: “Expect a Q&A session and be prepared!” This applies to the attendees as well.

When it is necessary to discuss things in an open forum, a Special General Membership Meeting is warranted. A couple years ago, one such meeting was convened per our bylaws to report on the New Minister Search and to act on the proposal to update our membership dues structure. For the matters listed above, an open forum without the constraining rigors of a formal meeting sounds most practical. It will be an open exchange between BTC Members and Friends and other interested parties who are willing to lend their energies and expertise to the temple in a focused atmosphere of a Sangha in action and good food.

Food!? Did I hear somebody say food? Oh well, to sweeten the pot, food will be served at this gathering as an added convenience to attendees who are accommodating this event into their already packed schedules. I am looking at mid-July for the first of such meetings.

Please stay tuned for the exact date and time as the time draws near. Be sure to e-mail the undersigned at [budtempchi@hotmail.com](mailto:budtempchi@hotmail.com) to confirm your attendance so that enough food is prepared. Meeting updates will be made via return e-mail and other announcements.

Gassho,  
Gary T. Nakai  
President

## Tanjo-e: Shinran's Birthday

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state of peace and all-knowingness. But despite performing marathons of great physical and mental practices, Shinran began realizing the goal of enlightenment was getting farther, not closer, away from him. Through a dream he had while spending the night at the Rokkakudo ("six-sided hall") Temple in Kyoto, Shinran was led to Honen, a drop-out from the Mt. Hiei monastery who was spreading Buddhism among the townspeople. Honen pointed out to Shinran that it wasn't the way he was practicing that was wrong, it was his motivation – desiring "enlightenment" as a badge of honor that one has risen above his grubby deluded state and has become a vastly superior being free of mundane concerns.

In Honen, Shinran saw the awakening that the historical Buddha was really talking about – to be so liberated from the defensive and assertive ego that he embraces all beings with an open heart and deeply respects even the most downtrodden in society. No practice was required, only "do the Nembutsu" – become aware of the calling of the life of the universe which breaks one out of the confining shell of self-attachment.

Honen was continually out among the people, even when the government exiled him from Kyoto, he found ways to interact with people during his journey away from the capital, so he wasn't one to spend a lot of time documenting his insights and experiences. Although Honen had many loyal disciples who set down in writing what they learned from him, it was Shinran who dedicated his whole life to clarifying Honen's Nembutsu teachings and finding the supporting sources in the vast collection of sutras and commentaries. It is that Shinran who comes through words put down on paper who continues to teach generations and generations of people.

Instead of being some super-awesome Shaolin master engaged in heroic activities, Shinran led an unremarkable life and thought of himself as just another foolish ordinary person. Yet it is at the point when we see how far short of awesome we are, that what Shinran says makes a lot of sense. If he feels perfectly okay with being a mistake-prone dunderhead distracted away from do-gooding by bodily needs, then that means none of my failings is an obstacle on the path of awakening. We are all embraced and none are rejected by the life of the universe, Amida. The paradox is as Kiyozawa states above, that as much as we see ourselves as "thoroughly defiled and bogged down," there is at the same time a liberating sense of lightness and radiance.

Although our temple has always honored Shinran

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at Ho-on-ko, his memorial in November, the celebration of Shinran's birthday in the spring somehow fell by the wayside. The Jodo Shinshu temples of Nishi Honganji (Buddhist Churches of America) usually tie Hatsu Mairi (recognition of children's first official visit) with Shinran's birthday in May, but our members who were raised in that tradition before the war on the West Coast forgot that link. In the Higashi Honganji tradition, Shinran's birthday is called "Tanjo-e" and this year we have a special seminar with Dr. Haneda to commemorate the occasion (see insert). I hope that those who appreciate Shinran and those who may come to appreciate him in the future will all be able to attend the Tanjo-e Seminar on Saturday, May 26 and the Tanjo-e/Hatsu Mairi Service on Sunday, May 27 to hear Dr. Haneda present the teachings of "do the Nembutsu."

## ... Shame Of Having No Ears To Hear

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here in Chicago. One day, I drove him to La Salle, Illinois where Dr. Daisetsu Suzuki lived from 1897 to 1908 to work for Dr. Paul Carus, who was an owner of Open Court Publishing Company and secretary of the World's Parliament of Religions held in Chicago during the World's Fair of 1893. The grandchildren of Paul Carus lived in the so-called "Big House" in La Salle. Unfortunately, the house was closed because the family was out of town due to a family funeral. We could not see the room where Dr. Suzuki worked. However, Rev. Hirose was glad to put himself on the same ground Dr. Suzuki walked. Later, I showed him the house where Dr. Suzuki lived and the grave site of Dr. Paul Carus nearby.

Upon leaving Chicago, Rev. Hirose left these words for me: "Koe naki wo uramazu, mimi naki wo hazu," meaning "Do not grudge for no voice of salvation, but feel shame on you not having ears to hear." There are voices of Nembutsu, the calling of Amida Buddha everywhere all the time, but I have no ears to hear the voice. What a shame! This is the teaching that I greatly appreciate today.

Hirose-sensei was a deeply religious person. His serene faith never failed to impress anyone who met him. Wherever he was, he was surrounded by people who came from all different parts of the country to discuss Buddhist philosophy and the teachings of Shinran Shonin in particular. He gave generously of his time to answer their many questions. He was a genuine "Kalyanamitra," a "good friend in the Dharma," a kind and trustworthy guide in our spiritual quest. All of us who were fortunate enough to have known him miss him terribly.

Namu Amidabutsu.



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