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D.T. Suzuki & Paul Carus

By Rev. Yukei Ashikaga

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About a hundred miles west of Chicago, there is the town of LaSalle where Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki lived from age 27 to age 38, during the years 1897 to 1908. For any of us as Buddhists in America, this is a historically crucial location that should not be forgotten. First let me explain how D. T. Suzuki came to LaSalle.

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus, a world's fair called the Columbian Exposition opened in Chicago in 1893. Among the gatherings of various interest groups held at the fair, there was the World's Parliament of Religions, attended by representatives of different faiths from all over the globe. One member of the Japanese Buddhist delegation, Shaku Soen, read

a speech that had been translated into English by his student, D. T. Suzuki, and revised by the novelist Natsume Soseki. Industrial scientist, Paul Carus, a participant in the Parliament, had long been interested in world religions, particularly Buddhism, and his eagerness to learn more about them grew immense during the conference. He and his father-in-law, Edward Hegeler, invited Shaku Soen to their home in LaSalle to stay for a week. In the two years following, Carus worked on compiling *The Gospel of Buddha* [which tells the story of the Buddha and his teachings in a Bible-like format using various Buddhist texts], sending drafts to Shaku Soen in Kamakura for his review. Shaku Soen gave the Carus writings to D.T. Suzuki, who then translated it into Japanese, eventually publishing the book as *Buddha no fuku-in*.

After finishing *The Gospel of Buddha*, Paul Carus continued to deepen his interest in Asian philosophy.

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Dangerous Traps of Complacency & Righteousness: Report on the 2013 Maida Center Retreat

By Rev. Patti Nakai

Dr. Nobuo Haneda started this year's Maida Center retreat (July 26-28) by explaining the title, "A Danger in the Pure Land." The Pure Land – whether taken literally as a place for rebirth after physical death or metaphorically as an enlightened state of mind – is supposed to be a safe and peaceful realm, but Shinran spelled out how dangerous it can be. The danger is a threat to our spiritual life – actually a two-stage threat of getting stuck and failing to reach true liberation. That failure is not eternal damnation but a long delay, like spending hours at a doctor's office waiting room too engrossed in your cell phone games or reading old magazines to hear your name being called despite how in need of healing you are.

The first stage Shinran experienced in his own journey is the trap of complacency. Dr. Haneda used the non-PC ("politically correct") term "Hinayana" (small-vehicle) but he defined it as getting stuck in the notion of a personal Nirvana earned by one's own efforts. We all start off in Buddhism driving in our Mini-Cooper towards our own piece of peace, regardless of whether the path is labeled Vajrayana, Mahayana, or Theravada.

Shinran called this stage "birth in the realm of indolence and pride." Although the practitioner seems to be working very hard and living a humble life, he or she is stuck in the complacency of "I deserve this," and is directing all efforts and reverence towards oneself. What the practitioner avoids is the truly difficult job of self-questioning and recognizing the limits of one's own judgment.

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Temple News July 2013

- ☸ 7/03 Rev. Nakai spoke to a church youth group from Russellville, Arkansas visiting Chicago to work with the Uptown Baptist Church.
- ☸ 7/07 July monthly memorial service was held in morning. Japanese service was held at 1 pm.
- ☸ 7/10 Rev. Nakai attended lunch meeting of Uptown clergy group.
- ☸ 7/11 Rev. Nakai attended meeting for Shinshu Center of America via Skype. * * * Received recognition award for promoting interfaith relations at Iftar dinner at American Islamic College. (See Rev. Nakai's article in the August issue.)
- ☸ 7/13 Rev. Nakai attended memorial service for Mr. Yosh Sakai at Christ Church of Chicago. * * * BTC Iaido Dojo held a party for Rev. Ashikaga's retirement from the Temple. * * * Rev. Nakai participated in Bon Odori at the Midwest Buddhist Temple.
- ☸ 7/14 Regular Sunday service was held.
- ☸ 7/19 August Bulletin was mailed.
- ☸ 7/21 Dennis Chan served as lay speaker at Sunday service. * * * BTC Board of Directors met.
- ☸ 7/22 First of five Bon Odori practice sessions held (other sessions on 24th, 26th, 29th, and 31st)
- ☸ 7/24 Rev. Nakai spoke to a church youth group from West Plains, Missouri visiting Chicago to work with the Uptown Baptist Church
- ☸ 7/27 Rev. Nakai gave presentation at the Maida Center retreat in Berkeley, CA (July 26-28).
- ☸ 7/28 Temple indoor picnic was held, chaired by William Shehan with his whole family helping. Rev. Ashikaga conducted a brief service to begin the picnic.

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Understanding the Nembutsu through recognizing the Paramitas in others.
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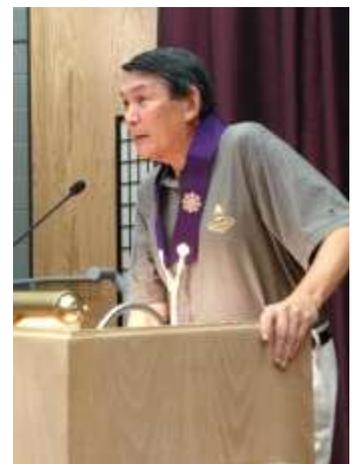
- ☸ Sunday Service Participants: Ruth Abbinanti, Karen Baier, Bill Bohlman, Dennis Chan, Rodel De Ocampo, Noreen Enkoji, Glenn T. Fujiura, Debra Levie, Lynnell Long, William Shehan, Leroy Wiley, our accompanists Mrs. Ashikaga, Mia Blixt-Shehan.
- ☸ Sunday Service Refreshments: Karen Baier, Jackie Denofrio, Rodel De Ocampo, Noreen Enkoji, Anna Idol, Haru Ito, Amy Kawamoto, Joe Korner.
- ☸ Bulletin Mailing: Rev. Ashikaga, Mia Blixt-Shehan, Dennis Chan. Antoinette d'Vencets, Noreen Enkoji, Haru Ito, Chuck Izui, Rev. Patti Nakai, Masa Nakata, Tak Tomiyama.
- ☸ Bon Odori volunteers: Refreshments – Jerry and Jane Morishige; set-up/clean-up – Dave Fujii, Chuck Izui, Jason Izui, Pete Izui, Alan Kato, Eric Kato, Mike Kudo, Jr., Tomio Tadamoto, and Gary Yamagiwa.
- ☸ Taking care of the Temple inside and out: Tomio Tadamoto.
- ☸ Cleaning the Temple: Mia Blixt-Shehan, Michele Mulcahy.
- ☸ Manning the Temple office every Thursday: Tak Tomiyama.
- ☸ Maintaining and updating the Temple website and computer: Shawn Lyte.
- ☸ Emptying the trash bins, filling them with new bags and putting them out for disposal: Sue Balsam, Adam Kellman, April Kellman, Michele Mulcahy, Rev. Patti Nakai.



Contestants picked up beans with chopsticks at the annual Temple picnic.



Temple members and visitors enjoyed grilled burgers, chicken, and an assortment of delicious food at the picnic.



Dennis Chan delivers lay talk on his visit to the World Dobo Conference in Kyoto, Japan.

Photos by William Shehan

Do You Have Time for Flowers?

It helps beautify our Temple to have plants and fresh-cut flowers around, but we need people to help us maintain and refresh the arrangements. Volunteers are needed to water plants and refresh the vases of cut flowers presently in the nokotsudo (columbarium) and south vestibule. Ideally we would like flower tenders to come regularly every Sunday for service and during the week for scheduled activities, but if you can spare any time on a monthly basis it would be appreciated.

We're also looking at the possibility of creating more locations for flowers throughout the Temple. Please see Rev. Patti if you would like to volunteer for this indoor beautification work.

Final Announcement! Rummage Sale Reminder

The rummage sale is Saturday, September 28, 10 am to 4 pm. Please take the time to go through your closets and garage for items you no longer wear or need. Drop off donated items at the BTC minister's residence on the following Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm: **Aug. 25, Sept. 8, 15, & 22.**

For those requiring assistance with drop-off please contact Laura Muraoka at: ewcamera@sbcglobal.net.

We accept clean, gently used clothing and accessories and small appliances in good working condition. We cannot accept TVs, mattresses, furniture, humidifiers, electronics, or items that are stained, torn or broken.

Anyone with questions or concerns please contact Lynn Maruyama at: lmaruyama114@earthlink.net.

BTC Japanese Language Classes For Fall Quarter

The BTC Japanese Language School will begin its 47th year of Japanese Language classes on September 7, 2013. Classes meet every Saturday from 10 am to noon and are offered at several levels, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced, as well as classes for children ages six and older.

Classes are taught by native speakers. The Temple is close to the Wilson Stop of the Red Line and the Ravenswood stop on the Metra Union Pacific North Line. The school has produced several famous graduates, including David Spector, who began Japanese language studies while a student at Lane Tech High School and now hosts a popular talk show on Japanese television.

Prospective students can register on the first day of classes at 9:30 am. For additional information, please contact Rev. Yukei Ashikaga at 773-334-4661.

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The Joyous Month

By Glenn T. Fujiura, BTC President

The Buddhist Temple of Chicago's Shotsuki Hoyo Service is held on the first Sunday of each month. For those unfamiliar, this is the memorial service in the Jodo Shinshu tradition for members and friends of our Temple who passed away during the month in which it is held. September is the Shotsuki month for my father, Henry Fujiura, who passed away in 2005. Temples typically publish or post the names of individuals who passed away that month and special donations by the family at these services are an important source of Temple support. At BTC, the names of our members and friends are listed in the Bulletin each month, and special cards for those being honored are displayed prominently before the *Naijin* at the Sunday service. As a little boy, I recall the Shotsuki Hoyo memorial services for relatives (mostly unknown to me) at the old BTC building. For me, that first Sunday meant I had to dress up and wear the dreaded itchy wool pants. I cannot honestly say I recall anything that Rev. Kubose said in those services; all I remember is wanting to get home and get out of those pants.

It is often said that the Japanese are married as Shintos and buried as Buddhists. I suspect this is because of all our memorials. There is the Shotsuki Hoyo and memorial services at various intervals, such as the 49th day, 100th day, 1st year, 3rd year, 7th, etc., and the Eitaikyo, Obon, Shinran Shonin's Memorial, among others. One might think that Buddhists are a somber lot, always preoccupied with the dark matters of death. But as Rev. Ashikaga always asserted in his Shotsuki Hoyo messages, the memorial services are for us, the living. Indeed, in Rev. Patti's first two Shotsuki Hoyo services as Resident Minister, her messages emphasized how her life has been shaped by those honored.

The purpose of any ritual is awareness, and the Shotsuki Hoyo service is about our awareness of our transformations because of the lives of family and friends. Thus, the literal meaning of the kanji (Chinese characters) for the word Shotsuki makes sense – "joyous month." Using the service to reflect on how our lives have been informed by those before us – even for just a moment, can change us. It was my father's passing that brought me back to BTC after little contact with the Temple for 38 years. A desire to honor the past was actually a beginning for me with new learnings and many new friends.

There are many who have not attended a Shotsuki Hoyo for some time; others have never yet attended. We invite you to come, and if you would like – to participate in the service. The Shotsuki Hoyo services are for you – to remember yes, but also to look forward . . . joyfully.

But wear comfortable pants.

Historical Background 2013 Eastern Buddhist League Conference Held Near LaSalle, Illinois

Plaque recalls lives and work of Dr. Carus and Dr. Suzuki

Plaque-unveiling ceremonies were held Monday at the Carus House on Seventh street commemorating the lives and work of Dr. Paul Carus, editor of the Open Court Publishing company from 1887 to 1919, and the Buddhist philosopher, Dr. Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki, who lived in La Salle from 1897 to 1908.

Dr. Paul Carus descended from a family of distinguished scholars in Germany and came to America in 1887 when Edward C. Hegleler invited him to become editor of the Open Court Publishing company. Carus was the guiding force in the company and wrote more than 60 books and hundreds of articles, many dealing with comparative religion, until his death in 1919.

Dr. Suzuki introduced Buddhism to the western world through his many lectures, writings, and translation. He was brought from Japan to La Salle by Dr. Carus to work for Open Court in 1897. Dr. Suzuki died in 1966 at the age of 96.

At yesterday's ceremony, the Rev. Byomay Kubose, Senior Minister of the Chicago Buddhist Temple, spoke to the guests and local citizens of the life of Dr. Suzuki, while, Dr. Kee Soo Shin of Temple university in Philadelphia gave his view of the Philosophy of Dr. Paul Carus. Dr. Shin completed his dissertation on the thought of Dr. Carus, comparing it to three other leading philosophers of his time.

Also participating in the plaque dedication were, Elizabeth Carus, manager of Open Court; Kiyoski Sumiya, Japanese Consul General from Chicago; James Ingersoll, former ambassador to Japan and current president of the Japan-America Society in Chicago; and other representatives from Chicago's Buddhist Temple.

From a July 19, 1977 article printed in the *Daily News-Tribune* of LaSalle IL. From left to right: Prof. Kee Soo Shin of Temple University, Blouke Carus, Rev. Gyomay Kubose.



M. Blouke Carus, president of Carus corporation, greets guests and local citizens Monday at plaque-unveiling ceremonies honoring two renowned scholars who lived in La Salle.

Despite yesterday's occasional showers, a crowd of almost 40 persons attended the unveiling of plaques honoring the 125th anniversary of the birth of Paul Carus and to celebrate the memory of the Japanese scholar, Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki. In front of the Carus home in La Salle with the plaques are, from left: Dr. Kee Soo Shin of Philadelphia's Temple University; M. B. Carus; and the Rev. Byomay Kubose of the Chicago Buddhist Temple.



Front row, left to right: Nancy DeRoin, Rev. G. Kubose, Mr. Murata from the Japanese Consulate. Back row: Rev. Ashikaga, Blouke Carus, Rev. Saito. Taken in early 1977, this photo depicts a meeting in Chicago. Rev. Ashikaga's article (see page 1) references meetings with Mr. Carus to plan for the historical markers in LaSalle.

Bon Odori 2013: Joyous Memorial Dance



Photos by Dennis Chan, Jane Morishige, & Ron Yoshioka

Ohagi Oversight

Last month, when I thanked all the people who helped at Natsu Matsuri, I forgot a very important group: the folks who made the delicious ohagi. After many years under the supervision of Dennie Okuhara, this year's leadership torch was passed to Amy Kawamoto.

Amy would like to extend her thanks to the following people: Betty Dunn, Jason Izui**, Sachi Kato, April Kellman, Hayako Kikuchi, Fumiko Kuwada, Alice Maruyama, Ikue Matsuda, Yasuo & Etsuko Mizuuchi*, Anna Nagata, Shizue Nakanishi, Molly Sakamoto, Mary Shimomura*, Esther Takeshita, Katsuko Tomimitsu, Jennie Watanabe.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who helped make Natsu Matsuri a great time for all.

Gassho,
 Bill Bohlman
 Chairman, Natsu Matsuri Committee

* An makers ** Runners

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He wanted to start work on translating Laozi's *Daodejing* [Wade-Giles romanization: Lao-tzu's *Tao Te Ching*] but found he would need someone to help him read the Chinese characters. He wrote to Shaku Soen requesting him to find a suitable person for the work. In 1897, D.T. Suzuki was sent to LaSalle to be the assistant to Carus and became part of the editorial staff of Open Court Publishing, the company started by Edward Hegeler for books on religion and philosophy which operated out of the Hegeler-Carus mansion.

I have taken several visitors from Japan to LaSalle over the years. Last fall, a particularly poignant visit was with Otani University professor, Shunsho Terakawa. At that time when I saw how much Prof. Terakawa appreciated the significance of the place where D.T. Suzuki had worked, it struck me

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that Buddhist scholars from all over the world like him would also enjoy coming to LaSalle but without any signs they would never find their way around.

Of the children of Paul Carus, only his daughter Elizabeth still lives in LaSalle. On a prior visit I met her brother Edward who has died since then and another brother who was living out of state. “Miss Elizabeth” is quite elderly now, but still fondly recalls playing as a child with D.T. Suzuki or “Tei-san” as he was known by the children. The current president of the Carus Chemical Company is Paul Carus’ grandson Blouke. In my conversations with Blouke, I’ve urged him to request historical landmark status for his grandfather’s mansion. We agreed to work together to have the family home designated as a historical site.

This spring I received word from Blouke Carus that there will be a special commemoration of his grandfather’s 150th birthday. On that occasion specially mounted plaques will be dedicated in LaSalle to note the significance of the work of Paul Carus and D. T. Suzuki. The markers will be at the mansion of the Hegeler-Carus family, at the house where D.T. Suzuki had lived, and at the gravesite of Paul Carus. These historical markers came about through the joint sponsorship of the Carus family, The Buddhist Temple of Chicago, the Japan America Society and the Japanese Consulate. Although the plaques are just a beginning step in the process of attaining historical landmark status, I am happily looking forward to their dedication on July 18.

Now with the historical markers being established in LaSalle, anyone in the future who wishes to trace the footsteps of Paul Carus and D.T. Suzuki will be able to locate the place where they worked together to bring Buddhism to Americans.

Afterword by Rev. Patti Nakai

On the dedication day July 18, 1977, the delegation from BTC consisted of Rev. Ashikaga, Rev. Gyomay Kubose, Minnie Kubose, Rev. Gyoko Saito, and Miyoko Gyoren Nozawa. They were among the many dignitaries attending that day (see LaSalle newspaper clipping on page 4). The photo at the bottom shows one of the meetings early in 1977 to discuss the joint sponsorship of applying for historical landmark status of the Hegeler-Carus mansion.

In 1995, the Hegeler-Carus mansion was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and in 2007 it was designated as a National Historic Landmark.

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This was the stage Shinran saw himself in when he was a monk for twenty years on Mt. Hiei. Then when he joined the Pure Land Sect (Jodo-shu) of Honen, he thought he was set but came to see he had fallen into another trap.

In this second stage, instead of a total focus on self-effort, there’s the ecstatic feeling of earning the help of “Other Power.” Dr. Haneda again in his non-PC way labeled this stage “Jodo-shu” but it’s really a stage a person of any sect (or religion) can fall into when they believe “Other Power is on my side.” Dr. Haneda also referred to this stage as “religious” but I think “righteous” more accurate.

Shinran called this stage “birth in the castle of doubt” or “birth in the bud-palace.” Shinran defined “doubt” not in the usual way of disbelief in the divine, but as our tendency to project our own limited judgment onto “Other Power,” such as thinking, “Other Power will reward me and my devout friends and will punish those other guys who don’t share our values.” The term “bud-palace” describes the imagery of being inside the bud (or womb) of a lotus. We’re warm and cozy and don’t see any reason to leave, just as a self-righteous person feels they are “saved” and don’t need to look beyond that firm belief. In the Jodo-shu group, Shinran felt comfortable with this stage but began to notice that Honen, in quoting Shakyamuni Buddha, Vasubandhu, and Tanluan, was talking about going beyond that stage and Honen himself exhibited a dynamic power free of complacency and righteousness.

Instead of enjoying ourselves playing video games or reading celebrity gossip in the doctor’s waiting room, we should be aware of why we’re there – we are sick (suffering from ego-attachment) and in need of healing (liberation). “Namu Amida Butsu” is hearing our name called, going to see the doctor, and receiving the medicine to heal us. Once we’re cured we can get back to our lives with renewed vigor, no longer distracted by pain and weakness. We may need to see the doctor from time to time for continued treatment, but there’s no reason to keep hanging out in his waiting room

The technical terms *oso-eko* (“going-forth merit-sharing”) and *genso-eko* (“returning-back merit-sharing”) still confuse me and probably a lot of other people since Dr. Haneda points out that they are often translated inaccurately..

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September Temple Events & Activities Guide

- ☸ Also see Calendar on page 8.
- ☸ Up-to-date details and last-minute changes are available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/budtempchi.
- ☸ All events are held at the Temple and are open to the public.

Special Events & Alerts

TEMPLE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 1 & 2

- ☸ Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 – BTC hosts the Eastern Buddhist League Conference in Sandwich, Illinois.
- ☸ Sept. 1 – No Sunday service due to 2013 EBL Conference.
- ☸ Sept. 15 – Alice Murata will deliver a lay talk at Sunday Service about her visit to the World Dobo Conference in Kyoto.
- ☸ Sept. 22 – Fall O-higan, 11 am.
- ☸ Sept. 28 – Fall Rummage Sale, 10am to 4pm.
- ☸ Oct. 20 – Miriam Solon will deliver a lay talk at Sunday Service about her visit to the World Dobo Conference in Kyoto.

Regular Repeating Events

🔔 Sunday Service 🔔

- ☸ Religious Service (in English) – Sundays, 11 am.
- ☸ Dharma Sunday School (for children) – Second and fourth Sundays, 10:30 am. September 8 and 22.
- ☸ Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) – Once a month at 11 am (in English) and 1 pm (in Japanese). September 8, 2013.
- ☸ Lay Speaker Sunday – Third Sunday of the month, 11 am.

📖 Education & Meditation 📖

- ☸ Introduction to Buddhism – This 4-week course is held periodically throughout the year. visit budtempchi.org for the schedule or e-mail Rev. Nakai at rev.eshin.patti23@gmail.com.
- ☸ Buddhism Study Class – Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 pm. No previous Buddhism study required. Resumes September 18.
- ☸ Meditation Sessions – Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9 am. Resumes September 8.
- ☸ Sutra Study Class – Third Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 2 pm. No previous Buddhism study required. September 22 (tentative).

📞 Meetings, Socials, Volunteering 📞

- ☸ Asoka Society – Third Saturday, 1 pm. Includes luncheon. Small annual fee of \$15 requested. September 21.
- ☸ Board Meeting – The BTC Board meets once a month on Sundays, 12:30 pm. September 29.
- ☸ Bulletin mailing & submissions – Mailing is conducted the second to last Friday of every month, noon. Submissions to the Bulletin are due eight days prior to the mailing on Thursday, 6 pm. See page 3 for details on submissions.
- ☸ Crafts Group – First & third Saturdays, 10 am to noon.

☀ Cultural Activities ☀

- ☸ Calligraphy (Japanese brush writing) – First and third Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (tentative).
- ☸ Chinese Movement (Qigong) – Every Tuesday morning, 11 am to noon. Call Dennis Chan 773-465-6422 for information & to register.
- ☸ Japanese Fencing (Kendo) – Dojo sessions held every Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm at Bethany United Church. Call Bob Kumaki, 847-853-1187 for information.
- ☸ Japanese Language School (children or adults) – Every Saturday, 10 am. Call Temple to register.
- ☸ Japanese Swordsmanship (Iaido) – Mondays, 7 to 9 pm.
- ☸ Taiko Drums (BTC Kokyo Taiko Drum Troupe) – Fridays, 7 to 9pm.

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In the *Collected Works of Shinran* and other publications, it sounds like Shinran is talking about our taking a U-turn in the Pure Land: first Amida gives us merits to help us go forth to rebirth in the Pure Land when we die, then Amida gives us merits so we can be bodhisattvas in our next life and go back to earth to guide deluded beings to awakening.

But actually Shinran is describing the two directions as Honen's embodiment of Amida (the "not-measurable" Light and Life). Honen is "going-forth" as a seeker towards the Pure Land and in doing so he is sharing the wisdom of awakening with us. But the bodhisattva himself is only aware of going forth to learn from teachers and putting that learning to use in his own life – not consciously as a "teacher" or worse yet, as a "savior." In one reading (from *Dharma Breeze* pp. 58-60) Dr. Haneda uses the metaphor of a student going to college, not to stay there but to learn what he needs to know to be effective in his work after he graduates. Although a college needs generations of professors, their main purpose is to educate students to be doers in the practical world, not to all become theory teachers in the ivory tower.

The evidence that someone is truly born in the Pure Land and not stuck in the two traps of complacency and righteousness is when being born in the Pure Land is no longer important to that person. For that person, there is no "I" that has to attain a solitary Nirvana, but instead there is a wide and deepening identification with other beings in the Mahayana (large vehicle) awakening.

Shinran serves as our example to keep seeking – to receive the wisdom that challenges our deep-rooted sense of individual privilege. In our seeking together, there is sharing together, and the Maida Center retreats give us that concrete experience. As Dr. Haneda learns from the Buddha in the Larger Sutra, from Shinran, from Shuichi Maida, and from other great teachers, his sharing guides us to hear more clearly the Namu Amida Butsu, the medicine we need now more than ever.

BTC CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2013

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9月8日 午後1:00 時

See Temple Events & Activities Guide on page 7 for more details.
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO SUNDAY SERVICE Temple closed for 2013 EBL Conference	2 2013 EBL Conference	3	4	5	6 7pm Kokyo Taiko	7 9:30 am Japanese class registration 10am Japanese 10am Crafts
8 9am Meditation 10:30am Dharma School 11am Shotsuki Hoyo (English) 1pm Shotsuki Hoyo (Japanese)	9 7pm Iaido	10 11am Qigong 7:30pm Calligraphy	11	12 6pm Bulletin submissions due 7:30pm Meditation	13 7pm Kokyo Taiko	14 10am Japanese
15 9am Meditation 11am Service – Lay Speaker Alice Murata	16 7pm Iaido	17 11am Qigong	18 7pm Buddhism Study Class	19 7:30pm Meditation	20 10am Bulletin mailing 7pm Kokyo Taiko	21 10am Japanese 10am Crafts 1pm Asoka Society
22 9am Meditation 11am Fall O-higan Service 10:30am Dharma School 12:30pm Sutra Study	23 7pm Iaido	24 11am Qigong 7:30pm Calligraphy	25 7pm Buddhism Study Class	26 7:30pm Meditation	27 7pm Kokyo Taiko	28 10am Japanese 10am Fall Rummage Sale, to 4pm
29 9am Meditation 11am Service 12:30pm Board Meeting	30 7pm Iaido	1 11am Qigong	2 7pm Buddhism Study Class	3 7:30pm Meditation	4 7pm Kokyo Taiko	5 10am Japanese 10am Crafts

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