



# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF PARLIER

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April 2014

## **ŚĀKYAMUNI BUDDHA,** *(occasionally ŚĀKYAMUNI TĀTHAGATA)* *by Rinban Kakei Nagakawa*

Last November, astonishing news came in. A British archeologist group digging at Buddha's birthplace have uncovered remains of the "earliest ever Buddhist shrine". They unearthed a 6th Century BC timber structure buried within the Māyā Devi temple at Lumbinī in Nepal. Radiocarbon dating result shows this discovered timber was buried around 543 B.C.E. ±13yrs. This amazing result estimates for Buddha's birth stretch as far back as 623 B.C.E., but many scholars believed 390-340 B.C.E. as well as the Buddhist record of 560-530 B.C.E.

More amazing, looking at the world's reaction to this discovery, many thoughtful people in 21st Century entrust this person who lived 2700 years ago with hope of a humane world.

Buddha is a founder of Buddhism and we celebrate his birthday on April, whenever his birthdate really was.

Hanamatsduri or Flower Festival is a service of rejoicing in which we commemorate the birth of Śākyamuni Buddha with decorating a flower pavilion and the rite of Bathing the Baby Buddha (Kanbutsu).

Buddha's life story is handed down to posterity in the beautiful fables, but we can receive some important messages from them.

Buddha was born as the only child of King Suddhōdana Gautama and Queen Māyā of the Śākya kingdom. Ruling from the capital city Kapilavastu, the King and Queen were childless for some 20 years. Then one day, after having a dream of a white elephant with six tusks entering her side, the Queen became pregnant. According to the custom of the time, Queen Māyā was returning to her parents' castle to await the birth of the baby when she stopped to rest in a garden called Lumbini. In the middle of the summer season, the garden was mysteriously in full bloom.

As the Queen reached up to touch the blooms of the Aśōka Tree, the baby was born from her right side. The earth shook in six directions and a sweet rain fell from the sky to bathe the body of the baby. Flowers bloomed everywhere and even fell from the sky. The newborn baby took seven steps, pointed his right hand to the sky and his left to the earth and spoke the following words:

'Above and below the heavens, I am my own Lord.'

We know the image of baby Buddha at this moment as a bathing Buddha and we should to know these words in the story is the first declaration of true human dignity in history.

Śākyamuni Buddha is the only one who could share the Dharma into this world. He lived during the 7th and 6th Centuries B.C.E. in India. Born as a human being just like us, he too experienced illness and old age, and died at the age of eighty. The difference is that he attained Buddhahood during the last 45 years of his life.

"Buddha" means "The one who has become awakened to the Dharma." Dharma means "truth-reality" or "universal law." It must work effectively anywhere and any time, transcending time and space. The Dharma is not like the law of nature such as the law of energy or the law of heredity. The Dharma, discovered by Śākyamuni Buddha, is the truth-reality, it is not an exclusive truth-reality for Śākyamuni Buddha only. Anyone can attain the same peace and tranquility as Śākyamuni Buddha by being awakened to the Truth-reality.

Also, we must be aware that truth-reality is neither the creation of Śākyamuni Buddha nor other deities. As in the case of the scientific law that existed from beginning-less time, Isaac Newton only discovered the law of gravity by observing the apple drops. Although quite different, Śākyamuni Buddha and Newton both discovered truth-reality.

Śākyamuni Buddha's discovery of truth-reality, unlike observing many case studies of patients in the medical field, starts from observing the basic nature of human beings and establish the exterior vector within them for relativizing the everyday life. He showed the world the spiritual tranquility of Nirvāna by relativizing his true and real nature and guided others to reach the same state of 'peaceful' ultimate relaxation by re-constructing the frame of everyday sufferings as well as the chain reaction of hatreds.

Buddha once asked Singāla who was in the habit of worshiping ten directions every morning, "What are you doing?"

Buddha started talking with Singāla and defined the relevance of his routine conduct skillfully. Buddha said, "Anyhow you worship, you'd better imagine your friends or family concretely." He continued reminding Singāla, "Who are your friends? Is he a true friend?", etc., and Buddha made Singāla examine his outline of everyday life, little by little. Consequently Singāla kept his habit to worship in ten directions every day. Otherwise, his feelings would become "just as if everything has been uncovered" and his daily life would be full of joy. Nothing is changed in Singāla's outward appearance, but his everyday life changed drastically.

The end of this sūtra, Singāla converted to Buddhism, but it seemed to me that was not the Buddha's intention. Buddha's intention was to show Singāla the method for re-reading the frame of his ordinary life. [from "Singālovāda Sūtra"]



## BINGO

The game of Bingo was one of my earliest and fondest games played while I was growing up and going to different temple Obon festivals. I can still recall sitting and staring at the multitude of different prizes wondering which prize I would select should my card be the winner. But alas, more times than not, I found better luck at the dime pitch booth, or better yet, eating my way through a plate of chicken teriyaki. At least, I got something for my money! As I got older, I noticed that prizes gave way to monetary prizes or 50/50 splits. Then, the game of Bingo at Obon and Hanamatsuri festivals seem to have become fewer and farther. Yet, I know one can still find the game around. As a matter of fact, as I Googled “bingo and Buddhism,” the majority of hits seem to come from our BCA temples!

Do you remember when we put dry beans on the numbers as markers? Or how about how cool it was when we got the cards where one had to only push across a plastic cover to mark the number called. For you Pro’s you can quickly mark and stamp your way across many sheets. And, for those who go to the gambling halls, it is even automated where all you have to do is stare at a computer screen, and wait for the machine to “beep” to let you know you won. I had to do some research on the later!

I think it sad that we no longer have those dry pinto beans to mark our Bingo cards. It harkens back to a more innocent time where all the Sanghas worked hard to find any and every way possible to make money for the temple. Now, it seems that the words “too much work” seems to pop up in the reconciliation and justification of fund raising.

The St. Agatha’s many religious organizations have become dependent of Bingo and raffles, yes, raffles are gambling too. The members who generously open their wallets to give are dwindling, and we see this trend across churches throughout the United States. A Catholic friend of mine even said the the same Catholic parishioner who puts \$10 in the basket on Sunday gladly contributes over \$100 a week to their Bingo games. It is not uncommon to see churches fund building projects and other fund raising projects through the use of Bingo nights and raffles.

Gambling is not incongruous with Jodo Shinshu Buddhism! Shinran Shonin spent 20 years toiling to achieve enlightenment through his own efforts on Mt. Hiei. This Tendai Sect with whom Shinran Shonin studied, continues to exist on Mt. Hiei to this very day, and may even believe and uphold that monks should not gamble. In the Sigalovada Sutra, the Shakyamuni Buddha indicates that gambling is one of the six ways of squandering wealth. But in these early Sutras, we also see the monks should not get married, nor should they drink “intoxicating” beverages. Shinran Shonin was the first monk to get married and have children. His path led him to believe that he was no better or worse than any other person, and he himself was incapable of achieving enlightenment through his own efforts. He concluded that he had to rely on the wisdom and Compassion of Amida! Especially those who committed the five gravest offenses and those who abuse the right Dharma were grasped within Amida’s Wisdom and Compassion! We do not have to be holier than thou! We just have to try be the best we can be and just be ourselves.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to come to the Fresno Dharma Center on Friday, April 4th for dinner that begins at 5:30pm, and Bingo that begins at 6:30pm We continue to seek donations and contributions so that we can build our new Temple, our new Home. And, I hope that we can rekindle the original temple Founder’s attitude and spirit, to do whatever it takes, to build a new and proud temple for our current and future generations.

Namo Amida Butsu





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## THOUGHTS FROM THE SANGHA

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By Yuki Mori, Board Member

### Reflection of Self Through the Action of Others

There's a well known, old Japanese saying "*hitono furi mite waga furi naose*", translated as "*correcting our errors from seeing the errors of others*". Today I'd like to talk about my personal experience about this saying.

When I was young my mother often scolded me saying *hitono furi mite waga furi naose*. But no matter how often she scolded with this phrase I didn't get what she meant. Eventually I figured out that it means I had to tell myself not to steal or lie when I saw others doing it. When I saw people doing good things I should also do good things. Later, when I deeply thought on this phrase I don't think my understanding of this thought was wrong, but it is to reflect on my actions through the actions of others. I think this is what my mother was trying to teach me.

It is so difficult to see my mistakes or faults by myself. It is also very hard to admit my faults, so easy and convenient to blame others. I have an arrogant attitude that I'm always right and have done nothing wrong. To feel that I am always right is the result of comparing me to others. Our life based on this dualistic comparison, which means we always need someone or something to compare ourselves.

Let's say you are trying to explain the fun and excitement of gambling to a person who has never experienced gambling. He may eventually get the idea through the explanation, but he will never understand the fun and excitement until he experiences it himself. It's "you don't know what you're missing until you actually experience it". It is great fun when you are winning, however, with no luck, you can lose quite a sum of money. We gauge our fun according our gains or losses. After a long streak of losing large amounts of money, you finally realize the stupidity of gambling. It takes money to be awakened from it. Through gambling as a mirror we are able to see how our mind works.

Another example I've often heard that grand children are so much more adorable than your own children. However, I've always felt, that may be true for others, but for me there was nothing better than my own children. Then couple of years ago my own grandson was born. When I held him for the first time, at week old, I felt his warmth traveling through my arms and felt such love, happiness, and unexplainable joy. Now I can truly say I understand the feelings of other grandparents and what they meant. I can truly say that I will do anything and everything I can for my grandson. I didn't know this unexplainable joy and happiness until he was born. In our life we think we understand many things by logic or reasoning, but we never know for sure until we experience it ourselves. Same thing can be said about shinjin. Unless we experience shinjin there is no way we will understand Buddha's heart.

As every parents wish for their children's happiness and success, I wished the same for him too. As he was going through high school I often told him to not worry about helping around the house, but just study hard to be accepted by a famous university. As much as I snapped at him to study, I didn't see him studying. As soon as he came home he would enter his room and was on the computer the entire time. The only time I saw him was during dinner. It looked as if he forgot everything except eating and being on the computer. There were times I was very annoyed and frustrated at myself for not being able to make him understand the "*oya no kokoro*", or *parents heart*. As I recollect on that time I was frustrated at the son who did only what he wanted to and didn't understand my feelings. But as I think more carefully about this, it was I who had forgotten about the Buddha, or saying the Nembutsu, and did only what I wanted to do. That was me through the Buddha's view. It was my son who was the mirror. I was so worried about others, but was unable to see my errors. *Hito no furi mite waga furi naose* was just for me.

You don't understand parent's heart until you become one. I, as parent, worry about my children. Buddha as our oya worries about us as children. Both have *oya no kokoro*, who always wishes for the children's happiness.

Buddha as Nanmandabutsu must be begging us to understand *oya no kokoro*. When it comes to our children even if told not to worry, yet we worry. That is oya. So is Buddha. We really need to strive to understand *oya no kokoro* and appreciate their efforts they've made to raise and lead us. Unless we apply the teaching in our daily life, we cannot understand the true meaning of the teaching. Through the teaching we become more aware of the *oya no kokoro*, or the Buddha's heart. I believe that is shinjin.

We call Buddha's Land Higan and this world Shigan. If we replace the word Higan with "Hito" in the Japanese phrase it means looking at the Other Shore and reflect upon ourselves. If we replace the word Buddha with Hito, it becomes looking at the Buddha and reflect upon ourselves. Both would say, correct our errors through the truth. Since Buddha is the awakened one, we need to strive to be awakened. This is how I understand "*Hito no furi mite waga furi naose*".



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2014

The Parlier Buddhist Church Board meeting was called to order by **Dennis Ikuta** on Mar. 10, 2014. Those in attendance were; **Curtis & Cheryl Koga, Glenn Yoshimoto, Tad Kozuki, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Calvin Doi, James Goishi, Clyde Yoshikawa, Toshie & Yuki Mori, Kaye Kozuki**. A quorum was established. **Toshie M.** led us in gassho.

Minutes were read and a motion to accept was made by **James** and seconded by **Clyde**. Motion carried.

After reading the treasurer's report, a question was asked about the agreement with the Fresno Betsuin for sharing of the ministers. **Dennis** reported this agreement is on a month to month basis.

**Clyde** made a motion to accept this report, **Steve S.** seconded, motion carried.

### Committee Reports

1. **Maintenance:** A broken window was replaced at the parsonage. "No Parking" signs were put up at each gate to discourage big trucks from parking there.

2. **BWA:** Our spring yard sale headed by **Denise K. & Barbara G.** was very successful. Thank you to **James G. & Curtis K.** for transporting the left over items to Streetlight Ministries in Reedley who gladly accepted our donations.

At the **Keirokai luncheon**, 75 lunches were served and a fun afternoon of playing bingo was enjoyed by all who attended. The annual **CCBWL Conference** was held at the Fresno Betsuin on **Mar. 9**. **Eleven ladies** from Parlier enjoyed the conference. **Julie D.** was installed as CCBWL President as well as Corresponding Sec. and **Janette Wong-Sing** was installed as V. President. Parlier is well represented at the CC level. **Group 1**, headed by **Fusa & Rick Ishimaru**, cleaned the church this month. **Julie D.** and **Karen S.** planned the **Ohigan luncheon** on **Mar. 16**. BWA was asking for baked goodies, preserves, and craft items for the Country Store at the Bazaar. We thank **Julie D.** for the delicious treats served at the last Board meeting. Don't forget to submit recipes for the cookbook being put together by **Kari/Sho Higuchi**. Deadline is **May 4**.

3. **Publication:** Everything is running smoothly.

4. **Finance:** The finance committee will meet with the new manager at Mutual Fund Store to review the two portfolios and a report will be made at next month Board meeting.

5. **V&P:** **April 5** is the **Asian Fest** at Fresno City College from 9a-3p. The **May Series of lectures** will be held at the **Fowler Library every Fri.** in May except for **May 22**, which is a Thurs, and this one will be held at the **Woodward Park Library at 7p**. Mark your calendars for **Aug 16** when a **bus trip to Berkeley** and **San Jose** are planned. Not all details are set yet but in Berkeley, a tour of the Jodo Shinshu Center with lunch is planned. In San Jose, a visit to the new Japanese Museum or a walk around San Jose J-Town are possible activities.

**Clyde** made a motion to accept the reports and **Cheryl** seconded. Motion passed.

### Old Business

1. As we reviewed last month's services at our church, it was decided the MAs will read the shotsuki list instead of the presiding minister.

2. There was a lively **Q&A** with **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi** at 4p on **Mar. 15**. She was the guest speaker at our **Ohigan Service** on **Mar. 16**.

3. The land sale is still pending.

4. **James G.** is retiring from the **Scholarship Committee** and asked for others to take over. **Cheryl, Glenn, Steve** and **Dennis** volunteered. The Board deeply appreciates the many years **James** volunteered on this committee.

5. The **Bazaar** was in its final stage of planning.

6. A motion to cover the costs for our **MAs' tuition** for their classes which will be held at the JSC during July, Aug., Sept. and travel expenses, which up to now has been paid by each MA participant, was made by **Tad** and seconded by **James**. Motion passed. We are asking our church members to contribute support for our MAs who run our Services and Sangha Gatherings so well in the absence of a minister. There are only 2 ministers in Central Cal to service 6 churches.

7. **Yuki & Toshie Mori** have decided to enroll in the **Tokudo Ordination training**. This will be of great benefit to our church. It will mean they can conduct some of our church services without the presence of a minister. Part of their training will take place in Japan this Nov.

### New Business

1. There will be a **meeting with the churches** in our area to discuss the sharing of a new minister if one should become available. It will be held in **Fowler @ 7p** on **Mar. 26**.

2. We will recognize and introduce the new families to our church soon. The new families are:

**Darryl & Janette Wong-Sing** and their children **Jackie** and **Greg**

**Donald & Rhea Ikemiya** and their children **Kelsey** and **Will**

3. **Calvin** reported that at the **National Council** meeting in Bellevue, WA which he and **Julie** attended, had voted to increase the **BCA dues** per person to **\$107.25**. This is due to the dwindling membership of less than 15,000 in the US. So this means that \$107.25 of the dues paid by church members goes to the BCA.

4. **Cheryl** reported that she and **Toshie M.** attended **Kiyo Masuda's class** on teaching Buddhism through literature for Dharma students. She said it was very worthwhile and interesting and that some of the ideas will be used at our Sangha Gathering for the youngsters.

Since there was no further business, **Clyde** made a motion to adjourn and **James** seconded. Motion passed. Next Board meeting will be on **April 14**. **Toshie** led us in Gassho.

**Next Board meeting** will be held on **Mar. 10, 2014**.

**Respectively submitted by: Kaye Kozuki**



# BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By Julie Doi, *BWA Newsletter Writer*

March was a very busy month for our Church. On **March 9, 2014** we had our **58th CCBWL Conference in Fresno**. The theme of the Conference was **“Okagesama de - Continuing the Legacy”**. Fresno did an outstanding job with the conference. **Rev. Alan** was the keynote speaker, one point that he made was that you don't have to be a scholar to be a minister...you can be an ordinary person and you don't have to push your kids so hard to succeed they should learn by your examples. Fresno went all out with there decorations and gifts for the BWA members. The Powerpoint Presentation of all the churches was beautifully done and reminded us of our dear members who have passed on. A **“Taichi for Arthritis”** demonstration by Art Lopez was performed and explained that even though the motions were slow you still use all your muscles to accomplish all the moves. All BWA members over the age of 80 received corsages and were recognized.

The church was cleaned by **Group 1** headed by **Fusa and Rick Ishimaru** for March. The **Q & A** session was lead by **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi** at 4:00pm the same day. Some interesting topic were brought up included Buddhist views on Gay marriages & abortion.

On **March 16th** we had our **Ohigan and Monthly Memorial Service** with **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi** as our **guest speaker**. The luncheon was headed by **Julie Doi** and **Karen Shimizu**. Also helping that day were **Kristin Shimizu** and **Gail Hachiya**. Thank you all that helped that day and **Matsuko** for her special Manju.

Our **Annual Food Baazar** was on **March 23rd**. It was so nice to see so many members come out and help. Not only the older crowd but the younger kids helped and our new members: the **Wong-Sing** family and the **Ikemeya** family pitched in too. **Gary Mukai** and **Kenny Hashimoto** from Fowler were also here to lend a helping hand. BWA made \$666.00 on their bake sale!

The month of April is fast approaching. The monthly **CBE lecture** with **Rev. Harada** will be on Monday, **April 7th** at **7:00pm** in Reedley. **Calvin Doi** will be speaking that night on **“Buddhism and How it Spread Around the World”** so come out and attend these educational and meaningful lectures.

**Hanamatsuri** is just around the corner so save your flowers for the service on **April 13th**. The **Parlier Community Picnic** is also this month on **April 27th**. Take advantage of all these activities we have for you to enjoy.



*Keirokai Service with honored BWA members reaching milestone birthdays: Jean Kobashi and Toshiye Nakamichi*



*Bishop Umezu and Janet, Rev. & Mrs. Alan Sakamoto attended Cinfrence.*

**BWA Conference  
in Fresno  
March 9, 2014**





# MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The April Shotsuki Service will be on Sunday, April 13, 2014.  
Families, as well as all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

## APRIL SHOTSUKI

### DECEASED

Mr. Torao Kanemoto	65 yrs
Mr. Yoshitaro Kaneichi	
Mrs. Umeno Nakadachi	49 yrs
Mr. Ayano Nakamura	43 yrs
Mr. Mitsuyoshi Yamamoto	31 yrs
Mr. Kanichi Takata	53 yrs
Mr. Akiyuki G. Yoshizaki	51 yrs
Mrs. Yuki Yoshizaki	34 yrs
Mrs. Tome Kobashi	33 yrs
Mr. Thomas Nishimura Jr.	33 yrs
Mrs. Teru Watanabe	28 yrs
Mr. Sadao Kakutani	24 yrs
Mrs. Suye Tsuji	24 yrs
Mr. Akira Kurokawa	
Mrs. Chisato Chiamori	33 yrs
Mrs. Haruo Nishimura	19 yrs
Mr. Akira Donald Nakadachi	13 yrs
Mrs. Helen Nakamura	10 yrs
Mr. Tom Okubo	7 yrs
Mr Kazutami Ohara	4 yrs
Takashi Yorizane	1 yrs
Mrs. Midori Koga	1 yrs

### MOURNER

Mrs. Takako Kanemoto
Mrs. Ellen Tsudama
Mr. Alan Nakadachi
Ms. Gail Nakamura
Mr. Alan Yamamoto
Mrs. May Takata
Mrs. Takako Kanemoto
Mrs. Takako Kanemoto
Mr. Kiyomi Kobashi
Mrs. Kuni Nishimura
Mrs. Josie Tsuboi
Mr. Johnson Kakutani
Mrs. Teruko Tsuji
Ms. Arlene Kurokawa
Mr. Patrick Chiamori
Mrs. Kuni Nishimura
Mr. Alan Nakadachi
Ms. Gail Nakamura
Mrs. Carol Sakamoto
Mr. Warren Okubo
Mrs. Miyo Ohara
Ms. Akiko Yorizane
Mr. Ben Koga

2014 is the Memorial year for those deceased in

2013..... One year Memorial	1998..... 17th year Memorial
2012.....3rd year Memorial	1990..... 25th year Memorial
2008..... 7th year Memorial	1982.....33rd year Memorial
2002..... 13th year Memorial	1965..... 50th year Memorial
	1915..... 100th year Memorial



**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF PARIER**

## COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 10:00am**

**\*\*Races will begin at 10:30am\*\***

**\$10.00 Donation per family is requested.**

**Woodward Park**

Park Entry Fee: \$5.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 if senior citizen if passenger or driver. (Cars with handicap placard free)

**Valley View Shelter**

(Go left after toll booth. Valley View Shelter parking is on the right.)

- LUNCH -

Steak, rice, salad, roll, and drink:

**\$8.00**

Hot Dogs: \$1.00

(Bring your own tableware)

Please make reservations by April 17, 2014.  
Please provide ages and gender of Children  
Call: Curtis Koga at 638-4669

## 人のふりみて我がふりなおせ

私は子供のころ“人のふりみて我がふりなおせ”とよく母から言われて叱られてた記憶がありますが何回叱られても言われたその意味がわからなくて いつの間にか 盗んだり嘘ついたり悪い事をする人をみて悪い事はしていけない。親切や人助けなど良いことをしてる人をみて 私もみならうように自分にいいきかせる事だと思ってました。基本的には間違っていない考えだと思ってましたが最近になってから よく考えてみますと 善い事でも悪い事でも人がやってる行いをみて私の行いを反省してみなさいと母は教えたかったのだらうと思ってます。言いかえれば相手をどうして私の心をみさせてもらう意味であると思ってます。

自分で自分の間違いをみるのは非常に難しく しょっちゅう間違いをおかしてても 自分はまともだから間違った事や悪い事などしてないとおもいがちの私達であります。自分は正しい事をしてるとか悪い事はしてないと思う心が自力の心であります。相手なしでは喧嘩はできないように 正直な私達の心をみるには道理や理屈だけでは難しく “考えさせられたとか教えられたと表現があるみたいに どうしても私達の心を見させてくれる相手が必要になってきます。

その例えにバクチをしたことがない人にバクチの面白さを教えようとしても 理屈では少しはわかるかもしれないが どんなに面白いのか やってみらんとわからんもんです。そしてバクチ遊びするたびに運がつかないで負けるばかりでお金を大損しないと バクチはばからしいと悟ることも中々難しいし これも大損しなければ悟れんものです。ここではバクチをどうして 面白いとか馬鹿らしいと自分の心をみさせてもらってるわけになります。

他に例えますと “孫は自分の子供よりかわいい” とよく聞く話ですが 私は聞くたびに人はそうかもしれないが 私には自分の子供が一番かわいいと思ってましたが実際私にも孫が生まれたら 一瞬に “孫は目の中にいれても痛くないほどかわいい” と聞いた表現に全く私もそのとうりだと思えるようになり 今では孫のためなら何でもしてえあげたいと 孫が生まれてから始めてわかった嬉しさがあります。孫をどうして私の心の動きをみせてもらいましたが 私達の生活には道理や理屈でわかったつもりでも 実際に経験してみないと本当の意味が解らないことがいっぱいあります。この事は信心についても同じ事が言えて 実際に信心を経験しないと道理や理屈では仏の心はわからないことでもあります。

私も子供には幸福になってもらいたくて 子供のハイスクール時代には家の事は何も手伝いしないでいいから有名な大学へ入れるように勉強だけはしなさいとガミガミいったのですが 私が気をもむわりには余り勉強もせず学校から帰ってくると部屋にとじこまってコンピューターばかり遊んでてこちらが何回も注意してもOK OKとから返事するばかりで仕事にあけてた私は “親の気持ちもわからずに好き勝手なことばかりしてなまけてる” と言いたかった事も言えず いつもイライラしてた頃がありました。

あの頃の事をおもい浮かべるとコンピューターばかり遊んでたなまけものの子供から悩んだり イライラした私の心をみせられました “親の気持ちもわからずに好き勝手な事ばかりして 少しは人のふりみて我がふりなおせと子供を叱りたかった私の心を考えてみますと それは仏を忘れて念仏もしないで好き勝手な仕事ばかりしてる仏から観られた私の姿だったのを子供が知らせようとしてたようにおもえて子供は私の心を観る鏡でありました。人の事ばかり心配して自分のあやまちはみえなかった私でありました。 “人のふりみて我がふりなおせ” とは全く持って私のためにあったのであります。

親にならないと親の気持ちはわからず、親にならないと子供を心配する気持ちもわかりません。ですから親である私が子供を心配する気持ちと 私達の親となって子供の私達を心配してくれてる仏の気持ちは どちらも親ですから子供も幸福を願うのにはちがいがなく 仏は南無阿弥陀仏となって どうか仏の気持ちをわかってくれと私達に願ってるはずであります。

子供の事になると心配すると言われても心配するのが親ですから仏も同じだと思えます。子供は早く親の気持ちをわかってあげなければなりません。そして今まで育てたり 導いてくれたご苦労には感謝しなければなりません。

仏の教えを自分にあてはめて経験し 教えをどうして仏の心をわからせてもらうのが信心をいただくことであります。仏の国を彼岸とよび こちらの岸を此岸をよびますが “人のふりみて我がふりなおせ” の人のかわりに彼岸をあてはめると “彼岸をながめて此岸で私達がやってる事を反省しなさいと意味になり、人のかわりに仏をあてはめると “仏のふりみて我がふりなおせ” となり仏は目覚めたお方ですから 仏のように私達も目覚めなければならぬ意味になってきます。

私はこのように “人のふりみて我がふりなおせ” を母から教わりました。



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2	(Fri)	Lecture Series - Fowler Library.. 7:00pm
4	(Sun)	Sangha Gathering .....10:00am
5	(Mon)	Rev. Harada's Class.....7:00pm
9	(Fri)	Lecture Series - Fowler Library.. 7:00pm
12	(Mon)	Board Meeting.....7:00pm
14	(Wed)	Curtis Discussion Class .....7:00pm
16	(Fri)	Lecture Series - Fowler Library.. 7:00pm
18	(Sun)	Gotan-E Service ..... 10:00am
22	(Thur)	Lecture Series -Woodward Park Library ..... 7:00pm
25	(Sun)	Flower Prep for Cemetery.....
26	(Mon)	Memorial Day Service .....8:30am

## APRIL BUDDHIST RADIO BROADCAST KFIB (AM900) SATURDAY 7:20AM

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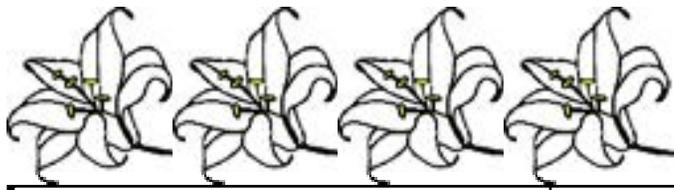
Sunday, April 13, 2014 10:00 A.M.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Hiroshi Abiko

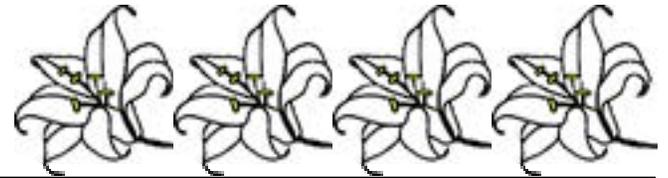
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Fowler 1</b> <b>Classes:</b> <b>Dharma Class:</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sumi: 3:00pm</b> <b>Calligraphy</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Parlier Class 3</b> <b>Taichi</b> <b>(Parlier Church)</b> <b>8:00am</b>  <b>Welcome Center</b> <b>9:15am-</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Asian Fest</b> <b>Fresno City</b> <b>College</b> <b>9am-3pm</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>Sangha</b> <b>Gathering</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>CBE sponsored</b> <b>Rev. Harada's</b> <b>Lecture Class in</b> <b>Reedley - Calvin</b> <b>Doi speaking</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Fowler 8</b> <b>Classes:</b> <b>Dharma Class:</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sumi: 3:00pm</b> <b>Calligraphy</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Curtis</b> <b>Discussion Class</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Parlier Class 10</b> <b>Taichi</b> <b>(Parlier Church)</b> <b>8:00am</b>  <b>Welcome Center</b> <b>9:15am-</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Church</b> <b>Cleanup</b> <b>Omigaki &amp;</b> <b>Group 2</b> <b>8:00am</b>  <b>Q &amp; A w/ Rev.</b> <b>Hiroshi Abiko</b> <b>4:00pm</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>Hanamatsuri</b> <b>and Shotsuki</b> <b>Service w/</b> <b>Rev. Hiroshi</b> <b>Abiko</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Parlier</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Fowler 15</b> <b>Classes:</b> <b>Dharma Class:</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sumi: 3:00pm</b> <b>Calligraphy</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Parlier Class 17</b> <b>Taichi</b> <b>(Parlier Church)</b> <b>8:00am</b>  <b>Welcome Center</b> <b>9:15am-</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Easter</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Fowler 22</b> <b>Classes:</b> <b>Dharma Class:</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sumi: 3:00pm</b> <b>Calligraphy</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Parlier Class 24</b> <b>(see</b> <b>schedule</b> <b>above)</b>  <b>CCBWA Mtg.</b> <b>Fowler 7:00pm</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Fed. Dharma</b> <b>School</b> <b>Conference in</b> <b>Mt. View</b>
<b>Parlier 27</b> <b>Community</b> <b>Picnic</b> <b>Woodward</b> <b>Park</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>V &amp; P Meeting</b> <b>in Fowler</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Fowler 29</b> <b>Classes:</b> <b>Dharma Class:</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sumi: 3:00pm</b> <b>Calligraphy</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>CCDC Meeting</b> <b>in Fowler</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>DONATIONS FOR THE</b> <b>BUDDHIST RADIO BROADCAST</b> <b>EACH BROADCAST IS \$50.00</b> <b>If you wish to donate contact Lee Osaki</b> <b>442-4054 at the Fresno Buddhist Church.</b>		

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