

Mark Your Calendars!

2019 Summer Session – August 12-16
Jodo Shinshu in Everyday Life

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Birthday Gift from Takato

My birthday is January 10th. I was really grateful that birthday with a delicious cake during the January board meeting. *Arigato!* Speaking of birthday, we sometimes receive a gift. Since I was born 44 years ago, I cannot imagine how many birthday gifts and kind words I have received so far.



This year, I received a plastic model of a Japanese robot animation from Takato. I was pleased with the gift because it was one of my favorite robots in the animation. However, more than that, I was impressed that Takato personally gave me a birthday gift. He went to ACE Hardware in downtown Berkeley to buy it one day. The plastic model cost about \$40, which I think was a big purchase for a 13-year old boy. This 13-year old boy then nicely wrapped the box with wrapping paper. When I was a 13-year old boy, I didn't do such a thing! Above all, there was a feeling within himself that urged him to do so for his father. I received a box with a plastic model. However, since those thoughts came to my mind, my appreciation of the birthday gift from Takato became much deeper.

Buddhism teaches the truth of interdependence. Things exist because of innumerable causes and conditions behind the scene. Most people would agree with this analysis or observation. However, the point is not to intellectually comprehend it, but how it actually changes our everyday life. The story of my appreciation of Takato's birthday gift is one example.

We are members of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Thanks to many causes and conditions, especially those who made great contributions and efforts, we can have this temple building. For some people, it is just a building. However, when we become aware of things behind the scene, our appreciation of this temple building becomes greater and deeper. How about the statue of Amida Buddha of our temple? What kind of feeling did the artisan have in elaborately curving a piece of wood? Why has this beautiful statue been carefully preserved for over 500 years? What kind of Dharma message is this Amida Buddha statue telling us?

When we become aware of even a part of many causes and conditions of the things around us, we would see or appreciate them differently. This is one of the examples of how Buddhism leads us to cultivate our sense of gratitude or discover deeper meanings.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How can I find out more about these classes?

A: Please check the **course descriptions** on the website for more information.

<https://www.everydaybuddhist.org>

Q: Will the classes be held at BSC?

A: We hope to have classes again at BSC in the Fall 2019.

Q: Will there be a Summer Session?

A: A Summer Session is planned for 2019 at the BSC. Check the BSC website:

<http://bschawaii.org>

Q: Where is Orange County Buddhist Church?

A: OCBC is located in Anaheim, California. OCBC is part of the Buddhist Churches of America, the mainland part of the Hongwanji Jodo Shinshu path.

Q: How do I sign up for a class?

A: Go to the website:
<https://www.everydaybuddhist.org>

Q: Are there other Buddhist study classes offered at the BSC?

A: Yes. Periodic talks are held all through the year, check the BSC website. Usually Buddhist study discussions are held two Mondays per month.

Phone: (808) 973-6555

<http://bschawaii.org>



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2019 Schedule

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BUDDHIST EDUCATION CLASSES
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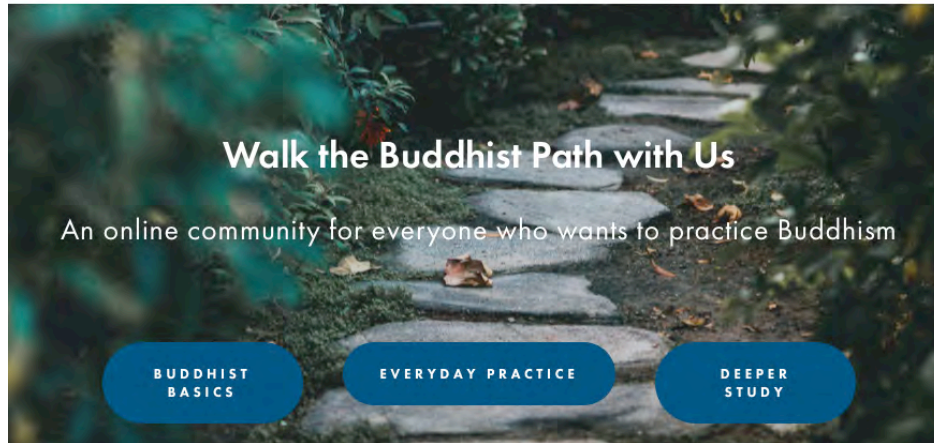
Summary of 2019 *DHARMA LIGHT* Courses

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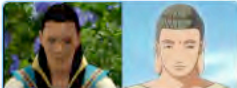








The Orange County Buddhist Church Buddhist Education Center offers diverse selection of classes for those seeking to learn more about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. Classes will be taught by OCBC's resident ministers and others recognized for their knowledge of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu and will offer an in-depth look at a wide range of topics. These classes are open to both the OCBC membership and the greater community and Sangha of Southern California.

BEC CLASSES AT OCBC

ONLINE BEC CLASSES

I. For all those interested in Buddhist Basics:

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Beginning Buddhism

 <p>Introduction to Shin Buddhism How Shin expresses Pure Land Buddhism within the Mahayana Tradition</p> <p> Rev. Jon Turner \$39</p>	 <p>From Siddhartha to Shakyamuni A Personal Story of Awakening</p> <p> Rev. Jon Turner \$39</p>	 <p>From Buddha to Buddhism A Travelogue of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha</p> <p> Rev. Jon Turner \$39</p>
 <p>From Practice to Philosophy How the Mind follows the Body</p> <p> Rev. Jon Turner \$39</p>	 <p>Eight Great Disciples of the Buddha Find the disciple that you can model within your own life. This is a future</p> <p> Rev. Jon Turner</p>	 <p>From-To Trilogy Everything you need to know about the basics of Buddhism in three bundled</p> <p>3 Course Bundle \$99</p>

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Rev. Jon Turner

Instructor **Rev. Jon Turner** and his family first began attending Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in 1999. Two years later he joined the Ministers' Assistant Program (MAP) there. In 2010, Reverend Turner graduated from Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkeley, California, with a master's degree in Buddhist Studies, and received Tokudo ordination. In 2012, he was ordained as a Kyoshi minister. After retiring from a 35 year career as a computer programmer, Reverend Turner became a fully ordained Kaikyoshi minister at (OCBC) in 2017.