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## SACRED WORDS

*In the second chapter of the Lotus Sutra, fascicle 1, "Expedients," it is preached, "All phenomena as ultimate reality" means the principle into which all existing things: ... are united into one. What does this mean? It means that the whole world is divided into ten realms from the bottom of hell to the top of Buddhas and everything in the ten realms without exception is the manifestation of the Lotus Sutra.... "The ultimate reality is the truth throughout all things (of the Universe), and all things consist of ten reality aspects such as appearance, nature, entity, etc. The ten reality aspects are equipped in each of the ten realms, consisting of principal and dependent rewards."*

*Shohō Jissō-shō—St. Nichiren's Words*

### Spring Higan Memorial Service Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

*Higan* means the "other shore" (Buddha Land) while *Shigan* means "this shore" (worldly land of the material). The world we can see is "this shore" while the "other shore" is the spiritual realm that we can see only through our faith. *Higan* Memorial Service is held to show our appreciation to those in the "other shore" by offering our chanting so that our ancestors can attain Buddhahood.

Please write your name and family names of your ancestors or their individual names on the enclosed prayer form and return to the Kannon Temple of Nevada with your donation. Let us chant the sutra and *Odaimoku* together for them.

### Buddha's Birthday Celebration Blessing New Born Babies Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

Happy Birthday to Sakyamuni Buddha!

According to legend, the baby Buddha, soon after his birth, stood firmly, and walked seven steps and proclaimed, "From heaven to the earth, I alone am the most honored one!" by pointing his right index finger to heaven and his left index finger to the earth. This means the Buddha is the only person who has attained such precepts, meditation and good roots of virtue. It also means there is no person just like you in this world who have the same appearance, character and karma. Therefore, you are the most honored one as well as any other person.

We welcome everyone to attend this celebration. Sweet tea in honor of his birth will be served.

Newborn babies will receive Shoda Kanai Shonin's blessing and amulets. Please let him know the name of the new born baby ahead of time.

### Garage/Rummage Sale Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m.~1:00 p.m. (Fri & Sat)

A fundraising event will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to help build a new temple. If you have items for donation, please bring to the temple at your earliest convenience. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Paula Patterson has graciously allowed us to use her house for the garage sale site. Address is **3272 Grayson Lake Court, Las Vegas, 89129**. We ask for volunteers to help out one or both days. Please call the temple to let us know if you can help.

### Balance (pt. 2)

Shoda Douglas Kanai

I was watching Men's Figure Skating during the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu won the gold with his performance set to the music from the movie, *Onmyoji*. As I was watching his performance, there seemed to be something odd about it, as it looked different from the other skaters.

After doing a quick search on YouTube, I found that Hanyu used this same performance a couple years back. Maybe since he was injured and could not come up with a new program, or wanted to showcase this performance to a larger audience. Either way, this performance landed him the gold medal.

Upon further inspection, the choreographed moves were very similar to the dance of *Abe no Seimei* at the end credits. The actor who portrays *Abe no Seimei*, Mansai Nomura, is a famous *Noh* actor, who is trained in graceful moves, which translates into an wonderful performance. Hanyu incorporated these graceful movements into his routine, thus brought forth to the world traditional Japanese dance. That is why at first glance the performance did not seem like any other.

Secondly, he did add some mystical hand motions into his act. The movie is based on *Onmyodo*, which was a type of sooth-saying during the Heian Period. This tradition still lives and what I am currently studying, Nine Star Feng Shui. A couple of months ago in my article, "Balance" I talked about "yin" and "yang." This is a continuation of that.

By incorporating the five elements of Fire, Water, Plant, Metal and Soil, we can find what attracts and what repels. For those who attended our *Setsubun* Service, we handed out this years fortune, which is based on Nine Stars (if you are interested in a copy, please contact the temple). Ultimately, the goal is the find Balance with nature and within ourselves. over ⇨



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Fortunately, we do not have to understand the details of Nine Star to find balance. By chanting the *Odaimoku*, we are incorporating into ourselves the balance with nature as the appearance of the universe is contained within the five characters of *myō, hō, ren, ge, kyō*. All sentient beings are part of the universe and the universe is part of all sentient beings. This is because of the “3,000 worlds contained in one thought moment” concept expanded by St. Nichiren.

At any one moment, everything contains all the ten realms and ten suchness, thus we can produce the good cause that leads us to Buddhahood and be balanced with the universe. Though this concept is very difficult to explain and understand, through our strong faith and continued chanting of *Odaimoku*, we will realize the results automatically, even if our minds does not know. That is the power of Buddha’s Teaching which he left for us. Let us continue to reap the rewards from His Teaching!

*My View Point (As I heard and as I see)*

### ***Setsubun Soy Beans Tossing and Hand-Made Kami-shimo Outfits!***

Kumiko Kanai

We held *Setsubun* Service at our temple on February 4th. There were two ladies who were born in the Year of Dog.

Ten years ago, after a few trial and errors, I made several *kami-shimo samurai* outfits for the people who throw the roasted beans at this event. Since some big Americans like a sumo wrestler wear them, I made them in various sizes (S, M, L, LL, and LLL) as well as in children sizes. For the LL and LLL size I had to add extra cloth in the back of the outfit in order to expand it.

I also used a wooden stick for the shoulders, used cardboard for the collars and patched three Nichiren Shu logos from a *yukata* on both sides of the chests and the back of the outfit. I was glad the two Dogs wore them.

After Rev. Douglas’s blessing, the two women of the Year of Dog tossed beans to the congregation shouting, “Devils go out! Good fortune comes in!”

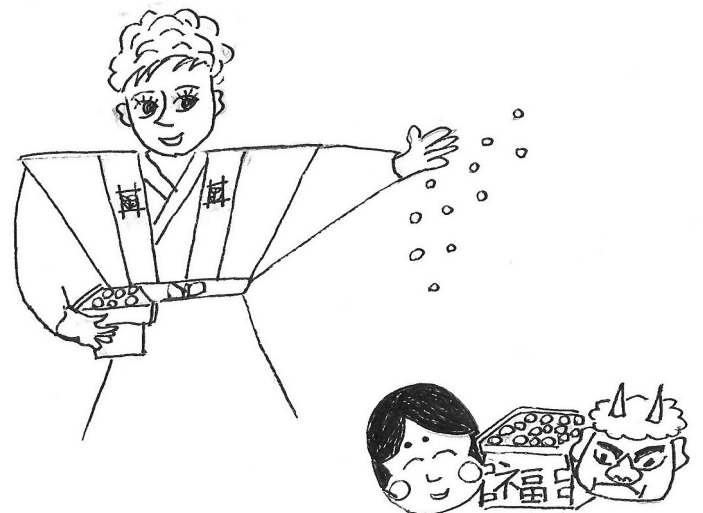
By the way, the beans must be roasted first, otherwise they may sprout and grow if they were fresh. That denotes bad luck will sprout and grow.

Ten pounds of roasted delicious beans were donated again by the Los Angeles Mutual Trading Company, who graciously assist us every year. We appreciate the donation!

## **Acknowledgement**

Due to privacy reason, only donators initials are used. This list includes new and additional contributions from August 25, 2017 to February 22, 2018.

KK: (New Donation)	\$7,300
SK: (Add. 6 Shakyo, Odaimoku Chanting 6M)	\$3,882
KN: (Add. Odaimoku 56M)	\$1,120
KO: (New)	\$1,000
HH: (Add.)	\$ 600
NM: (New)	\$ 500
JC: (Add.)	\$ 400
KY: (New)	\$ 400
HH: (New)	\$ 300
ML: (New)	\$ 300
HY: (New)	\$ 300
Anonymous : (New)	\$ 300
KB: (New)	\$ 200
KD: (Add.)	\$ 200
YD: (New)	\$ 200
CS : (New)	\$ 200
JT : (Add. 2 Shakyo)	\$ 180
HG: (New)	\$ 100
JH : (New)	\$ 100
RK: (New)	\$ 100
MM: (New)	\$ 100
MN: (New)	\$ 100
HT: (Odaimoku 3M)	\$ 100
KU: (Add.)	\$ 100
AY: (New)	\$ 100
KT: (Add.)	\$ 80
YI: (Add. Odaimoku 7M)	\$ 50
DM: (Add. Odaimoku 4M)	\$ 40
Anonymous (Add.)	¥70,000



**New Building Fund** commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Nichiren’s Birth  
\$120,125.33.

**504 shakyo** tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **19,880,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of February 22, 2018  
*Thank you very much! Please continue your support.*

## **EVENTS**

### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Monthly Kito Blessing  
11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. English Service  
18<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Spring *O-Higan* Memorial Service  
25<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Shodai-gyo* (Chanting Meditation)  
30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. ~1:00 p.m. Garage Sale

### **April**

1<sup>st</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Monthly Kito Blessing  
8<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Hanamatsuri (Buddha’s B-Day)  
15<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. English Service  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Shodai-gyo* (Chanting Meditation)  
29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) **No Service** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

\*\*\* Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements \*\*\*