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SACRED WORDS

The human body is equipped with two shoulders—left and right—and a god resides on each one. One of the gods is called Dōmyō-jin and the other is Dōshō-jin. The King of the Brahma Heaven, Indra, Sun Deity and Moon Deity cause these two gods to protect us from the time of our conception in the womb to the end of our lives, by sticking near us like our shadow and eyes. They report to the heavenly beings about our misdeeds and virtuous actions without fail.

Nichiren Shonin's Words—*Shijo Kingo-dono Nyōbō Gohenji*

Weekly Services

We will continue to hold services with limited in-person attendance and broadcast online via **Zoom**. For those interested in participating online, please contact the temple to obtain meeting ID and password. Donations can be made either by check payable to **Kannon Temple of Nevada** or **Zellepay.com** to kannontemplenv@gmail.com.

Izu Persecution and Mother's Day Service May 10, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

On May 12, 1261 Nichiren Shonin was arrested and exiled to Izu Peninsula under the indictment of disturbing the government. Instead of being dropped off on land, he was left on a rock in the bay. As the water rose, he was saved by a fisherman.



This event is considered to be the second of four major persecutions. Nichiren realized that he was living the Lotus Sutra. Let us commemorate this occasion so that we too can live the

Lotus Sutra.

We will also celebrate Mother's Day. Nichiren Shonin always stressed filial piety and to show gratitude towards one's parents. Let us also show our respect to our parents, especially to all mothers on her special day. And let us not forget our fathers on Fathers Day, June 21.

Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Cemetery

May 25, 11:00 a.m. (Mon)

May 25 is Memorial Day the unofficial start of summer! But more importantly, this is the day for all Americans to show their respect and appreciation to all soldiers who sacrificed their lives for this country. The Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is in Boulder City, southeast of Las Vegas. There are several soldiers who are buried there related to our members of Kannon Temple. We will continue the tradition began by Shokai Kanai Shonin, with Shoda Shonin visiting each one of their tombs to say prayer starting at 11:00 a.m. If you can make time, please come to the cemetery and meet him to pray together.

Electronic Newsletter

If you wish to receive this bi-monthly newsletter electronically, please email temple with your request at kannontemplenv@gmail.com. We are in the process of moving many processes online, which will help reduce temple expense.

Ninth Consciousness *Reidan*

Shoda Kanai

During my last trip to Japan, I went to further study Ninth Consciousness *Reidan*. This is a special divination method based on the Odaimoku *Namu Myōhō Renge Kyō* and Nichiren Shonin's Words.

Some priests are not aware of this method or simply do not favor it. Though my grandfather had completed *Aragyo* Ascetic Training five times, the practice of *reidan* was not widespread during this period. But by the next generation, both of my parents were certified as first level *reidan* practitioners. Since I was only level two for the past 18 years, it was time to earn my level one credentials.

Reidan is a secret method that illuminates the past and present while forecasting the future. Furthermore, its objective extends beyond mere prediction; it aims to consistently identify areas for improvement and to transform one's destiny to attain happiness. In truth, every individual possesses the "Ninth Consciousness of the Buddha." This is because of the two guardian deities who are constantly by our side, ready to reveal the answers to our many questions.

Each of has two guardian deities on our shoulders. On the left, *Dōmyōten*, the deity of the name when given at birth. On the right, *Dōshōten*, the deity of your birthdate. Both combine as *Gushōjin* where they record all of your actions, both good and bad, and report to the Great King Yama (king of the underworld who judges the dead). As they are your protective deities, we can gain insight through *reidan* from them.

Here are some of the topics that can be consulted on.

Illness concerns—Will the illness be cured? Will surgery be appropriate? Is this hospital a good choice? Is this the right doctor?

Family worries—Marital relationships, parent-child relationship, will we all get along? ⇨

⇐**Work worries**—Should I change jobs? The company’s future prospects? Should I hire this person? Should I start a business? Will management/ negotiations go well?

Love troubles—Will I meet a potential spouse? Will we be compatible? Is it ok to marry?

Children’s future—Will my child pass the entrance exam? Which is the better school? Recovery from bullying, social withdrawal, and/or refusal to attend school? Will I have a child? Will the pregnancy go smoothly?

Human relationships—with friends, lovers, neighbors, work superiors, and colleagues

Directional movement—Which direction is best to travel? When should I move residences? Which is the best direction to move?

Other—Win an election or not? Success at trial? Event planning without accidents or injury, Weather forecast for an event you are planning, Other various inquires

Based on the specific outcome on the arrangement of 25 characters comprising of *myō, hō, ren, ge, kyō*, reveals the answer to the specific issue at hand. Those who are interested, please contact the temple for further consultation. Keep in mind that the results of the consultation may not require an actual *reidan* reading. Depending on the cause, the solution changes.

Reidan is *Hōben* (expedient means) to help you further increase your faith and grow your Buddha-nature. It is also one of the methods I employ to provide guidance regarding your life concerns.



New Building Fund commemorating the 800th Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin’s Birth

799 *shakyo* tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **25,260,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of April 25, 2026

Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

From the High Desert, I Bring you Good News!

Japanese Style Pizza

Shoda Kanai

When I last visited Japan, my cousin took myself, my aunt, her daughter, and grandchild to an Italian restaurant for dinner, *Grazie Gardens*. For those of you who know, in Japan family-style restaurants are plentiful and with various menu themes. *Grazie Gardens* did not disappoint.

All food in Japan is quite delicious from the finest restaurants down to the convenience store *onigiri* (rice balls). Care is taken in the preparation of all foods.

As pizzas were made to order, I ordered their “Grazie Deluxe” which came with sliced ham, pepperoni, onion, and broccoli. Yes, broccoli. What was interesting was the other types of pasta dishes on the menu not typically found stateside. “Creamy Pasta with Japanese-style Sauce,” “Spicy cod roe (*tarako*) Spaghetti,” “Squid and Spicy cod roe Creamy Spaghetti,” and the most surprising of all, “Lots of Whitebait (*shirasu*) with Pepperoncino Spaghetti.” *Shirasu* is this tiny white looking fish which I usually put over rice with a little soy sauce.



This was the first time seeing *shirasu* with pasta!

During the meal a “lemon pizza” came to the table. The grandson loves eating lemon, even raw! He likes the sour taste. It sat there till the end. I didn’t think much of it, thinking this was yet another “Japanese take” on pizza.



My cousin suggested I try a slice, so I did. It was not lemon on cheese, but of custard. It was a dessert pizza! Of course it was delicious. The whole time I was expecting a cheese base, so I did not touch it till the end.

There is always something new to learn and taste every day. Let us all try to expound our culinary preference. I can’t wait for my next trip to see what I get to experience next!

EVENTS

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
3 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing	7 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing
10 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Izu Persecution/Mother’s Day	14 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service
17 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service	21 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)
24 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)		Father’s Day
25 (Mon) 11:00 a.m.	Cemetery Visit in Boulder City	28 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shabutsu</i> (Buddha Image Tracing)
31 (Sun) No Service	5th Sunday		

*** Join in every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for **Tea Time with a Priest** to have your questions answered. Email temple for zoom ID and password ***

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