What is Happiness?

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

We are all living precious given lives now and here. But we may tend to think that it is natural to be alive now. Or it may be too natural for us even to think that we are alive. And when we see someone else passing away, we may tend to think that death is an accident, thinking like “He died of a cancer, he was unlucky”, or “Unfortunately she was killed by a car accident accidentally.” However, Buddhism doesn’t think in that way. In Buddhism, it is accidental for us to be alive now, it is hard to happen, and we should be grateful for. And it is natural and inevitable for us to die.

I have read the following story written by a Japanese doctor. When we think that it is natural for us to be alive, we come to lose feelings of joy and appreciation for our being alive. Although our lives are given by taking countless other lives, we take our precious lives for granted, and moreover, without being satisfied with it, we seek more looking for something to be happier endlessly.

A philosopher says as following; ‘We all know that we want to be happy although no one teaches us about it.’ Now, when we think of what it means to be happy, we try to collect as many advantages as possible, and as less disadvantages as we can for our happiness. For example, we think like, good health is an advantage for our happiness, a disease is a disadvantage, a useful person for us is an advantage, but a useless person is a disadvantage…to give others a trouble is a disadvantage, not to give a trouble is an advantage…And we live every day seeking for happiness with collecting as many advantages as we can in our lives.

However, although we all keep trying hard to collect many advantages for our happiness in our lifetime, what do you think happens when we get old as a result? He (this doctor) sees many elderly patients at the hospital.
Many of them talk their complaints and dissatisfactions each other all over, like “There is nothing good as I got old. My daughter in law is mean to me”, “I have a lower back pain”, “My hearing is getting poor”, “My eyes have grown blurred with age”, “I don’t want to die yet”. When we are caught by “Old Age”, “Disease”, and “Death,” these are all disadvantages for our happiness seeing from the viewpoint of our scale of “advantage” or “disadvantage.” It is “Old Age”, “Disease”, and “Death” that we end up with after all our lifetime efforts to collect many “advantages” thinking “I want to become happy” “I will definitely become happy.” It is, so to speak, “ultimate unhappiness.”

Then is “happiness” that we seek by collecting more “advantages and less “disadvantages”, “happiness” in a true meaning? Buddhism has already been teaching the truth of “Four Sufferings” of our birth, old age, disease, and death since 2500 years ago. And Buddhism makes us realize how much we are already satisfied, how many lives our present lives are supported by, how happy we are indeed whether you are young or old. And it also teaches us that death is not an accident, but it is what comes to your life for sure.

Gassho with palms together,
マイナスで、迷惑をかけないことはプラス、というように考えていく。そしてプラス条件をたくさん集めて、みんな幸せいにして毎日を生きているわけです。

しかしそうやって、みんな幸せいになれるはずだ、と頑張ってきたはずなのに、病院の診察で接する高齢者の方々がどうなっているか。多くの患者さんが「年を取って何もいいことないですね。腰は痛くなり、目はうすくなり、耳は遠くなる」というように、皆さん愚痴を言うわけです。老病死につかまった時、私たちのプラス・マイナスの物差しをたくさん集めて、みんな幸せになりたいと思おもって毎日まいにちを生きてきて、結局、行き着くところは老病死。
マイナスのマイナスのマイナスですから、言わば「究極の不幸」なのです。
では、私たちが求める「幸せ」とは、本当に幸せなんでしょうか。仏教は、すでに2500年以上も前から、この人間が生まれて老いて、病気になって死んでいくという、生老病死の四苦の課題に取り組んでいます。
仏さまの教えは、若くても年をとっても、病気になっても、今ここにいる私が、どれほど満たされているか、どれほど多くのいのちに支えられているか、実はどれほど幸せいであるか、そして死は偶然ではなく、あなたに必ず訪れる必然のことである、ということに気づかせてくれます。

合掌、

月に一度（可能な限り）日曜礼拝の後に日本語法話をいたします。次回は、10月29日です。

Future Schedule

Sat, October 7 at 3pm
Fall Seminar “What Is Amida Buddha?” (Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara)

Sun, October 8 at 10am
Family Service (Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial)

Thu, October 12 at 7pm
Book Club at Kings Books

Thu, October 19 at 7pm
NEW! “Sips with Sensei” the location TBA

Sun, October 22 at 10am
Halloween Family Service & Party (after Exchange)

Sun, Nov. 5 at 11am
Fall Food & Craft Bazaar (No Sunday Service)

Sun, Nov. 12 at 11:30am
Temple Open House after Dharma Exchange
Fall is definitely here…..cool, crisp mornings with nice sunshine in the afternoon….except for today. It is finally raining! Welcome back typical Northwest weather!

We re-started services and are well into the new Dharma School year. It was wonderful seeing the turnout for the YBA sponsored breakfast before our September 10 service and to see all the Dharma School students together last Sunday.

We are looking forward to recognizing our Keiro Honorees at the luncheon on the 24th. The Temple has 24 members who are Keiro Honorees (88 years and above) but unfortunately only about 10 will be able to attend due to advanced age and mobility problems. We will miss them. It would be nice to figure out some way to remember and honor our Keiro members who physically can’t come to the Temple anymore but continue to support it.

**UPDATE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES:**

BCA Bishop Kodo Umezu was guest speaker at our September 10 service. With great humor, he spoke of his attempt at convincing Rev. Kakihara’s father to allow him to remain in the U.S. for a while longer. This was during a Spring visit to Rev. Kakihara’s home Temple in Onomichi, Japan. Bishop Umezu will miss Rev. Kakihara and his contributions to the BCA as much as we will here in Tacoma. After Sunday service, a small group of Temple Board and organization leaders met with the Bishop for lunch during which time he expressed his hope and vision for work between NW Temples. I enjoyed hosting him at home for lunch the next day and had a totally interesting four-hour discussion with him and Rev. Kakihara about many topics, most of which revolved around the future of BCA Temples in America.

The main purpose of Bishop Umezu’s visit was to talk with Seattle Buddhist Church and TBT leadership and ministers about a new model of inter-Temple collaboration, not only for the benefit of our individual Temples but to help other Temples in the NW District. He is promoting the perspective of a NW Buddhist Temple family, and less so as individual, separate Temple silos. This is necessary given the minister shortage in the BCA. However, this is not an entirely new model since Rev. Kakihara and Rev. Kusunoki (SBC Rimban minister) already collaborate together on some things. And, Rev. Kakihara has already had a strong presence at other Temples over the past couple of years as supervising minister for Portland Buddhist Temple and early this year as acting Rimban minister for SBC for a few months. It is with the understanding and our support of this model, that Bishop Umezu plans to appoint our new minister. General areas of cooperative work were identified and meetings will take place to work out the details. I will continue to involve and report to the Board on more specifics as well as begin to draw in other Temple organizations who will have a role. I am expecting to hear soon from the Bishop’s office to develop a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) regarding appointment of a new minister. This should happen within the next month. So please stay tuned as we move forward to not only welcome a new minister but also to work more closely with our sister (or brother) Temples. And, in the meantime, we need to continue exploring ways to sustain our Temple financially, to reach out into the community, and to continue growing our membership.

Other Temple issues that I’ve continued to work on that you should expect to hear more about in the near future are: **Events re-tooling and related financial issues, Temple financial sustainability, Board and Temple operations efficiencies; Minister transition.**
Even though summer has been a very busy season, it is nice to see the fall colors arrive and new tasks ahead.

Thank you to Erin Berkey who delivered our toiletries to Nativity House where they will be used to assist the homeless in our area. Please continue to drop off any unused toiletries in the basket in the Matreiya Classroom as we anticipate another delivery sometime early next year.

Thank you to Patti Wong, Yasuko Morita and Michiko Yukawa who helped Tom Hubbell who is organizing his list to fix, to remodel, or replace items in the parsonage to assist the next resident.

On September 17th, we had a Thanksgiving Luncheon for Linda Teal who will be leaving for Japan to live with her sister and brother in law, and be with her family. As you know, Linda has been part of our organization for over 25 years and has assisted in all of our fundraisers, taught numerous cooking classes, attended many FBWA and NWD Conventions and enjoyed all of our Bus Trips!! We appreciate her participation and dedication to BWA, and her commitment to the temple.

Special thanks goes to Lynne Tanino, a non-BWA member, who made the stuffing and took her time to help in the kitchen before, during and after the celebration. Lynne and Ken also set up the Social Hall – and did you notice how clean the chairs are?? Another special thanks goes to Patti Wong who kept everyone on task in the kitchen-sometimes not an easy duty, to the YBA students who helped serve the meals and to Bobby Yotsuuye and Harry Taniguchi, Jr. who washed all of our dishes and silverware. Finally, thank you goes to all the BWA ladies who helped in the kitchen the week of, Saturday all morning, and Sunday – you are ALL so appreciated. Thank you very much.

Our annual Food and Clothing Drive will begin on October 1st (through December 3rd). November/December Toban is in charge of delivery and organization of the items.

Anita Nakayama will teach our annual Dharma School Cooking Class on October 1st during their class time. As always, Anita has a special dish she would like to share with the students.

Patti Wong will teach how to make a kimono from a tenugui towel October 8th after service in the Rev. Pratt Room as our Bazaar craft project. Please being one tenugui towel for the Craft/Rummage Area and a second one if you’d like to make a kimono for yourself. Patti guarantees this is easier than the happi coat that was made for our last convention.

Merlaine Cook will chair our Eshinni Kakushinini Memorial Service October 8th with Guest Minster Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara from the BCA Center for Buddhist Education. Thank you to Kazuko Inoue for picking and donating the Yakima apples which will be distributed to all Sangha attendees by the September/October Toban.

Our next General Meeting will be October 15th in the Rev. Pratt room with a light lunch served by the September/October Toban. This will be an important meeting with discussion for a new toban system, an introductory pamphlet for new members, and election of new officers for the 2018-2019 term. Please plan to join us for some serious discussion, a tasty lunch, and maybe a fun craft for everyone if there is time.

Finally, we will be making daifuku mochi on October 28th starting at 8:00 AM for Bazaar. This is our third and final time we will be making daifuku mochi this year. All proceeds will be given to the Temple. As our BWA work force is getting smaller, we would appreciate everyone’s help – you do not have to be a BWA member to assist even for a few hours. You will be so appreciated. Our Temple Bazaar is on November 5th from 11:00-3:00 PM.
**Future BWA Events:**

- October 28: Daifuku Mochi making for Bazaar starting at 8:00 AM - **Everyone** please help
- November 5: Bazaar and Craft Fair
- December 3: Food and Clothing Drive ends
- Sign up for NW District Convention in Spokane
- Home Visitations
- January: BWA New Year’s Party

Gassho,
June Akita

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**Thank you for being so remarkable!**

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**Young Buddhist Association News**

Welcome back to Dharma School everyone! T-shirt and Kori sales during this summer’s Obon were both successful and we can’t wait for next year. YBA class recently helped serve at Mrs. Teal’s luncheon and we would like to wish her the best luck in Japan and this new chapter in her life. Since 1964 Mrs. Teal has contributed enormously to the temple and has been a strong leader in the BWA.

Additionally, the YBA helped serve at the Keiro Luncheon so a big happy birthday for all of our Honorees at the temple!

The YBA Halloween party is coming up on October 22nd, so mark your calendars so you don’t miss out on the fun! Feel free wear your costume to service and Dharma Students will have Halloween activities and games following with a light lunch.

Thank you again for all of your support for the YBA and with the events we have held so far. I would like to welcome Julian Elliott and Kalea Shimizu to Lotus class and to congratulate our new officers for the upcoming year: Emma Inge as Secretary, Julian Elliott as Treasurer, Ryan Ling as Vice President, and myself as President.

Thank you!

Kate

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**Buddhist Education Committee News**

Les and I recently returned from two weeks in sunny Mexico. We stayed in a beautiful beach hotel called ‘Na Balam’, Mayan for Jaguars home. It is on Isla Mujeres, a small island off the Yucatan coast in the warm and turquoise water of the Caribbean.

As we were checking in to our very typical Mexican retreat I noticed that in the small grassy courtyard, just off the open air lobby, there was a beautiful Buddha seated on a carved stone lotus flower. What a welcome sight it was.

Every morning there was a freshly picked Hibiscus laid on his hands and occasionally there was some incense burning also.
I often like to get up quite early on vacation and go explore the town we are in as it is just coming to life. What I enjoy most about travel out of the country is seeing how the locals live and prepare for the day ahead. 

The first morning I got up early I stopped at the Buddha….it was only 6:30am but he was already holding his red Hibiscus blossom. I stood and chanted Vandana Tsarana, (not too loudly) bowed in Gassho and was on my way.

I realized on our trip that life can be as Buddhist as you want it to be. It’s all up to you, even in this remote piece of Mexico.

There are signs everywhere that says Amida is with us always. Open your eyes and open your heart and just take a moment to appreciate what is around you.

On October 7, Reverend Kuwahara of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley CA will be our Fall Seminar speaker. His topic will be, “What is Amida Buddha?” My first question for him will be “Where is Amida Buddha?” I’m sure he will back me up when I say Amida Buddha is even on Isla Mujeres Mexico.

Love and Gassho,

Fred Pelger

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**Wanted: Myokyo Newsletters for the Temple Archives**

If you have any older Myokyo newsletters, you can drop them off at the temple or contact me and I can pick them up. I can also make copies, if you want to keep your originals.

Here is what we need so far for our temple archives:

2010 - March
2009 - Jan, Feb, April, June & Dec.
2004 - 2008 - all
2003 - Jan, July - Sept.
1995 - 1992 - there are no July as well as the usually absent August newsletters. Coincidence?
1990 - Jan & Mar - Dec.
Anything earlier than 1989.

Thank you!

Lynrae Hubbell
lynrae@harbornet.com, (253) 593-0749

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**Sips with Sensei!**

Starting on October 19 at 7pm
The place: TBA
October Toban News
Thank you, again, toban groups for keeping our Temple so clean.

October 2017 Toban Group:
Toban heads are responsible to call group members for set up and clean up for certain Temple events held during the two-month period. The chairs for each two-month period will coordinate with each other to set up the actual dates of the monthly clean-up for those able in their group. Please let Merlaine Cook know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

October Toban Group: Erin Berkey (chair), Jeff and Vivian Hiroo, Denise Cline, Tad and Joan Kajimura, Delbert and Cynthia Sasaki
Phone Tree Member – Frank and Midori Komoto

October Group Responsibilities:
- Monthly Clean-up with September toban (October chair to coordinate)
- Eshin-ni, Kakushin-ni Service and Fall Retreat: BWA in charge of service. BEC in charge of weekend lecture and Saturday lunch. Help if requested.
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to bazaar. November toban chair to coordinate with October and December toban chairs.

November Toban Group: Les Hitsman and Fred Pelger (chairs), John and Crystal Inge, Allan Oshima, Nancy Butterfield, Jim Akagi, Sandra Swartz, John and Julie Nelligar
Phone Tree Members – Yaeko Nakano and Charlotte Omoto

November Group Responsibilities:
- Monthly Clean-up with December toban (November chair to coordinate)
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks at the bazaar set-up Sunday
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to bazaar. November toban chair to coordinate with October and December toban chairs.

December Toban Group: Glen Morita (Chair), Renee Moriguchi, Yasuko Morita, Jane Burster, Jim Doyle and Tony Gregg, Jae Bates
Phone Tree Members – Kats Fujita, Frank and Violet Mizukami

December Group Responsibilities:
- Monthly Clean-up with November toban (December chair to coordinate)
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to bazaar. November toban chair to coordinate with October and December toban chairs.
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks on Tuesday for bazaar clean-up night.

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple is getting Social!
Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @tacomabuddhist. Be sure to tag us in your posts about the temple so we can repost them, and if you have photographs you would be willing to share in our feeds, please e-mail them to: hamilton . aimee @ gmail . com
Well, our beautiful temple never ceases to display its multiplicity of character traits. We had poorly-mounted toilets that liked to rock’n’roll and a leaky water fountain that aspired to be the new subject of movement number two of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 6 ‘Pastoral.’ Instead of “Scene by the Brook”, the deluded appliance thought “Scene by the Water Fountain” to be a better title. David Yotsuuye worked his magic on the water fountain so the sheet music of Beethoven’s masterpiece will not need to go through any massive reprints.

Regarding the toilets Elvis has left the building. Yours truly employed a Gerber and tightened the bolts that mounted the loosey-goosey ceramic throne to the floor.

On September 7th, the social hall stage received new curtains. Tom Hubbell spearheaded the changeout. If you see Tom please thank him for that and other major improvements he’s coordinated for the temple. Also, let’s all express our gratitude for David Yotsuuye’s and Del Sasaki’s contributions to the facility challenges that crop up from time to time.

Each week Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger move in like a SWAT team to maintain their vigilance against relentless dirt and debris. Additionally, Rick Tanabe, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka, and Tad Kajimura support our facility efforts. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens continue to swoop in and work hard to ensure the exterior of our temple remains aesthetically pleasing.

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**TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, November 12**

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

We would like to invite anyone with an interest or curiosity about Buddhism. There will be a brief introduction to Buddhism, the Jodo Shinshu tradition, and temple etiquette.

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**Monthly Book Club!**

Oct. 12 at 7pm at Kings Books

The Book of October:

Reza Shah Kazemi.

*Common Ground Between Islam and Buddhism.*

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**Halloween Family Service & Halloween Party**

**Sunday, October 22**

Please attend the service with wearing one special Halloween item!
Fall Bazaar Is Here. Well, Almost!

Our fall Bazaar earmarks a new season and is our last major fundraiser for the year. It will be held Sunday, November 5th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Co-chairs June Akita (all things food) and Crystal Inge (all thing non-food 😊) thank you in advance for your support. By now, members should have received their tickets, so thank you for selling them and/or inviting friends and family. Please give all proceeds and UNSOLD tickets back to Ken Tanino.

As co-chairs, we look forward to the sense of community fundraisers bring to our temple in addition to the revenue to support our operating expenses. But, they are a lot of work and can’t happen without members and community volunteers. If you haven’t been asked to help and would like to, please reach out to June Akita (for any food related volunteer opportunities) or Crystal Inge for anything else. Or just show up on these days:

- Sunday, Oct. 8 – 8:30 am: Bazaar meeting in the Rev. Pratt Room
- Sunday, Oct 29th – 11:30 am: Construction set up after service
- Saturday, Nov 4th – 8:00 am – 2:00pm: Prep: food, table setting, YBA signs, take-out, rice, vegetable washing
- Sunday, Nov 5th – 8:00 am: Final food prep
- Tuesday, Nov 7th – 7:30 pm: Clean-up, construction tear down

Committee chairs: most have been confirmed as of 9/18/17. But, if you see your name and can’t help, please let both June and Crystal know at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your time!

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**November 2017:**

1st Year Nibbana, Demi Renai Shaku Jun-Raku November 5, 2016

17th Year Ikeda, Sachio Shaku Ko-Ei November 16, 2001

**December 2017:**

13th Year Tanabe, Yoshiko Shakuni Sho-Shin December 15, 2005

17th Year Morita, Charles Haruo Shaku Shun-Gan December 1, 2001

25th Year Mains, Yukiko Shakuni Jo-Ko December 31, 1993

33rd Year Jinguji, Masayo Shakuni Myo-Sei December 18, 1985

50th Year Ikeda, Umejiro Shaku Sho-Jun December 17, 1968

**January 2018:**

3rd Year Itami, James Masagi Shaku Shin-Ju January 1, 2016

Netter, Anna Henderson Shakuni Bi-Sho January 4, 2016

7th Year Dogen, Toshiko Shakuni Bi-Ken January 10, 2012

Shigio, Chizuko Shakuni Jyo-Ho January 22, 2012

13th Year Murakami, Hideko Shakuni Ei-Ka January 13, 2006

**Greeters Schedule**

Note: Please have new visitors sign up their name and give them the following booklets:

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities
- "Want More Info.." (1/2 sheet form)

If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

**October**

1 Bobby Yotsuuye/Jane Burster

8 Denise Cline/Rick Tanabe

15 David Campbell/Les Hitsman

22 John Inge/Wendy Hamai

29 Del Sasaki/Mayumi Ikeda

**November**

5 Fall Bazaar (no service)

12 Richard Ling/Kevin Ikeda

19 Lynrae Hubbell/Michael Shiogi

26 June Weled/David Yotsuuye
"Bishop Umezu, Alan Hoshino (SBC President) and Wendy Hamai shake hands to seal the agreement for mutual collaboration between our Temples. Also attending the Sept 11 meeting were Rev.s Kusunoki and Kakiara, Calvin Terada (SBC VP) and John Inge (TBT VP)."

BWA host farewell luncheon for Linda Teal.

Representing TBT at the Moon Festival.
Lotus Class students help serve at Linda Teal’s farewell and at the Keiro luncheon.

## TEMPLE CALENDAR

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*DS - Dharma School, Buddhist Sunday School for children*

*Dharma Exchange - Informal Session for adults after Family Service*

*There is Wednesday Taiko Session for those who are interested in experiencing Taiko. Please contact the temple in advance by call or email for the details.*

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2017 Theme “Wake Up!”

Fall Public Seminar

What is Amida Buddha?
-Is Buddha like God? How is Amida Buddha related to our present lives?-

Saturday, October 7, 2017
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Admission: Temple Members - Free
            Non Members - $10 (suggested donation)

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
(Chair of BCA Center for Buddhist Education)

He completed Ph. D. Program in Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) in 2003 at Ryokoku Univ. in Kyoto, Japan.
He loves American food. He is married and a father of three sons.
Favorite phrase: “Wanting less and realizing that I’ve already had plenty. (少欲知足)”

Rev. Kuwahara will also speak at our Sunday Service on Oct. 8 at 10 am.

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The Tacoma Buddhist Temple’s
Fall Food & Crafts Bazaar

Sunday, November 5
11 am to 3pm

On the Menu:
Chicken Teriyaki
Rice Curry
Udon-Noodles
Tofu Bowl
Spam Musubi
Mochi

Also featuring:
Bake Sale
Rummage Sale
Handicrafts

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