



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

Mikaeri no Amida



NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We hope you are coping well during this period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the government of BC is slowly lifted some bans, our temple will slowly start up activities. Please see our website and this newsletter for details on activities you can join in person and on-line.

Thank you to the many members show have paid their membership. If you have NOT yet done so, remember to send in your Membership form with your Membership fee. We are missing Birthdates and Next of Kin for many members!



Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Although there are no scheduled events, expenses do not stop. We want to be able to restart programs as soon as possible, so we thank you in advance for your contribution.

“Hey Grant, you’re losing focus and slowing down. Don’t worry, just keep walking.”

Another month has gone by and we’re still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, though there are signs that we may slowly be returning to some level of social interaction. The BC Government has announced that we are entering into Phase 2 of our recovery efforts and as part of that religious gatherings are now allowed to happen, but only if we follow strict guidelines to maintain social distancing.

In order to follow the guidelines set by the government the following is a list of some of the changes we have made to allow members to attend our services again:

1. Although the BC Government guidelines state that we can have up to 50 people in attendance, in order to assure that we can control the physical distancing we are allowing only 30 people at any service.
2. People will have to call in ahead of the service to reserve a spot.
3. We will only be using the main front entrance doors to control the coming and going of people.
4. Everyone entering the temple will be asked to wear a mask and wash their hands with the sanitizer as they enter the temple.
5. Stickers have been placed on the floor to maintain the proper physical distancing from one another.
6. Tea and refreshments will not be served after the service. This is part of the guideline from the government, to lessen social interaction.
7. If people wish to hold a conversation, we will encourage them to do so outside and not in the lobby area.
8. We will print out the sutra chants for people to take home with them, so they won’t have to touch the seiten books.

Basically, people will be asked to attend just the services and refrain from socializing.

As I was preparing the above list of procedures we will be following, I started to really feel the “Pandemic Blues” as one of the best parts of coming to the temple is the social interaction that we have with others. I began wondering if people will want to come out if there are so many restrictions in place and how long will we have to keep up such restrictions? Negative thoughts were weighing me down.

It was then that a funny thing happened, for some reason, I began thinking about a very specific statue of Amida Buddha. The statue is known as the “Mikaeri no Amida Butsu” in Japanese and is translated as the statue of “Amida



Buddha looking back over his shoulder”. The statue is located at the Zenrinji Temple in Kyoto in the main hall known as “Eikan-do”. It is very unique as the statue of Amida Buddha is standing, but instead of looking ahead, he has his head turned sideways as if he was looking back over his shoulder. Legend has it that there was once a great monk by the name of Eikan, who was the head of the Zenrinji temple. When Eikan was 50 years old in 1082, he was doing a Buddhist practice known as “Jogyo Zanmai”, a circumambulating meditation practice in which one walks constantly around the statue of Amida Buddha for up to 90 days without much rest. It was during such a practice when Eikan began to lose focus on his practice and this is when he saw the statue of Amida Buddha walking in front of him, *Continues on P3*

FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara



Thank you to the ladies who took on the task of washing the purple zabuton covers. This has been completed but we must not forget the grey ones which are in the storage unit.

With the cancellation of the JSBTC AGM in April, the Leadership Committee of the Women's Federation has directed us to donate our Dana Day funds this year to local charities. We will be splitting the \$570 raised between the Red Cross and Richmond Food Bank.

With social distancing being practiced by everyone, life can be isolating and very different to how it was two months ago. We look forward to the opening of the borders and being able to see loved ones and to have the experience of attending temple services and having the social connection with everyone. Some of us would enjoy going to a restaurant and having ramen or sushi. Even a simple act of putting out unwanted items as garbage would be welcome relief! Until then, we shall be grateful.

We are still selling Japanese groceries (takuan, inari, umeboshi, low sodium shoyu, mirin, miso, senbei, etc.) at the temple. Also available are small and large apple pies
Please contact Hiroko at 604.277.6521 or hi.yosh@telus.net to arrange a time.

UPCOMING EVENTS ONLINE & LIMITED ATTENDANCE

Rev. Grant is continuing with services and events, using an internet app known as Zoom. In order to participate you will need to download the Zoom Cloud Meeting app and be invited by Rev. Grant, the host, to join in the session. If you are interested in any of the following sessions, please email Rev. Grant so he could add you to the invitation list. Some of the activities will also be posted on our website, so please visit www.steveston-temple.ca as well.

1. Weekly services - Sundays from 10:00 am (English).
 2. Weekly services - Sundays from 11:30 am (Japanese).
 3. Weekly meditation sessions – Thursdays from 7:30 pm.
 4. Weekly chanting sessions – Fridays from 10:30 am.
- IN PERSON ATTENDANCE POSSIBLE WITH PRIOR ARRANGEMENT AND LIMIT 30 PEOPLE

Notice from the Temple



Dear Friends of the Dharma,
As we slowly and cautiously move into phase 2 of the Covid 19 Pandemic recovery, the Provincial Government has announced that religious gatherings may take place under very strict guidelines. They are asking all of us to help in the ongoing battle against the spreading of the Covid 19 virus.

For the past couple of months, we have been holding regular services, including the Shotsuki services using the social media platform Zoom Meetings. For the foreseeable future, we are planning on continuing with this format. We encourage you to use this platform where all possible and please contact Rev. Ikuta at rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca to receive an invitation to join the service. If you have never tried the Zoom Sunday Service, we highly recommend that you do as you will be in for an uplifting experience.

For those who may not be able to access the Zoom Meeting platform, starting with the June Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service which will start at 10:00 am, we will allow a limited number of people to join the service live at the temple. We will be restricting the number of people attending the services in person to a maximum of 30 people to ensure physical distancing. Please contact the temple ahead of time reserve your space for the Sunday service as we will be turning away people once we reach the capacity number.

We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and understanding and we look forward to continuing serving you to the best of our ability. Please visit our website for any updates as well as to watch Dharma services uploaded by Rev. Ikuta. Please remain vigilant by taking care of your personal hygiene and may you all stay well during this time. Thank you for your continued support of the temple.

In Gassho,
Namo Amida Butsu
Ted Akune, President & Grant Ikuta Resident Minister
Steveston Buddhist Temple

NEW MEMBERS

** Our apologies for making an error in Mr. Kuwabara's first name in the last announcement. **

Seiya Kuwabara

2020 MEMBERSHIP PAID:

Akizuki Eiko, Domai Kiyo, Hamada Satoshi, Hamade Yoko, Hamaura Misaye, Hamaura Mitsue, Kondo Kaoru, Kondo Norman, Kondo Terry, Miki Ken, Mineta Masayoshi, Morishita Elmer, Murao Heidy, Nakata Andy, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishimura Grace, Okano Nicole, Okano Tokiko, Sakai Sharon, Tabata Kyoko, Tabata Setsuko, Tabata Tosh & Miyeko, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Takasaki Mayumi, Tezuka Yasuhiko, Tomihiro Kazuko, Tsumura Takumi, Yamanaka Keiko, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yukawa Joe & Sally,



OBITUARY



We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family members of the following deceased:

Teruo Terry Sakai	April 28, 2020	91 Years Old
Masatsugu Ogawa	May 19, 2020	83 Years Old

Kids' Sangha

Interview with Shelley John

An important and sometimes overlooked activity of the Temple is the Kids' Sangha. This group which was formerly known as the Dharma School underwent a name change in view of the situation that it is not a school as we usually understand it to be. Dharma School had connotations of a regular school which we wanted to avoid. This gathering of children, Kids' Sangha, consists of a group of children and youth who become engaged in various hobbies and activities related to Buddhism, while being encouraged to attend bi-weekly services.

The group of individuals who are dedicated to the Kids' Sangha are Misaye Hamaura and Genevieve Iwata who are the co-ordinators while Shelley John organizes and engages the children in interpreting the Buddha's teachings through games, drawing and writing stories. She is assisted by Courtney and Erin Ikuta. It is this latter three who translate the Dharma into something that is meaningful and understood by the children. The posters, drawings and art work on the notice board - "Kids' Sangha" in the temple entry are the children's work. These works of art are colourful and inspiring while conveying their understanding of the verse "Golden Chain" which has been memorized by several of the children and the poem "Gassho to Amida" which are recited at every service. The illustrations also include their interpretation of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. Their displays are very eye-catching.

I wanted to interview Shelley about how and why she got involved and how she became so inspired. This is her modest and humble reply to my interview.

SENSEI from P1

...encouraging him by looking over his shoulder and saying, "Eikan, you're losing focus and slowing down. Hurry, come follow me." Eikan had apparently dreamt this episode, but when he came to, the statue of Amida Buddha had his head turned sideways just as he had seen in his vision. It is said that the story of Eikan tells us of the great Compassion of Amida Buddha always working towards the foolish beings filled with blind passions. It also tells us that when we lose focus, we have to just listen to the Dharma and keep moving forward.

I realized that the Covid-19 pandemic has been another way that Amida Buddha is telling me, "Hey Grant you're losing focus and slowing down. Don't worry, just listen to the Dharma and keep walking." Worrying about the future won't get me anywhere, but I can rejoice at the fact that we have been able to connect with so many people during our online services through social media and now will even be able to accommodate some people coming into the temple.

Suddenly my worries dissipated, and I was able to see things in a new light. I did what any good minister would do, looked in the mirror had a good laugh and gave myself a haircut. If you're interested in what I may look like with my funky hairstyle, why not join us online through Zoom (contact myself to receive an invitation) or in person at the temple. Either way, let us continue to listen to the Nembutsu teachings and recite Namu Amida Butsu. Sometimes we need to stop asking questions and just do it.

In Gassho,
Grant Ikuta

"I started teaching the Kids' Sangha class about 8 years ago. I had been attending services and one day Rev. Grant said to me, "You're a teacher, right? Would you like to teach our kids' Sunday School class?" I had been looking for a way to get more involved in the temple, so I was happy to take on this role! It also gave me the opportunity to learn more about Buddhism alongside the children. I looked through an old Teachers' Guide, the red chanting Seiten - Praising Amida's Virtues and the internet to learn some of the basic principles, like the Eightfold Path, the Four Noble Truths and the Golden Chain.

I mainly focus on the idea of being a good person and how we can help others. I often begin with a picture book and then do a related activity. We look at topics such as acts of Kindness, Mindfulness, personal strengths, and positive growth mindsets. Being an elementary teacher definitely helps with the planning and organizing activities and being able to connect with the children.

The number of children varies each session with about four to eight participants, ranging from pre-school age to Grade 4.

I enjoy working with the children and being able to connect with other members and friends of the temple community.

I am also happy to raise my son, Kazuki, with the Buddhist beliefs."

Shelley's excellent qualities as a mentor for the children is attributed to her profession as an elementary teacher and it comes naturally through her parents Annie, a retired elementary teacher and Fred, a retired secondary school Art teacher. Furthermore, Shelley is the grand-daughter of Mr. Hitoshi Tanaka, a Board executive member and a strong proponent of the construction of the temple, and Mrs. Sakie Tanaka, an active Fujinkai member. Yes, we can see Shelley's Karma being an evolution of many positive circumstances.

Thank you Shelley for your volunteerism and dedication and thank you Kazuki for your continued attendance!

Gratefully, Roy Akune

PLEASE NOTE: Kids Sangha hopes to start up regular sessions again in September.

Temple Office

- Keiko Go -

Remember all the local small businesses that you've asked for years and years to donate and sponsor our temple events? They are calling in a favour. Let's answer the call, and support our local small businesses, and not just shop online - even if that seems easier!

BUDDHIST POP CULTURE

Durgesh Kasbekar

There has been some literature which probes the linkages between Buddhism and major Hollywood films. One such book is titled "The Dharma of Star Wars" (2015) written by Matthew Bortolin (an ordained Buddhist monk of a renowned Vietnamese order). The book draws parallels between Star Wars and a Buddhist perspective. It articulates how Buddhism is embedded within the film's narrative and its characters. The book's reviews are online. Also, this connection between Buddhism and Hollywood films is an area of academic interest to scholars studying religion, cinema and media.



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Join the Sangha and spread the Dharma

DONATIONS:

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations received after May 22nd will be announced in the next newsletter. *Please write your full name with your address clearly on your donation envelope.

General: Akizuki Eiko, Baba Marie, Chow Suezona & Nobu, Crofton Denise, Koerber Debbie, Kondo Yuki, Miki Ken, Morishita Elmer, Murao Toshio, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Nakata Jennifer, Nakatsuru Sherry, Nishimura Grace, Sakai Yoshie, Kamikura Roger & Joyce, Sakiyama Marilyn, Tabata Toshiyuki, Tehara Gary, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, (\$1,955)

In celebration of 90th birthday: Sakai Tomiko (\$100)

June Shotosuki Service: Akizuki Eiko, Hamaura Misaye, Okano Tokiko

May Shotosuki Service: Akizuki Eiko, Hama Helen, Hamada Satoshi & June, Hamaura Misaye, Higo Kelvin, Ikuta Teruko, Kokubo Alice, Kondo Tamotsu & Chieko, Murao Heidi, Nakano Alison, Nishikihama Teruko, Okano Tokiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakata Hozumi, Sakiyama Nobu & Elizabeth, Sameshima Ron

April Shotosuki Service: Akizuki Eiko, Domai Kiyu, Okano Tokiko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi

Feb. Shotosuki Service: Okano Nicole (Total of all Shotosuki \$1,280)

Gotanyu Service: Hamade Yoko, Maede Toyoko, Matsumura Laverne, Mori Koji & Judith, Murao Toshio, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Kazumi & Chizuko, Nitta Ayako, Sakata Hozumi, Sameshima Yoshiko, Suzuki Kanao, Whittier Maya, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko (\$275)

Hanamatsuri Service: Akizuki Eiko, Hamaura Masako, Hamaura Misaye, Ikuta Makoto, Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Matsumura Laverne, Nitta Ayako, Niwatsukino Kyoko, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sameshima Yoshiko, Tabata Hajime & Kyoko, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko, Whittier Maya, Yamanaka Keiko (\$435)

Ohigan Service: Kondo Kaoru, Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko (\$80)

In memory of the late:

Mrs. Tokiko Nakata: Nakata Yasuhiko (\$500)

Mr. Terry Sakai: Sakai Marge & Family, Hibi Mika, Ikuta Makoto, Kamikura Roger & Joyce, Kondo Kaoru, Murao Heidi, Nakade Esther, Nishi Kayoko, Nishi Kazumi & Chizuko, Oye Hanako, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakata Hozumi, Sakata Marjory, Sakiyama Nobu & Elizabeth, Sameshima Ron, Sameshima Yoshiko, Tasaka Charles, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, SBTWA (\$1,060)

Mr. Bob Hamaura: Hamaura Misaye, Phillips Kim & Geoff, Cameron Hu & Mari, Hamaura Kelly, Hibi Mika, Ikuta Makoto, Ikuta Teruko, Kakehi Tomoko, Kamikura Roger & Joyce, Kawabata Jack, Kondo Kaoru, Nishi Kayoko, Quan Ernest & Toshiko, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakata Marjory, Sakiyama Nobu & Elizabeth, Sameshima Ron, Sameshima Yoshiko, Sugimoto Noriko, Yamamoto Kiyomi, Yoshida Dave & Arlene, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko, SBTWA (\$1,565)

Carole Yamamoto: Hamaura Misaye

Mrs. Chiyoko Sakata: Sakata Marjory

Mr. Sunshine & Mrs. Fumie Sato: Ohori Joe & Fumiko

Mr. Lee Ryan: Ryan Larry & Jeanne

1st year memorial of the late Mrs. Yasue Matsumura: Matsumura Danny (Total memorials \$220)

JUNE 2020 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akizuki, Lindsay	Ikeda, Torakichi	Kuramoto, Haruo Harry	Nakane, Kazuo	St. Hilaire, Linda Mayumi
Asano, Teisuke	Ito, Misao	Kuramoto, Kayo	Nakano, Chikae	Tani, Shinzo
Domai, Toyokichi	Ito, Toramatsu	Maeda, Tsunekichi	Nishi, Toshiharu	Tanigami, Tomie
Hamade, Itsuji	Kamide, Patsy Shizuko	Matsunaga, Masami	Nishii, Torakichi	Toyoda, Shigeru, Jerry
Hamanishi, Kiyoko	Kariya, Tsuneko	Matsuyama, Yaeko	Nitta, Mitsuyo	Uyeyama, Matakichi
Hamaura, Sadame	Kawamoto, Itoe	Morimoto, Bobby	Okano, Mine	Wada, Kazuko
Harada, Tamae	Kawasaki, Koichi	Morishita, Eikichi	Sakai, Matsu	Yamamoto, Yoshio
Harada, Teiko	Kikuchi, Kei	Morishita, Sentaro	Sakata, Kazue	Yamanaka, Tomizo
Hashimoto, Kimie	Kojima, Kenosuke	Murakami, Collin	Sakata, Shozo	Yoshida, Troy
Hashimoto, Masuo	Koyama, Fukujiro	Murakami, Tsuneko	Sameshima, Merry	Yoshida, Yoshiji
Hibi, Tadasu	Kokubo, Mike	Muramatsu, Joe	Shinde, Yoshiharu	
Hikita, Emiko	Kurahashi, Setsuyo	Nakagawa, Shuichiro	Shiyoji, Masako	

JULY 2020 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Akune, Yuichi	Hibi, Aika	Koyama, Chieko	Ogura, Satoko	Teramura, Kinuye
Amadatsu, Johnny	Higo, Saichiro	Kung, Laurence	Okano, Koito	Teranishi, Hatsu
Arima, Kenichi	Hikida, Tazu	Maeda, Tomino	Oura, Toshiharu	Toyoda, Kiyoko (Kay)
Atagi, Kaoru	Hirose, Tahei	Maede, Kikuye	Pineda, Sena	Uchida, Fumiko
Beaton, Yoshimi	Hirose, Toku	Matsumura, Eikichi	Sakai, Yasuichi	Uyeyama, Fukujiro
Clarke, Sandra May	Hirota, Mitsuyuki	Mitsui, Ken	Sakamoto, Yasue	Yamamoto, (Tom) Yutaka
Domae, Isa	Ishida, Yokichi	Mori, Chiyo	Sakiyama, Toshiye	Yoshida, Takahiko
Eskandari, Kazuko	Kariya, Kimiko	Morimoto, Chiyo	Takane, Katsu	Yoshida, Yoshie
Hamade, Taki	Kishi, Kazuko	Morimoto, Toshinosuke	Tanaka, Koharu	
Hamade, Tsuyoshi	Kitagawa, Kikuye	Nishi, Hiroshi	Tani, Mikie	
Hashimoto, Toyozo	Kitagawa, Masa	Nishi, Tsuta	Taniwa, Fusae	
	Kondo, Hiroshi	Nitta, Kitaro	Taniwa, Jack Kazuo	

お寺からのお知らせ

法友の皆様、

新型コロナウイルスの蔓延がいくらか収まり規制緩和が第2段階にゆっくりと移っています。宗教的集会も開けるようになってきましたが、規制はまだ厳しく、州政府は新型コロナウイルスが広まらないように私たちに協力を要請しています。



過去2か月間、祥月法要も含めた毎日曜日の法座をズーム・ミーティングというのを使い、コンピューターで行っています。今のところこの方法で行う予定で、それまでなるべく多くの皆様にズーム・ミーティングを使っただけですようお願いいたします。生田先生にズームで参加することをお知らせして頂ければ

(rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca)、先生から招待のメールが届きます。ズームでの法座にまだ参加したことがない方はぜひ試してみてください。参加者の顔も見え、声も聞こえて楽しいです。

ズーム・ミーティングがコンピューターに無かったり、オンラインに参加できない方は、6月7日午前10:00の祥月法要から毎週日曜日の常例法座に直接お寺にお出でなれます。けれども、お互いの距離を保つため30人しか参加できません。前もってお寺に予約を入れて下さい。参加者が30人になりますので、せっかく来ていただいたりも帰り願うこととなります。お寺にいらした方は必ずマスクをし、手を消毒して下さい。また茶菓のサービスはありません。さらに、ご家族同士、お友達同士でお話をなさりたい方は、ロビーではなく外でお話いたします。ズーム・ミーティングを使える方は出来る限りそれを使い、それがどうしても使えない方だけがお寺にお出で下さい。その場合も前述のように必ずお寺に予約を入れて下さい。

この困難な時期を乗り越えるために皆様のご理解とご協力を頂き、今私達に出来る最善のサービスを提供させていただきます。お寺の最新情報も、生田先生の心から感謝いたします。お寺のウエブサイトでも見る事が出来ます。これからも衛生面にはお気を付けてどうぞお元気で過ごしてください。以前と変わらぬご支援、ご協力どうもありがとうございます。

合掌
南無阿彌陀仏
阿久根テッド、会長
生田グラント、駐在開教師
スティーブストン仏教会

子供のサンガ

ジョン・シェリーをインタビュー

お寺の活動で重要だが時々見落とされるのが子供のサンガです。これは以前はダースクールとか日曜学校と呼ばれていましたが、普通の学校と紛らわしいので名前を変えました。この子供のサンガでは子供たちが仏教に関係のある趣味や活動を2週間に1回します。子供のサンガのために頑張っている方々がお二人がコーディネーターで、ジョン・シェリーが企画し子供たちと仏教の教えに関するゲームをしたり、絵やお話を書いたりします。シェリーのアシスタントは生田コートニーとエリンです。この後者の3人が仏教の教えを子供たちがわかるような内容にしています。お寺の入り口近くの掲示板「Kids' Sangha」に貼ってある子供たちのポスターや絵などの作品は色鮮やかで気分を引き立たせてくれ、とても目立ちます。それらは子供たちが理解した「ゴールデン・チェーン」や毎回唱えられている「阿彌陀様に合掌」を表しており、四諦八正道を表している絵もあります。さらに「ゴールデン・チェーン」を暗記している子供たちもいます。私はシェリーにどうしてこれ程一生懸命子供のサンガをするようになったのかを聞いたところ、下記のような控えめつつも返事を頂きました。

「8年ほど前から子供のサンガを教え始めました。日曜の常例法座にずっと参加していましたがある時グラント先生から『あなたは先生でしょ？お寺の日曜学校で教えたいですか』ときかれました。私は何かお寺の活動に参加したいと思っていたので喜んで引き受けました。教えることによって子供たちと一緒に仏教について学べました。古い教師用ガイドや赤い聖典、インターネット等を調べ基本的な教え、例えば四諦八正道やゴールデン・チェーン等を学びました。私が教える時はいい人であることと、人をどうしたら助けられるか、という事に主に焦点を当てます。大體はまず絵本から始め、次にそれに関する事を考えます。親切さ、注意深さ、自分の長所、肯定的な事を考える事などを題材にします。小学校の先生である事は、何をどのようににも役立ちます。幼児から4年生までの子供たちが毎回4〜8人参加します。私は子供たちに教えるのが楽しいし、お寺のメンバーや友達に会えるのもうれしいです。また、息子のカズキを仏教的環境で育てられるのは幸せです。」

シェリーが子供たちの指導者として優れているのは小學校の先生であるという事から来ていますが、お母様のアニーが小學校の先生だったし、お父様のフレッサは中學校の美術の先生だったことにもよります。さらに、シェリーのおじいさまの田中ヒトシはお寺の執行役員で、お寺の建設の強力な支持者でもあったし、おばあさまの田中サキエは婦人会の活発なメンバーでもありました。シェリーはご先祖のこのように多くの素晴らしい面を引き継いでこられたのですね。シェリー一、献身的な奉仕をしても下さり、ありがとうございます。またカズキもいつも参加してくれてありがとうございます！

阿久根ロイ

仏教的ポップカルチャー

カスベカー・ダーゲシュ

最近、仏教と主要なハリウッド映画との関係を研究する文献が出ています。一例として2015年に出版されたマシュー・ボートリンの「スターウォーズと仏教の教え」があります。著者はベトナムの有名な宗派の正式な僧侶です。この本はスターウォーズと仏教的見方の類似性を引き出し、映画のストーリーや登場人物にどのように仏教的考えが埋め込まれているかを示しています。この本の批評はオンラインで読めます。また、仏教とハリウッド映画との関係は宗教、シネマ、メディアを研究している学者のアカデミックな関心の分野です。

敬弔

次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦勞を偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

酒井 テルオ テリー様 2020年4月28日寂 91歳
小川 マサツグ様 2020年5月19日寂 83歳