



GATEWAY



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The annual WCHHT Halloween celebrations brought out the Dodger Replacement Team who had a ball playing games and taking home bags of sweets.

My Reflections on the MLB World Series

Roy Takemura
WCBT Member

I cannot remember watching a MLB (Major League Baseball) World Series as exciting and emotional as the 2017 series. As a Dodger fan since they moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles back in 1958, I am truly disappointed that the Los Angeles Dodgers are not the 2017 World Champions of MLB. However, as a baseball fan this was a great series. It was full of exciting plays both offensively and defensively.

Game one was a great start for the Dodgers with Clayton Kershaw as the starting pitcher and Chris Taylor hitting a home run on the first pitch delivered to him. The Dodgers went on to win 3 to 1 and for us Dodger fans a very encouraging start.

Game two was a different story with a 7 to 6 loss. Despite the loss it was filled with excitement. In the top of the 9th inning, Kenly Jansen, Dodgers ace closer, gave up a tying home run

for the Astros. In the 10th the Astros go up by 2 but the Dodgers come back with 2 runs to tie the game only to lose by 1 run in the 11th.

Yu Darvish was the starting pitcher for the Dodgers in game three but only went 1 2/3 innings with an Astros 5 to 3 win to go 2 games to 1 for the series.

The Dodgers had a convincing 6 to 2 win in game 4 to tie the series. At this point I felt good that the team I had been rooting for for the past 59 years would go all the way.

Game 5 started great for the Dodgers scoring 3 runs in the 1st inning. We are going all the way! But, this slug fest game ended with another Astros 13 to 12 win. The Astros needed only one win to clinch the title, but hopes were not gone as the series returned to Los Angeles for games 6 and 7.

Back in Los Angeles, game 6 was a must win for the Dodgers. The Astros

scored first but the Dodgers came back with a 3-1 win lifting my hopes for a World Series title. This tied the series 3 games each with game 7 to decide the series winner. I was feeling really good!

In game 7 the Astros scored 2 runs in the 1st and 3 in the 2nd. This did not look good for the home team, but for those who follow the game know that a game is not over until the last out or as the saying goes "it ain't over 'til the fat

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Temple Event Highlights:

- Dec.10 Mochitsuki
- Dec. 17 Year-end Service
- Jan. 1 New Year's Service
- Jan. 7 Shotsuki Service
- Jan. 14 Eitai-kyo/Gen. Mtg
- Please See Temple News



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DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Hope you all had a good and delicious Thanksgiving! The Dharma children who attended the Hoonko service had a lesson that included an introduction to Shinran Shonin and a Thanksgiving activity. They colored a picture of Shinran, constructed a turkey, and had a book about thankfulness read to them-- the children were busy!

We celebrated the shichi-go-san with eight children this year. They were honored and presented with a gift commemorating the achievement of their respective ages. It was wonderful to see so many children. After the presentation, the students were treated to a story from the Jakarta Tales anthology. We hope to see more of you every Sunday!

Coming up is Mochitsuki on December 10 and Year-end on December 17.

Dharma School will have a mini-*"performance"* for the Year-end. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the up-coming events!

Gassho,
Claire Hansen

This year's 7-5-3 Children's Day celebration introduced us to seven little ones along with their proud parents.

Statement by West Covina Buddhist Temple on the Rohingya Persecution in Myanmar

November 1, 2017

Myanmar, a Buddhist majority country, is committing serious human rights violations. Its military is escalating violence on the Rohingya Muslims, a religious minority in the country. Some Buddhist leaders are actively involved in this persecution, helping to create an anti-Islamic nationalist movement among its people. This attack has drawn criticism from various quarters including the United Nations, the human rights group Amnesty International, Bangladesh, and Malaysia. It is painful to see that many Buddhists in Myanmar, who have struggled for democracy themselves, are now disregarding human dignity.

As Buddhists, we deeply condemn the inhumane treatment and violence inflicted upon the Rohingya Muslims. Our Buddhist Teachings would never allow us to justify our action of mistreatment of any persons for any reason. However, this reveals the serious problem we all have...we always try to justify our actions, and often use our religion to do so. Buddhism and Buddhists are no exceptions.

The heart of all religion should be deeply rooted in compassion. Religion should aspire to work for the equality and the peaceful coexistence of all living things. We do not approve of the persecution of the Rohingya Muslims. As Buddhists, we seek to find commonality with people of different faiths and ethnicities. We believe in and should be practicing respectful relationships.





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T E M P L E N E W S

The Study Class

The Study Class will meet on December 12 at 10:00 AM. Discussions will be based on selected topics that vary from week to week. The class usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information, please contact Rev. Miyoshi at (213) 219-6140.

Mochitsuki

WCBT's annual *Mochitsuki* will be held on Sunday, December 10. The special *mochi* rice, which will be passed out to Sangha members beforehand, should be washed and soaked the night before and brought to the Temple ready for steaming at 7:00AM. When the mochi rice is steamed to perfection it is ready to be poked and pounded and eventually shaped into smooth traditional *mochis*. Some are filled with sweet bean *an* and others are made into the traditional New Years symbolic offering, *okasane*. Come and join us in this annual tradition.

Year-end Service & Oseibo

Our Year-end Service, Oseibo gift presentation and potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by the Dharma School and other members of the Sangha. If you have a talent you'd like to share, please contact Rev.

Miyoshi.

The potluck assignments are as follows: If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a main dish and a salad; L-N, bring a main dish and rice dish; O-Y, bring a main dish and a dessert.

Please join us for a fun evening of entertainment and feasting on the delicious potluck spread from the West Covina Temple members.

New Year's Day Service

A special service to commemorate the New Year will be held on Monday, January 1, 2018, at 11:00 AM. Please let Rev. Miyoshi know if you're planning to attend.

Board Meeting & Shotsuki Service

The January 2018 board meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7 at 8:30 AM followed by the Shotsuki Service for January.

Eitaikyo & General Meeting

Eitaikyo will be held on Sunday, January 14 at 10 AM followed by the General Meeting.

A bento lunch will be provided by presale so please order your Eitaikyo lunch tickets by contacting Rev. Miyoshi or a Toban C member who will be selling lunch tickets for \$15. Join us for our yearly service and enjoy the delicious bento.

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In the spirit of universal brotherhood, West Covina Buddhist Temple provides the opportunity for all to listen to and share the Teachings of the Buddha in order that we may awaken to our true selves, living our lives fully and dynamically.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

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Rev. Patti Usuki from the San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple was the guest speaker at our November Hoonko Service. Young Rev. Fujii and our dear friend Rev. Brenion also participated in our memorial service to Shinran Shonin.



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Kiku Crafts & Food Fair 2017!



Thanks to the support and hard work of the WCBT Sangha our 9th Annual Kiku Crafts & Food Fair was a wonderful success! We had a great crowd and a line for food throughout the day. Some new vendors and our regular vendors provided the shoppers with something for everyone. And the line for food says all you need to know about the "yumminess" of our menu. Add raffle prizes and trivia questions into the mix and it all added up to a great time!

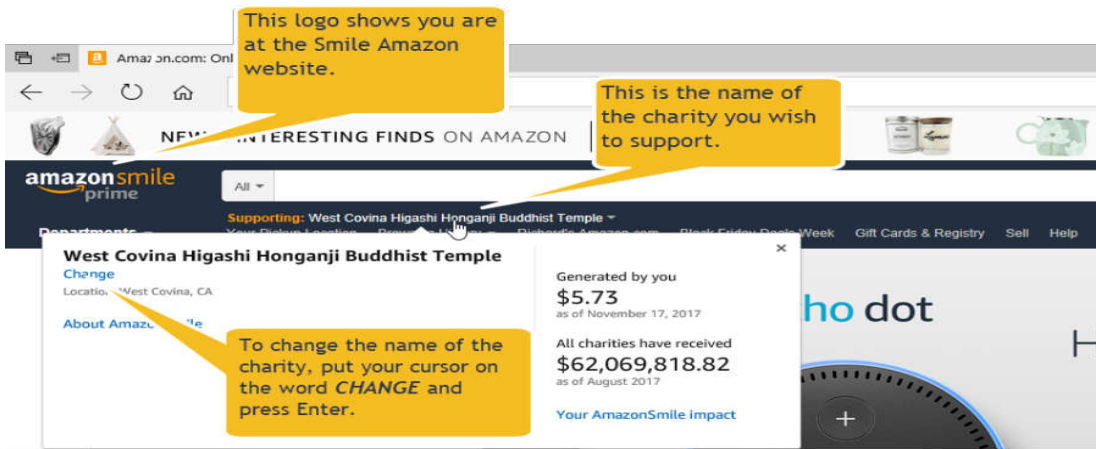
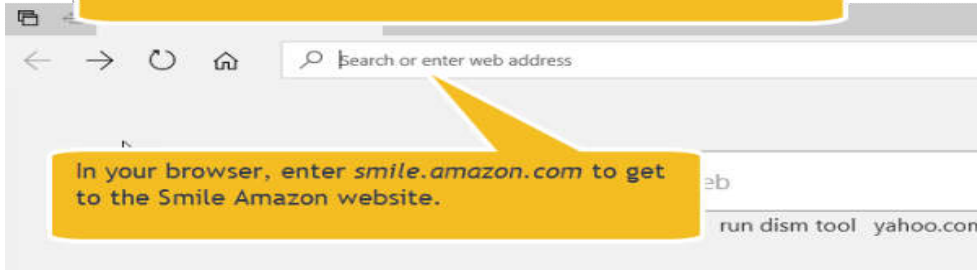




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West Covina Buddhist Temple Presents

The 2018 Family Retreat: Diversity and Me

Lecturer: Rev. Jon Turner

Date: Feb. 17 (Sat.)~18 (Sun.), 2018 (Presidents' Day Weekend)

Location: San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple 6996 Ontario Road San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Fee: \$35.00/adults; discounted fees for children Checks payable to: WCHHBT Mail to: West Covina Buddhist Temple P.O. Box 1616 West Covina, CA 91793



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◆ Fallacies of Othering

No-Self is one of the main teachings of Buddhism. Through self-reflection, we can discover that the Self does not actually exist in any concrete or substantial way. Rather the Self is a construction within our own minds. Included in this process is the creation of the Other. The Self and Other both arise simultaneously in relation to one another – this process is mutually re-enforcing. During this retreat, we will attempt to also deconstruct the Other by examining the fallacies used to sustain it. Thus, showing that it too does not actually exist in any meaningful way though its effects can also be profoundly damaging.

◆ Rev. Jon Turner is a full-time minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church. He graduated from UCLA with a BS in mathematics and a MS in computer science, and has been employed as a computer programmer for over 30 years. He later earned a MA in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. He was fully ordained as a Kyoshi minister in 2012. Rev. Jon currently leads services, writes essays and teaches at OCBC.

◆ The \$35.00 fee includes all meals, and there is free lodging available at the temple (though space is limited and you must bring a sleeping bag); nearby motels are also available.



Name(s): _____

Number of Attendees: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell phone*: _____

*Please provide instead of home/landline number for communications at the retreat.



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lady sings." Well, the game ended with a 5 to 1 win and the 2017 MLB World Series title went to the Houston Astros. What a heartbreaker but congratulations to the Astros.

Now that the series is over, Dodger fans are going to speculate the "if onlys." "If only manager Dave Roberts had started Kershaw instead of Darvish in game 7. If only Jansen didn't give up the tying home run in the 9th inning leading to an Astros win in game 2 or hitting a batter, walking the next and giving up a winning single in game 5. If only the top four Dodger batters were able to hit like they did during the regular season instead batting below or near the Mendoza Line. (The Mendoza Line, batting average .200, is an expression deriving from shortstop Mario Mendoza, whose poor batting average is taken to define the threshold of incompetent hitting.)

I did not write this article, although I did recap the series, to create a sports section for the Gateway. There were many highs and lows throughout the series. With the highs came happiness and jubilation and with the lows sadness and sometimes anger. The unfavorable outcome for all Dodger fans will surface the blames and "if onlys". As fans, when the dust settles we must accept the final outcome.

The highlight of this World Series for me did not come during any of the games. It did precipitate in game 3 when Yuli Gurriel hit a home run off Dodger pitcher Yu Darvish (father is Persian and mother is Japanese). After Gurriel touched home plate and returned to the Astros dugout he made a racially insensitive gesture by stretching the side of his eyes and mouthing in Spanish "Chinito" which means Little Chinese Boy. His gesture really angered me to the point I started yelling using words for certain the Gateway staff will omit.

After the game Darvish was asked about this incident and he stated: "Acting like that...is disrespectful to people around the world. No one is perfect. That includes both you and I.

What he had done today isn't right, but I believe we should put our effort into learning rather than to accuse him. If we can take something from this, that is a giant step for mankind. Since we are living in such a wonderful world, let's stay positive and move forward instead of focusing on anger. I'm counting on everyone's big love".

Yu Darvish's initial reaction may or may not have been the same as mine. Nonetheless he demonstrated true compassion toward Gurriel and that we all should be understanding and compassionate to each other instead of showing anger and pointing that accusing finger.

During a Dharma message, which minister I cannot recall, said we can all obtain enlightenment and that it may come and go. Yu Darvish for that moment, I believe, obtained enlightenment.

(「ワールド」9頁からの続き)

試合終了後のインタビューでこのことについて聞かれたダルビッシュは次のように答えました。

「あのような行為は、誰に対しても失礼な行為だと思う。誰も完璧ではない。それはあなたも私も、ということです。今日彼がしたことは間違っていると思う。けれども、僕たちは彼を単に非難するよりも、そのことから学ぶ努力をするべきだと思う。何かをそこから学ぶことができれば、それは人類にとって成長への大きな一歩となるだろう。僕たちはこんなに素晴らしい世界に生きている。怒りに身をまかせる代わりに、前向きに進み続けることが大事だと思う。僕は世界の人々の大きな愛を信頼している。」

もしかしたら、ダルビッシュもユリエスキの行為を目にした直後は、私と同じように怒りを感じていたのかもしれませんが。けれどもインタビューでの彼のユリエスキに対するコメントは思慮深く思いやりに溢れていました。そして同時に、怒りを表現したり、非難の矛先を誰かに向ける代わりに、相手を理解し思いやりをもって接することがとても大切だと私たちに教えてくれているようでした。

以前の法話で私たちは誰もが真実に目覚めることができるし、その瞬間に出会うことができると聞いたことを思い出しました。ダルビッシュ有投手はあの瞬間確かに真実に目覚めた人だったと思うのです。





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Buddhism Quiz

Today's Buddhist quiz asks about the Higashi Honganji complex in Kyoto

Difficulty Level: Easy, Easy, Oh, So Easy

- The Higashi Honganji complex in Kyoto officially known as Shinshu Honbyo and unofficially referred to as our Shinshu headquarters has two major pavilions. They are:
 - Shinshu Pavilion and the Founder's Pavilion
 - Founder's Hall and Amida Hall
 - Otani Hall and the Amida Pavilion
 - Shinran's Hall and the Pure Land Pavilion
- The image of our founder Shinran Shonin is enshrined in
 - the Shinshu Pavilion
 - the Amida Hall
 - the Pure Land Pavilion
 - the Founder's Hall

Answers: b, d



Quote of the Month
 Right now,
 when we're hearing
 so much disturbing and
 hateful rhetoric,
 it is so important
 to remember that
 our diversity has been -
 and will always be -
 our greatest source of
 strength and pride here in
 the United States.
 -Michelle Obama



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ワールドシリーズ 2017 竹村ロイ

長年の野球ファンにとって、今年のワールドシリーズほど興奮したものではありませんでした。ドジャーズファンを自負する私にとっては、チームがブルックリンからコロサンゼルスにホームを移した1958年以来の悲願だった優勝をあと一步のところまで逃したことは残念の極みでした。けれども、野球ファンとしては攻守ともに素晴らしい試合を心から楽しめました。

第1戦は先発投手のクレイトン・カーショウも打者クリス・テイラーも絶好調。3対1でアストロズを下し、幸先のよいスタートを切りました。

けれども第2戦で状況は一変、7対6で今度はアストロズが勝利します。9回表でドジャーズ抑えの切り札ケンリー・ジャンセンがまさかの同点ホームランを打たれ、そのまま延長戦へ。追いつ追われつの接戦を下したのはアストロズでした。

第3戦の先発投手はダルビッシュ有。残念ながら彼は12/3回でマウンドを降り、ドジャーズは痛い2敗目を喫します。

第4戦でドジャーズは意地を見せ、6対2で勝利します。59年間ドジャーズファンの私にとってはとても誇らしい試合でした。

第5戦は初回からドジャーズが3点を入れ、誰もが勝利を疑いませんでした。けれども、試合は死闘を極め結局13対12でアストロズが勝利をもぎ取り、優勝に王手をかけました。ドジャーズファンは望みを捨てません。なぜなら次の試合からはホームのロサンゼ

ルスでの試合だからです。

背水の陣で臨んだ第6戦。ドジャーズは3対1で勝利し、最終戦まで望みをつなげました。

迎えた最終戦は、ドジャーズファンにとっては満足な試合ではありませんでした。1、2回で5失点。試合は終わってみないとわからないと、一縷の望みをかけて観戦していましたが、ドジャーズファンの願いもむなしく、5対1でゲームオーバー。2017年のワールドシリーズを制したのはヒューストン・アストロズでした。あと少しのところまで優勝を逃したことは大きなショックでしたが、優勝したアストロズの健闘を心から讃えたいと思います。

試合そのものもさることながら、今年のワールドシリーズでは様々なドラマがありました。まさに喜怒哀楽が詰まったシリーズでした。ドジャーズファンにとっては悲しい結果となり、試合直後は何が敗因だったか、もしあの時ああしていれば、と悔やまずにはいられませんでした。結果は結果。受け入れなければいけません。

実は私にとって今年のワールドシリーズのハイライトは、試合そのもののことではありません。

それは第3戦で起こりました。アストロズのユリエスキ・グリエルがダルビッシュ有から先制本塁打を放った後のベンチで、指で両目を釣り上げるアジア人に対する差別的なジェスチャーをして、さらにスペイン語で「チビの中国人」を意味する言葉を発したかのような口の動きを見せたのです。彼のこの行為に私はこれ以上ないほど腹を立て、画面の彼を汚い言葉で罵りました。

(「ワールド」7頁に続く)

お寺ニュース

餅つき

今年の餅つきは12月10日(日)午前7時より行われます。200ポンドの餅米をつきますのでお手伝いをよろしくお願いたします。持ち帰っていただきます餅米は一昼夜水につけた後当日持って来ていただきます。みんなで美味しいお餅をつきましょう。当日は当番Bによる朝食もごさいます。

修正会法要

修正会法要は2018年1月1日(月)午前11時よりお勤めいたします。新しい年を迎えて初めてのお参りにご家族お揃いでお参りください。

永代経法要・教団総会

2018年度永代経法要は1月14日(日)午前10時より厳修されます。法要後教団総会が開かれ新年度の役員が選出されます。お寺の大事な総会です。どうぞ法要、総会にご出席ください。

お寺家族リトリート

来る2月17日(土)-18日(日)家族リトリートをサンルイスオビスポ西本願寺にて開催いたします。日常を離れ仏法にじっくりと耳を傾けるよい機会です。どうぞお誘い合わせの上ご参加ください。詳しくは見義信香開教使まで。

1月祥月法要 / 法話会
1月4日(木)
午後7時より

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- 7 7:00 pm Howakai Year-end Service
- 10 7:00 am Mochitsuki
- 12 10:00 am Study Class
- 17 4:00 pm Year-end Service

12月行事予定

- 3日 午前8時半 理事会
- 3日 午前10時 祥月法要/成道会
- 7日 午後7時 法話会
- 10日 午前7時 もちつき
- 17日 午後4時 年末家族礼拝

January 2018

- 1 11:00 am New Year's Day Service
- 4 7:00 pm Howakai Japanese Service
- 7 8:30 am Board Meeting
- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki Service
- 9 10:00 am Study Class
- 14 10:00 am Eitaikyo Service/General Meeting
- 21 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 23 10:00 am Study Class
- 28 10:00 am Sunday Service

2018年1月行事予定

- 1日 午前11時 修正会
- 4日 午後7時 法話会
- 7日 午前8時半 理事会
- 7日 午前10時 祥月法要
- 14日 午前10時 永代経法要 / 総会 / 新年会
- 21日 午前10時 日曜礼拝
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