



# GATEWAY



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*The "Introduction to Buddhism" class taught by Rev. Miyoshi was well attended by eager learners.*

## A Timeless Message from Long Ago

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Like anyone else I sometimes run across a quotation or proverb or some "words of wisdom" that intrigue me for whatever reason, and if it's written down I confess that I'll copy it or print it out and save it for later. My office bulletin board is crammed with examples of these morsels, meaning I have a lot of them. One of them goes 'I didn't fail, I just tried something that didn't work'. Now, invariably, the meanings of them change for me over time as I grow and evolve and life's experiences force me or let me see things through a different prism. For instance, one that I grew up with was 'do unto others as you would have others do unto you'. It's in the Bible. To me it always meant 'treat

other the way I would want to be treated'. And it was good because it made me aware of the way that I acted or accorded myself with people I encountered, whether I knew them or not. Today, however, it doesn't mean exactly the same thing to me. Today it means 'leave me alone; I'm not going to get into your business and that's really how I want you to deal with me'. It's the same quotation but I'm not the same person. I guess it's true that, over time, 'you live and you learn'.

Now, in relation to today's heated and contentious political atmosphere, one of the most meaningful and thought provoking quotes that I have is attributed to the Indian activist Ma-

hatma Gandhi. Born in Porbander, India in 1869, this peaceful activist was assassinated by gunfire in New Delhi in 1948.

Trained in law in London, he first employed nonviolent activism for civil rights in South Africa in the Indian community's struggle for civil rights. There, in the 1920's and 30's, he organized peasants, farmers, and urban labourers to protest excessive land-taxes, fees, and discrimination.

His most famous challenge was organizing against the British imposed Salt Tax. He organized a 250-mile (400 km) Dandi Salt March in 1930, eventually calling for Britain to quit India. For this and other

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## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy October everyone! School is in full session and the temperature is slowly getting cooler (thank goodness).

Our Ohigan Dharma School lesson went well. The concept of Ohigan was explained to the youngsters. They created a booklet that represented the equinox and the 6 Paramitas. The students enjoyed working on their project.

Rev. Miyoshi and the Dharma School staff are trying a new way to educate our children about Buddhist concepts and traditions. We are going to have lessons and special activities during our late afternoon services. The lessons will reflect each service's meaning and importance. The late afternoon services include the fall Ohigan, Hoonko, the spring Ohigan, Hanamatsuri, and Obon. The yearend activity will still be a Dharma School presentation to the Sangha. There will be an email blast reminder for parents and grandparents before each special service. Needless-to-say, Dharma School lessons will continue to be available during each Sunday service.

Hope to see all of you at our annual Halloween party after service on October 28. Be sure to wear your costumes and prepare to have fun!

Gassho,  
Claire Hansen

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"crimes" he was imprisoned many times, both in South Africa and in India.

A few of his noted sayings include:

*-Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.*

*-Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.*

*-The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.*

*-Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.*

I confess that prior to preparing for this Dharma Message, I didn't have any of these quotations as part of my quotation's junkyard. And I'm sure that, based on personal preference, one quotation may or may not be more important than another. But the quotation of Gandhi's that I have kept is one that has many parts and concerns itself with violence, and in today's political atmosphere, when I read it recently, it made me shake my head. It's one that always meant a lot to me but right now I think it shows just how close we are to more chaos, division, and an uncertainty in the future that we face today.

As I list these, I'll give the quote and then in parentheses I'll note what the saying means to me. And please feel free to decide what they mean to you.

So according to Gandhi these are:  
The Seven Root Causes of Violence

1. Wealth without work (stealing)
2. Pleasure without conscience (no compassion)
3. Knowledge without character (ignorance)

4. Commerce without morality (dishonest)
5. Science without humanity (superior race?)
6. Worship without sacrifice (no commitment)
7. Politics without principle (Trumpism)

When I first came across this saying I never would've believed that it would someday be so meaningful to me. I kept it even though only the first 3 items meant anything to me. Now the last 4 are like a foghorn when I think about them in today's environment. Today I'm not positive what the message is but the lesson is loud and clear: None of us exists in a vacuum, or maybe nobody rides for free. And that's just another way of saying we need community. Thank you.



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Quote of the Month  
Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.  
-Mahatma Gandhi



# T H E G A T E W A Y

## T E M P L E N E W S

### Akimatsuri

The ESGVJCC Akimatsuri will be on Saturday, October 6, from 12:00-8:00 PM and WCBT will be in charge of the Teriyaki Barbecue. We will need help in the teriyaki booth as well as with the Center set-up, break-down, etc. Sign-up sheet will be out for your signatures at upcoming services so please find a time when you can help.

We'd like to see everyone come out and support the Temple and the Center.

### The Study Class

The Study Class will meet on October 9 and 23 at 10:00 AM. Discussions will be based on selected topics that vary from week to week. The class meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information, please contact Rev. Miyoshi at (213) 219-6140.

### Halloween

Our annual Halloween party will follow the Sunday Service on October 28. There will be lots of fun and games and prizes so come dressed in your favorite costumes and get in the Halloween spirit! There will be refreshments for everyone so join us in the fun!

### Kiku Crafts & Food Fair

WCBT will hold our 10th Annual Kiku Crafts & Food Fair on Sunday, November 4, from 10 AM-3 PM. We will offer Asian inspired crafts, clothing, jewelry, giftware, original artwork to be purchased just in time for the holidays. And of course, lots of

delicious food to be consumed. Each vendor will be handling their own sales and not all take credit cards so come prepared. WCBT members are welcome to shop early from 9:30 AM. Come for some holiday shopping. Stay for the fun and food!

For more information or if you can help, please contact Hisako Koga 951-818-8740 or [hskoga@gmail.com](mailto:hskoga@gmail.com).

### November Shotsuki Service & Board Meeting

November Board Meeting will be held on November 11 at 8:30 AM followed by the Shotsuki Service at 10 AM.

### Ho-on-ko Service

Our Ho-on-ko Service (a memorial service for Shinran Shonin) will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 4:30 PM. Our special guest speaker will be Rimban William Briones from Nishi Hongwanji Los Angeles Betsuin. Please join us as we welcome Rimban Briones and stay for the complimentary *Otoki* dinner that will follow the service.

### 7-5-3 Service

7-5-3 or Shichi-go-san Service will be held on Sunday, November 25 at 10 AM. This special service is to recognize anyone who has reached the age of three, five or seven this year. Please inform Rev. Miyoshi if you have a family member or know of someone who will be the perfect age for this service.

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## Kiku Crafts & Food Fair

Sponsored by West Covina Buddhist Temple

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**at ESGVJCC**

**Asian inspired crafts, clothing, jewelry, giftware,  
ceramics, original arts and delicious food!**

**Come for some holiday shopping,  
Stay for the fun and food!**

**There will be no central cashiering. Each vendor will  
handle their own sales and  
not all vendors take credit cards.**

**For info contact Hisako Koga: 951-818-8740  
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*Rev. Miyoshi's niece Mio and her friend Yumi from Yamanashi, Japan visited WCBT in August. They enjoyed a delicious Mexican lunch provided by the Sangha. During their visit they took time to explore Universal Studios which they really enjoyed, especially Hogwarts and the entire Wizarding World of Harry Potter.*



*Rev. Paul Imahara spoke about the meaning of Ohigan to the Sangha.*



*The West Covina Buddhist Temple Sangha with guest speaker Rev. Paul Imahara and Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi at our Fall Ohigan Service.*



## T H E G A T E W A Y

## 時代を超える教え アンダーウッド、フィリップ

皆さんもそうだと思いますが、心を惹きつけられるような言葉に偶然出遇うことがあります。そんな時は書き留めたり、印刷してとっておきます。仕事部屋の壁掛けボードにはそんな言葉が数多く貼られています。例えばこんな言葉です。「失敗したのではない。挑戦したことがその方法ではうまくいかなかっただけだ」。それらの言葉を眺めていると、当時とは捉え方が違ふと気づくことがあります。人生の経験や成長の過程において様々な見方ができるようになったということかもしれません。聖書の「何事でも人々からしてほしいと望むことは、人々にもそのとおりにせよ。」という言葉があります。私はそれを文字通りに受け止めていました。そしてこの言葉は私の言動が他人にどのような影響を与えるかを意識させてくれました。けれども今は「親切顔をして他人の領域に土足で上がるようなことはしないように」というメッセージをこの言葉から受け取ります。それが私がして欲しいことだからです。この変化はとてもおもしろいです。「生きるということとは、学ぶということだ」という言葉は実に的を得ていると思います。

現在の政治状況を鑑みると、最も深い示唆を与えてくれる言葉はマハトマ・ガンディーの言葉ではないかと思います。ガンディーは1869年インドのポルバンダルに生まれました。非暴力の活動家であったガンディーは1948年インドのデリーで暗殺されます。

ロンドンで法律を学び、南アフリカで弁護士をする傍ら公民権運動に参加します。20年代、30年代には、民衆と共に法外な地租や差別に抵抗する運動をしました。最も有名な抵抗運動は1930年の「塩の行進」と称されるイギリスの塩税に抗議した運動です。この時ガンディーは250マイル（約400キロ）を行進しました。この運動はインドの独立に大きな影響を与えたのです。彼の抵抗運動は「違法」とされ、南アフリカとインドの両国で幾度となく投獄されます。

ガンディーの言葉のいくつかを紹介したいと思います。

「幸福とは、考えること、言うこと、することが調和している状態である。」

「強さは肉体的な力からくるのではない。不屈の意志から生まれる。」

「弱い者ほど相手を許すことができない。許すということは、強さの証だ。」

「この世には全ての人間が必要なもの全て揃っている。けれども人々の欲望を満たすものではない」

彼の言葉の多くは、暴力に対する異議の声です。最近彼の言葉を読み返した時に、今こそ彼のメッセージが必要であると強く感じました。混沌と分断が深まり、未来への不安を感じる今だからこそ、彼の言葉が大きな意味をもつと思うのです。

彼は暴力を引き起こす七つの要因を挙げています。

1. 労働なき富
2. 良心なき快樂
3. 人格なき学識
4. 道徳なき商業
5. 人間性なき科学
6. 献身なき信仰
7. 理念なき政治

最初にこれらの言葉を目にした時、それが自分にとってこれほどまで大きな意味をもつとは想像もつきませんでした。そして、最初は初めの3つに目がいききました。私たちを取り巻く状況を考えた時、今はむしろ後の4つに重い意

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## お寺ニュース

### 法話会報恩講（日本語）

法話会では11月1日（木）午後7時半より、11月祥月法要と併せて報恩講を厳修致します。報恩講は親鸞聖人への報恩謝徳の為に行われる最も大切な仏事です。どうぞ皆様お誘い合わせの上、ご参詣下さいませようご案内申し上げます。

### 報恩講（英語）

11月18日（日）午後4時半より、本年度の報恩講法要（英語）を厳修致します。講師として西本願寺ロサンゼルス別院よりブリオネス・ウィリアム輪番をお招きしております。法要後には、お斎をご用意いたしております。報恩講は一年の節目となる最も大切な法要です。どうぞ皆様でご参詣下さい。

10月祥月法要 / 法話会

10月4日（木）

午後7時半より

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## October

- 4 7:30 pm Howakai Japanese Service
- 6 12:00 pm ESGVJCC Akimatsuri
- 7 8:30 am Board Meeting
- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki Service
- 9 10:00 am Study Class
- 14 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 21 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 23 10:00 am Study Class
- 28 10:00 am Sunday Service/Halloween Party

## November

- 1 7:30 pm Howakai Ho-on-ko Service
- 3 10am-2pm Center Health Fair
- 4 10am-3pm Kiku Crafts & Food Fair
- 4 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 11 8:30 am Board Meeting
- 11 10:00 am Shotsuki Service
- 13 10:00 am Study Class
- 18 4:30 pm Ho-on-ko Service

## 2018年10月行事予定

- 4日 午後7時半 法話会
- 6日 正午 センター秋祭り
- 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 日曜礼拝
- 21日 午前10時 日曜礼拝
- 28日 午前10時 日曜礼拝／ハロウィーン

## 11月行事予定

- 1日 午後7時半 法話会報恩講
- 3日 午前10時 センターヘルスフェア
- 4日 午前10時 菊クラフトフェア
- 4日 午前10時 日曜礼拝
- 11日 午前8時半 理事会

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