



LA Dharma Talk 1: What is a Funeral Service?

(From sermon at Bon Segaki Service on July 6th)

Rev. Kodo Tanaka

Generally speaking, what concerns you most with regard to the relationship with a Buddhist temple is, I think, an arrangement of a memorial anniversary service for your forebears and a funeral for the deceased. Today I would like to talk about the purpose of a “funeral service”. What ideas do you come up with regarding a Buddhist funeral? Is it an occasion for you to: remember the deceased, or console the immediate family, or to share grief with the congregation, or to receive a Buddhist title (kaimyo) for the deceased? Although these aspects may be one of many reasons for you to attend a funeral, there is this most important purpose in a Buddhist funeral that I hope all of you will be mindful of. That is, it is a religious rite that is designed to guide the deceased to launch out into a course for attaining birth in the place where posthumous enlightenment is promised.

In order to capture the image of this journey, let us compare our body to a bubble. We can see a bubble while it's floating. This means that one is living. However, the bubble pops somehow, someday. This happens when all organs of our body stops working: death of our present lives. Now the bubble has disappeared from our sight. But has it all gone? Where did the air inside the bubble go? Though invisible, it is still floating here and there. Let us compare this air contained in the bubble to something that has formed our basic personality. You can call it whatever the term you are comfortable with such as “spirit”, “soul”, and “heart”. Let me simply refer to it as human “spirit”. As soon as the bubble (body) pops, the air inside (spirit) is discharged into an open air.

LA法話①：お葬式って何だろう？

(7月6日の盆・施餓鬼法要での法話より)

田中孝道



一般的に、お寺との関わりの中で大きな関心事は「ご先祖供養」そして「お葬式」でしょう。今日は改めて『お葬式』について考えてみましょう。お葬式とは何でしょう？亡くなった方を悼む場？遺族を慰める場？皆で悲しみに暮れる場？戒名をいただく場？そういった側面もあるでしょうが、何よりも大切な意味がお葬式にはあります。それは、「亡くなった方の旅立ちを導き、極楽浄土に生まれていただくための宗教儀式である」ということです。

例えば、人間の身体をシャボン玉と考えてみます。シャボン玉が漂っている間は外から見ることができ、その人が生きているということです。しかし必ずいつか何かの拍子に、シャボン玉はパッとほじけます。これが人それぞれの寿命、すなわち肉体の死で、シャボン玉は消えてなくなりました。しかし、中の空気はどこにいったのでしょうか？目に見えずとも、それは辺りを漂っているのです。シャボン玉を肉体とすれば中の空気はその人の根幹を成すもの、例えば魂や精神、心など様々な呼び方があると思いますが、ひとまずこれを魂としてみましょう。シャボン玉

Buddhism traditionally refers to this state of life form to “chu-in”: the condition that a spirit is in the middle of its transmigration. The period of this transmigration extends to 49 days (7 days times 7 weeks). This condition, that a spirit keeps wandering till it reaches its next destination, is defined as the state of roaming. So-called “o-bake (ghost in Japanese)” is categorized into this condition.

Honen Shonin, the founding master of Jodo Shu, explained as follows about the process how one reaches this state of roaming at his death. “One will get caught by three kinds of insecurity. They are urges of: 1. resisting to leave his family, lover and friends, and resisting to release his secular property and wealth, 2. resisting to lose his own body, and 3. fear to the unknown that awaits him after death. This insecurity is bait for wicked ideas that prevent his mind from being prepared in right thought upon death.” The cause of this insecurity is our own “bon-no,” so-called 108 unwholesome passions that are roughly categorized into three kinds: greed, anger, and ignorance. These passions arise unknowingly in us as if our hair keeps growing. Our mind is often occupied by these passions unexpectedly each time we encounter with external temptation. Haven’t you been hit by a thought “I want it!” and clicked “Buy” when browsing the internet? That instant passion didn’t even exist until the very moment you saw the product.

To summarize, when we look death in our face, our “bon-no” generates the three kinds of insecurity that let wicked ideas sneak in our thought, and consequently our spirit will stray in empty spaces. Honen Shonin admonishes us, “No matter how hard his family tries to reduce his suffering at death, this insecurity cannot be removed. It is simply beyond human faculty. His insecurity is to be removed only by entreating Amida Buddha’s divine power that will guide his spirit to leave the state of roaming and attain birth in the Pure Land: the Land of Ultimate Bliss (Gokuraku Jodo).”

(肉体)がはじけた後、目に見えずともその中の空(魂)は辺りをさまよったままの状態が起こります。仏教ではこれを「中陰(ちゅういん)」と呼び、「肉体が減びて次の生を受けるまでの中間の状態」であり、その期間は7日×7週の49日間とされます。これは魂の行く先の定まらない期間で「迷い」の状態にあり、俗に言うお化けや幽霊もこの状態を指します。

この「迷い」に至る過程について、浄土宗の開祖法然上人は「人は臨終にあたって三種類の不安に駆られる。その不安に乗じて魔が忍び込み、心が乱れ、荒れ狂う」と言われています。①愛しい家族・恋人・友人から、あるいは家や財産から離れたくない、②自分の身体を失いたくない、③自分が死後どうなってしまうのか、という三種類の不安です。こうした不安が起こる原因は私達に備わった「煩惱」です。除夜の鐘でお馴染み、「百八つ」と言われる煩惱は「貪り」「怒り」「愚かさ」の三つに大別され、様々な条件によってとめどなく、まるで髪の毛が伸びるように起こるとされます。「死」という条件に触れた時、煩惱によって三種類の不安が生まれ、さらにその不安を条件に心に魔が訪れ、魂が「迷い」に至るのです。法然上人は、臨終のこうした不安は「周囲の人間の力添えで取り除けるものではない。阿弥陀様の御力を頼んでこそ不安が取り除かれ、安らかな心で迷いの状態を離れ、極楽に生まれることができる」と言われています。

何しろ死後の旅路は誰にとっても初めて、しかもたった一人で歩む道です。真っ暗闇の中に一人放り出されるようなもので、行く先がわからずに歩み出すことはできません。だからといって、そこに留まることも後戻りもできません。しかしそんな暗闇の中、行く先を照らす一筋の光があるなら、どれほど心強く歩み出すことができるでしょうか？これが阿弥陀様が亡者を導き、極楽浄土に迎える光明です。また、光の導く先に、あの愛おしい、懐かしい、先立った親兄弟、伴侶や子どもの、恋人や友人の姿が待っているならば、どれほど勇気付けられることでしょう。普段から亡き方々を供養することの大切さがお分かりになると思います。

This is a journey all of us will experience for the first time and force us to travel alone. How should we be prepared? Let us imagine ourselves being thrown away alone in sheer darkness. We cannot even take the first step without knowing which way to go. We can neither stay there nor go back. But if you see the light that shines your way ahead, what a great relief it would be! How encouraging for you to walk on! This is Amida Buddha's Light of Great Compassion that encompasses all living beings. Also, let us imagine how reassuring it would be if you see familiar faces of your late parents, spouse, partners, children, lovers and friends on your way ahead, who watches over every step you are going to take! This reassurance is not possible without knowing that your loved ones already became residents in the Pure Land. This is why observing a memorial service for your ancestors is important in the Buddhist tradition.

After reviewing the aforementioned process of transmigration after one's death, I wish to clarify the meaning of rituals in a funeral. Upon one's death, the ritual of symbolic hair shaving is performed for the deceased to release "bon-no" which generates the three kinds of insecurity. Next, we present Buddhist Precepts (kai) and a Buddhist Title (kaimyo) for the deceased to become a disciple of Buddha and to take the first step on his journey with no fear. And finally, the ritual of guiding the deceased to walk with no doubt the path shone by Amida Buddha's light of compassion, is presented. His immediate family dedicates merit of their recitations of "Namu Amida Butsu" for the completion of his journey. This course of religious rite that leads one's spirit to reach the Pure Land without roaming in empty space is called "in-do" (Buddhist spiritual guidance). This is the ultimate purpose of observing a funeral service.

Please do not misunderstand that we ministers possess a supernatural power to activate the religious force of "in-do". We are only people same as you are. Please remember that "in-do" becomes possible only through the divine power of Amida Buddha, enshrined in our

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ですから浄土宗では死者の旅立ちにあたって、まず不安を引き起こす煩惱を剃り落とすよう、清めた剃刀で髪を落とす儀式を勤めるのです。これを剃度（ていど：おかみそり）といいます。次に仏教の戒と、仏弟子としての名である「戒名」を受け、死者に旅立ちの第一歩を恐れずに踏み出していただくのです。そして「迷うことなく、ただその一すじの光明（阿弥陀様の御力）を頼りに行けよ、歩めよ」と死者の歩みを「導く」作法を受けるのです。遺族は念仏を唱えて、その歩みが無事成就することを念じ、一声一声の念仏の功德を捧げるのです。このように、「死者の魂が不安に駆られて迷うことなく、阿弥陀様の御力に乗じて極楽浄土に到達するよう導く宗教儀式」、これを「引導（いんどう）」といい、これこそが『お葬式』の最も大切な意義です。

さて、その「引導」作法は、それを受ける私共僧侶に何か人間離れした力があって「導く」のではありません。「引導」とはあくまで、私共が日々お仕えし、法要の時に皆様が拝まれる当院の「ご本尊阿弥陀如来」の御力を頼んで初めて成り立つのです。諸事情から葬儀社等で行うことも多いとはいえ、『お葬式』を本来お寺の本堂で勤めるべき理由がお分かりになると思います。また、法然上人は「阿弥陀様の御力に乗じるかどうかはその人の信心次第」と訓戒されています。ですから、メンバーや信徒の皆様にとって、普段からできるかぎりご本尊のおられる「寺院」の法要にお参りし、お十念（4ページ参照）を唱えて自らの信仰を深め、代々末長く「寺院」を守っていくことが大事なのです。

次回の定例法要は9月21日（日）、秋のお彼岸です。今からご予定の上、奮ってお参りいただきますようお願いいたします。南無阿弥陀仏



This is how you wear a juzu (prayer beads) in the Jodo Shu manner.

お数珠のかけ方
浄土宗は二連のお数珠を用います。

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Memorial Service for Your Loved Ones

Observing a memorial anniversary service for your loved one is important.

- Try not to be late for the date of passing.
- Prepare flowers/ fruit/sweets for the altar.
- Services can be observed either at the temple or your home altar.
- Residents out-of-state can also request prayers/services.
- Wear the juzu (prayer beads) and wa-gesa (Buddhist collar) at the service.
- If a loved one is very ill or your family is in crisis such as bereavement, please call the office immediately (213-346-9666).

Ten Recitations of "Namu Amida Butsu" (I take refuge in Amida Buddha)

This is how you follow through the ten recitations (Junen). Let us try in our daily lives.

Repeat "Namu Ami Dabu" four (4) times.

- ① NAMU AMI DABU
- ② NAMU AMI DABU
- ③ NAMU AMI DABU
- ④ NAMU AMI DABU (breath)

Repeat another four (4) times.

- ⑤ NAMU AMI DABU
- ⑥ NAMU AMI DABU
- ⑦ NAMU AMI DABU
- ⑧ NAMU AMI DABU (breath)

Recite "Namu Amida Butsu" at the ninth (9) time and conclude the tenth slowly with a bow ("Na-Mu Amida-Bu").

- ⑨ NAMU AMI DABU
- ⑩ NA-MU AMIDA- BU- (bow)

お悔やみ

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ご命日は法事を勤めましょう

毎年の故人の命日を「祥月命日(しょうつきめいにち)」といい、数年おきに「年回忌(ねんかいき)」があります(下記年回表参照)。法事は命日に遅れないようにお勤め下さい。法事ではお花・お供物を用意下さい(寺院またはご自宅にてお勤めできます)。遠方で参詣できない場合は寺院で法事を勤め、お塔婆をお送りします。法事の際は数珠と輪袈裟を忘れずに。

- ご家族が危篤あるいはご不幸の際はすぐに寺務所まで連絡下さい(213-346-9666)。

お十念:南無阿弥陀仏を10返ずつ称えましょう

日々の生活の中で、心を込めてお称え下さい。

胸の前で合掌し「なむあみだぶ」と4遍称えます。

- ① なむあみだぶ
- ② なむあみだぶ
- ③ なむあみだぶ
- ④ なむあみだぶ(息)

息を継ぎ、再び4遍「なむあみだぶ」と称えます。

- ⑤ なむあみだぶ
- ⑥ なむあみだぶ
- ⑦ なむあみだぶ
- ⑧ なむあみだぶ(息)

息を継ぎ、9遍目のみ「なむあみだぶ」と称え、最後ゆっくり「なむあみだぶ」と称え礼をします。

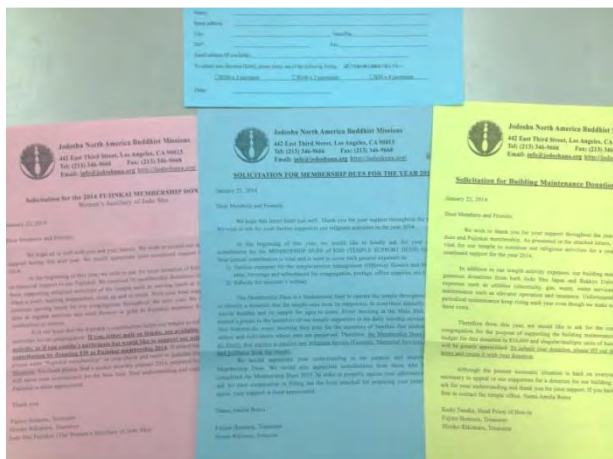
- ⑨ なむあみだぶ
- ⑩ なむあみだぶ(礼)

2014 Memorial Anniversaries (2014年 年回表)

Anniversaries 年回	Year of Passing 没年
One year (一周忌)	2013 平成 25 年
3rd (三回忌)	2012 平成 24 年
7th (七回忌)	2008 平成 20 年
13th (十三回忌)	2002 平成 14 年
17th (十七回忌)	1998 平成 10 年
23rd (二十三回忌)	1992 平成 4 年
25th (二十五回忌)	1990 平成 2 年
27th (二十七回忌)	1988 昭和 63 年
33rd (三十三回忌)	1982 昭和 57 年
37th (三十七回忌)	1978 昭和 53 年
43rd (四十三回忌)	1972 昭和 47 年
47th (四十七回忌)	1968 昭和 43 年
50th (五十回忌)	1965 昭和 40 年

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Temple Membership 2014 (\$200, Light blue paper) メンバーシップ (護持会費 年間 200ドル)



We wish to thank you for your continued support for the well-being of our temple. At the beginning of this year, we mailed out the annual solicitations of the *temple membership, *building maintenance donation and *Fujinkai membership (Please refer to the photo posted above for these letters.). The temple membership (\$200) is a donation the temple asks

ANNUALLY for all members/supporters who observe religious services at our temple. It is an essential fund for the temple management during a year. Please refer to the following listings and if you inadvertently did not complete the Membership 2013 or in previous years, we would sincerely appreciate your contributions to fill our temple's vital fund. Your understanding is most appreciated.

皆様におかれましては、当浄土宗本院の護持興隆にご協力をいただき誠に有り難うございます。本年初めにメンバーシップ・施設維持管理費・婦人会費へのご協力をお願いし、6月まで下記の皆様より納入をいただきました。御礼申し上げます。当メンバーシップ (護持会費 \$200) は檀信徒・メンバー各家に毎年お納めいただく浄財で、一年間の寺院運営費の不可欠な財源です。下記ご芳名ご参照の上、今年度分並びに過年度分未納・分納の方は納入にご協力お願い申し上げます。

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Due to the frequent rise of the utility fees in recent years, we reluctantly found it necessary to appeal to our temple members/supporters for a donation for our building maintenance fund, which has been provided by generous donations from Jodo Shu Japan and Bukkyo University. We would like to acknowledge donors in the following listing and thank them for their contribution for this year. **Our estimated budget for this donation is \$10,000 per year and singular/multiple units of hundred dollars will be greatly appreciated all through the year 2014.** All donations are tax deductible. Although the present economic situation is hard on everyone, we sincerely

ask for your understanding and contribution for this fund raiser.

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Fujinkai Membership (\$30, Pink paper: see photo P.5) 婦人会費

The Fujinkai membership is a fund for the Fujinkai ladies to give support to our temple activities such as preparing lunch and helping office works. If you, either male or female, are available to help with these activities, your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Las Vegas Spring Higan

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Thanks to the kindness and hospitality of the Igawa family, Spring Higan Service was held at their home with our temple members in Las Vegas area on Sunday, March 30, 2014.

3月30日(日)、伊川メルヴィン様ご家族のご好意により、伊川家ご自宅にてラスベガス在住の檀信徒の皆様と共に春彼岸法要を勤めました。

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temple, whom we ministers serve daily and our congregation worship at annual regular services. I hope you will understand the reason why a funeral should be observed at the temple, although it is occasionally held at cemeteries and mortuaries due to circumstances. Honen Shonin also admonishes, "Reliance on the grace of Amida Buddha's compassion is a presupposition of our depth of faith." Therefore, it is important for each of our congregation to attend annual regular services at the temple where Amida Buddha is enshrined, and contribute to the well-being of the temple for younger generations to follow. Let us cultivate our religious faith with our lifetime devotion to the practice of ten recitations of "Namu Amida Butsu". (see page 4)

Our next regular service is Autumn Higan Service scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2014. Let us encourage ourselves to attend this service and nurture faith by sharing religious experience with each of us. Namu Amida Butsu

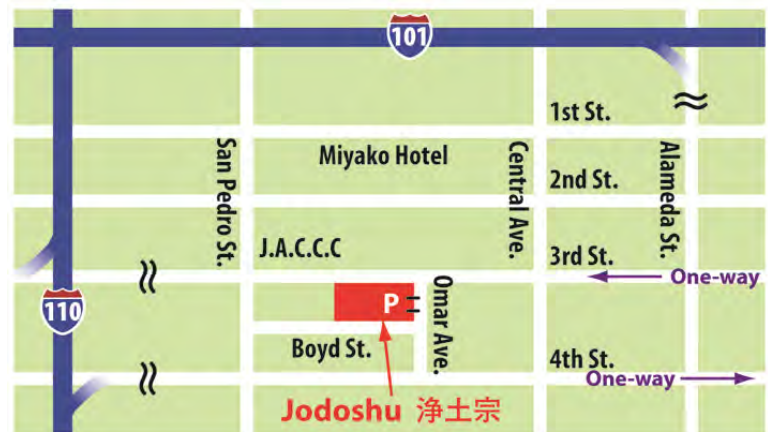
Our Next Regular Service (次回の定例法要) **Autumn Higan Service 秋彼岸法要** **Sun, September 21st, 10:30 a.m.**

***Temple will be closed on the following holidays.**

(下記休日は閉館させていただきます):

Labor Day (Mon 9/1), Thanksgiving Day (Thu 11/27)

Christmas Day (Wed 12/25)



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