

Random Thoughts

Happiness is when the ego gets what it wants.

Joy is when the ego sees beyond itself and receives something completely other than what it deserves.

You can never get enough of what you don't need.

Ecology is realizing that you don't own or deserve anything, and then learn to leave things alone.

Peace is learning to mind your own business.

Analytical thinking is good if you need to control something, unless it's yourself you need to control.

If a child grows up seeing one or both of his parents immersed in the study of the Dharma, the Dharma is good for another generation.

If a child is dropped off at Dharma School on the way to his parents doing something else, the Dharma will end as soon as the child can get away.

Someone who needs to have someone lead in saying the Nenbutsu will never say it on his own.

It is deeply egocentric to want to serve the Sangha without concern for one's own awakening.

It is for the sake of our children and grandchildren! – this is o.k. for anything but religion.

Bon odori and chanting are meant to be done, not watched or listened to.

Life is not really in sequence; it is birthdeath at the same time – forever.

Senko comes to life when lit, and begins to die at the same time ~ only leaving a subtle fragrance or an abrasive stink.

What would a beautiful sunset be without pollution in the sky?

If there is no name for self, is there a self?

Is there such place as north, south, east, or west? And if not, is there such a place or thing as me?

If you fancy yourself pretty, express your absolute indebtedness to ugly people. The same for all who are tall, intelligent, wealthy, fortunate, loving, giving, considerate, artistic, sensitive, determined, aggressive, no-nonsense, and caring people.

Namoamidabutsu is the only thing that cannot be touched by the contradiction of opposites. As Shinran Shonin says, only it is it, everything else is relatively real, but ultimately silly, self-serving nonsense.

Namanda, namanda, namanda.

Gassho,

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