

WIND BELL

11

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ZEN CENTER
1881 Bush Street • San Francisco

OCTOBER, 1962

SUN-FACED BUDDHAS, MOON-FACED BUDDHAS

Introduction

Although you are looking forward to the bliss of teaching, you do not know that you are always in the midst of the teaching. Once you are convinced of your innate holy nature, your true life comes to bloom.

This true life is beyond aspiration or criticism. All the demons may come out from hell, but they cannot touch even one of their strongest fingers to you. All the Buddhas in the three worlds come up to you to honor your supreme life.

The true life is quite personal to you and essential to all existence.

Main Subject

Baso, the great teacher, was unwell. The temple's chief accountant visited him. "Sir, during these recent days, how is your health?" The teacher said: "Sun-faced Buddhas, Moon-faced Buddhas."

(This Main Subject is story no. 2 in the "Blue Cliff Records" - Hekigan Roku, - a collection of one hundred stories of Zen Masters of ancient China.)

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUDDHISM IN AMERICA

Zen Center members took an active part in welcoming the forty-seven representatives of all Japanese Buddhist sects to San Francisco. The group was here to celebrate the anniversary of the introduction of Buddhism to America. Activities included dinner at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco on Wednesday, October 3, a ceremony and discussion at this temple on Thursday, and a discussion at the Buddhist Church in Berkeley on Friday afternoon. All events were well attended.

D. T. Suzuki had planned to join the visiting but unfortunately was unable to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-DAY SESSHIN

A two-day sesshin will be held at this temple on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28. It will be conducted by Reverend S. Suzuki. All are welcome to attend.

Three meals a day will be served. The cost is \$2 a day or 75c per meal. Sunday services will be held as usual.

LECTURES

Master Suzuki will be continuing his present series of Wednesday evening lectures on the "Blue Cliff Records." R. D. M. Shaw's translation of this book is published by Michael Joseph Ltd., London, England. We have ordered copies from England and so hope to have it available at cost price later in the month.

ZEN CENTER

Zen Center is a religious non-profit organization incorporated to fund the maintenance and, in future, the building of a center where laymen may practice and study Zen. Active membership is open to anyone donating regularly to the Center, and associate membership is open to anyone who donates from time to time.

A MEMBER IN JAPAN

Jean Ross has left Eiheiji Monastery in Fukui and is now at Sojiji Monastery in Yokohama. She will return to Eiheiji in time to attend the sesshin beginning December 1 and lasting until December 8.

LECTURE AND ZAZEN SCHEDULES

Lectures: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Zazen: Mornings at 5:45, except Sunday when it is held at 7:00
Evenings at 5:30, except Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
Note: Zazen is not held on calendar days that contain a 4 or a 9

ZEN CENTER

REV. SHUNRYU SUZUKI • FILLMORE 6-7540