

Origins

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The 60th Annual Tenrikyo Picnic was held on Saturday, July 4, at Kapiolani Park. Over 250 people gathered and enjoyed fun games.

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

Colin Saito

Greetings to Everyone! Thank you for your sincere efforts towards the Annual Bazaar this month. We are now five months away from the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama in January of 2016 and I am sure we are all putting our best efforts forward as we approach the culmination of our “Three Years One Thousand Days” to advance spiritually, so that we may greet Oyasama with truly inspired and joyous hearts!

In the Instruction Three, the Shinbashira called for all Yoboku to “**study and internalize** the teachings and put them into practice each day to become people who **effortlessly make the truth of the teachings self-apparent** to the local community.” This is a very strong statement. Two words: “effortlessly and self-apparent”. In other words, we must emanate the teachings in a natural manner and in very clear examples to others. We must study and understand the teachings and put them into practice so that we may experience the teachings and feel it in our bodies and in our souls. Make the teaching become a part of you... part of your very being. This is why we are called ‘human beings’. We are being human. You cannot just think about the teachings, you must truly be it. There is no other way to do this. Only then, you can truly radiate that feeling or that wonderful fragrance of the teachings out to others around you. This is

the ‘*nioigake*’.

In my sermon at Dendocho in 2012, I talked about the connection between the meanings of certain words and gestures in “Part One of the Seated Service”. I talked about how my study of the Hawaiian self-healing technique “Ho’o Pono pono”, helped me to understand the Seated Service with more clarity by again, studying how the meanings of certain words and gestures are connected.

In Part One, when you sing “*ashiki o haroote*” or “all ills sweep away” what is your mind usually focused on? I suspect that for myself as well as many others, we are usually focused on the “*ashiki*” or “*dust*”... isn’t that so?

Part One begins with the “**Hands in Prayer**” gesture, which is used 40 times in the Mikagura-uta to represent words such as God (16), Service (7), Believe (6), Paradise (2), Request (2), Prayer (2), God’s name, God’s home, Go to Pray, and two times for the word ‘*ashiki*,’ which is translated as ‘ills’, and is the only word that seems to have a negative connotation. If 38 out of 40 times the “Hands in Prayer” gesture is used for good words, then why is it used twice with a negative word?

If we study Ofudesaki Part I, verse 53: “Among all humankind, there is no one

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July Monthly Service Prayer

Appearing before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, I (Shugo Yamanaka) Bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii speak with reverence on behalf of the Hawaii congregation.

God the Parent, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and taught us the Truth of all things, guiding us on the path toward the Joyous Life. We are living in joy and high spirits as we constantly feel Your blessings and trust in the guidance of the everliving Oyasama each and every day. At the same time, we are putting forth our efforts to grow spiritually to accord with Your intention. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the July Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously, while earnestly praying for world salvation. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters of the path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and have gathered here today, in singing the Songs for the Service in unison and high spirits. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

The Oyasato Seminar started on the 10th of this month and is presently in session with 2 students in Course I and 4 students in Course III from Hawaii. Together with their counselors, they are spiritedly learning Oyasama's teachings and putting them into practice. Also, 13 people including adults will be returning to Jiba for the Children's Pilgrimage. It is our hope that the young members, who will be carrying the Path in Hawaii in the future, will experience the truth of the Jiba and receive the truth of the Parent as they sweat and plant valuable seeds of sincerity in Jiba during the midsummer days. Also, on the 27th and 28th last month, 20 members from Tenri Judo Club participated in the Junior Nationals Judo competition held in Texas. Demonstrating the fruits of their daily training with pride, they were able to uplift the name of "Tenri" as they achieved outstanding results by bringing home 11 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

Together we vow to accord with the intention of God the Parent, whose desire is for all humankind to live the Joyous Life, and as instruments of Oyasama we will walk firmly on the path of single-hearted salvation, single heartedness with God and single-hearted joyousness here in Hawaii. Especially, being in the important season of approaching Oyasama's 130th Anniversary only 6 months away, each and every one of us is determined to make decisive efforts to grow spiritually by always paying attention to those around us and devoting ourselves to spreading the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work in any way possible so as to bring joy to the everliving Oyasama.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further towards the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into a Joyous Life World where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood and live together in harmony helping and caring for one another, even a day sooner. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless us so.

Mission HQ July Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Sparky Shiiba

Head Minister of Kailua Kona Church

“Protector Mamoru Hito - My Life’s Job!”

First thank you to Bishop Yamanaka, the Translator Mrs. Kazuko Fujiwara and you all who are present today before God.

I, Yoshio Shiiba, “Sparky” was born in Nagasaki, Japan; the eldest of five children. I grew up in Hilo for 40 years, lived in Kailua Kona for 18 years. I was responsible to care and protect my brother and three younger sisters. I and my wife took care of my parents in their last ten years, during their dementia years. I have protected my family – our daughter Jennifer, son Timothy, and most of all – my precious wife Nanae. I taught and protected my 5,000 students as a high school teacher. As a nurse aide, during night shift; I had an overnight position to care and protect 40 patients in a care home facility. I also did private care for another 100 more patients at their own homes. I learned to protect every company that I came to work for.

Now, I have a new job – being a security guard. I walk outside to protect businesses in the community – shopping centers, inside stores, and at concert events. I have always felt Oyasama’s constant protection of human beings. I felt her presence through persons who give me advice, from persons who teach me something, and from the many persons who are part of my path in life.

I understand that we human beings must



strive to mature in our minds. We are blessed with life but many do not give thanks and do acts to show appreciation of life on this earth.

We work behind the scene, try not to be too obvious, to help another person by giving a smile, give compliments, and to give encouragement. Much of the time – one gives time to listen to another person’s stories.

The eight mental dusts: “A thing lent a thing Borrowed.” Otasuke, praying for a person; when a person decides to die and take the end to a life can be difficult. Dusts=Hokori- uses of the mind that are NOT within God’s intention: grudge bearing- Urami, Anger- Haradachi, Greed- Yoku, Arrogance- Koman, Falsehood- Uso, and Flattery- Tsuisho.

The thing lent and thing borrowed, is The Human Body. Minds are under the control of humans but their bodies are not completely controlled. Humans unknowingly accumulate dusts in their daily activities, minds can

become “dusty”, “cloudy” and one loses sight of the Joyous Life. God only waits for such a mind to awaken and be freed from self-centered usage. Oyasama said to sweep the mind clear of its dusts. She urged us to help one another, think and pray for others and donate our efforts and capabilities to the community. Through the administration of the Sazuke – prayer, one’s health can be restored but more importantly, spiritual salvation can be attained.

A thing lent, a thing borrowed:

All human bodies are things lent by God. With what thought are you using them? (III: 41)

All human bodies are things lent by God. Do you not know the free and unlimited workings of God? (III: 126)

Mental Dusts:

These paths are miserliness, covetousness, self-love, greed, and arrogance. They are the dusts. (III: 96)

So long as you remain unknowing that the body is a thing borrowed, you can understand nothing at all. (III: 137)

Unless this dust is cleanly swept away, the deep concern of Tsukihi will be to naught. (VIII: 62)

Sah sah, God has not lent anyone a body that has any insufficiency. What you call insufficiency comes from your own mind. Osashizu, November 8, 1887

You will not understand unless you grasp the little truth by hearing that the body is a thing borrowed. No matter how much you may practice your faith, you will not understand unless you understand the truth.

Osashizu, January 23, 1888

These teachings are the most important of all taught from our Foundress. We borrowers are expected to take very good care of and use our bodies with greatest care. This is to say that use in a way that makes God happy and content. If you are not aware of God’s blessings, you are no different from people who have no faith.

Greed, Yoku - To take other people’s things illegally and or immorally; To deceive others to take things; To seek profit at the expense of others. To always want to have more than others even when one already possesses enough.

Arrogance, Koman - To think that I am brighter and wiser than others. To look down upon others; To make believe that one knows what one really does not know; To force one’s opinion upon others. To ignore or look lightly upon other people’s standpoint To overlook one’s own faults and only criticize others; To be stubborn and hardheaded.

Pride: why so many tragedies by the rich! Pride causes people to forget God. God was the one to give people the talent and skills they possess. It causes people to have too high a view of themselves, to think they are worth of all the adulation they receive. Arrogant pride results in persons thinking they can't be deceived, and therefore they put trust in untrustworthy people. Too high a view of self leads to some people believing they are beyond the possibilities of failure, and so they make extremely foolish decisions with their lives, careers, relationships, marriages, finances, etc.

Average ordinary people experience the same tragedies. You do not have to be rich to be controlled by self-centeredness, arrogance, and vanity. We are all subject to temptations and failures. The solution and cure is to release the power, worship, and gifts. Do give the adulation and worship to God who is empty. The key is to recognize ourselves for who we are – children, and praising God for being the merciful, gracious, and loving God that he is.

Greed, work, and Faith:

We live in a profit oriented place – caught up in money making side of things. Still you can maintain a correct spiritual life, in accord with the teachings and not get lost on different path, is an important point.

One good method to maintain correct mind is not think of workplace to earn money, but opportunity to do missionary work, nioigake. This means at your workplace, the people you

interact with, should be able to see “Truth of Heaven”

Through your actions, in accordance with the Teachings. It is an opportunity to them to understand THE Teachings through your presence.

My friend, in his younger years, loved to fish but not liking to eat the fish, he would always give all his catch away to his friends. His wife raised three children while he worked in the Army Core of Engineers for 60 years. A close couple, I got to care for and love. It was a fortunate chance to give homecare in their last years of retirement. Their home was always a place where their grown children would bring the grandchildren for visits. As a nurse aide caregiver, it was nice to listen to their past years stories. I heard of years spent in many military bases around the world and Hawaii that were so full of happy memories.

These are examples of selflessness and kind heartedness. This couple did volunteer acts in their church and did many engineering projects to improve the town as volunteers.

One day, I received a phone call from my senior church follower who has osteoporosis and has sore lower back pain. I told this person over the phone to use the pain medicine given by her doctor.

I was still worried, so I drove from Kona to Hilo, 240 miles roundtrip. My prayer for this healing visit took one hour. We talked about the symptoms. She said that milk was a part of her diet in her young days.

I visited to do salvation acts – pray, then

advise of mental dusts – especially anger and pride. I advised her to pray to God giving thanks to be alive, to having a good long life, and give thanks to one’s family members.

Another time, I prayed for a lady who had stomach cancer. She was given six months to live. At this time, I was living at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii, as a live-in assistant secretary. I visited her at her home, and continued visits in her last days at the Queen’s Hospital. The question that she asked was, “Why do I suffer?” I responded with “A thing lent, A thing borrowed.”, and the eight mental dusts stories. I got to see her slowly come to understand and her husband came to appreciate our teachings. He later found a new friend, remarried, and lives with good memories of his wife.

I prayed for a male friend who was given one year, the doctor advising him from skin cancer. We talked about illness as signs from God. He came to understand the connection of child to parent – God. I told him to share his joy of surfing in the ocean to others. But he did not want to be a burden on his girlfriend, and family so he took his own life abruptly. I have been at the bedside of many, many people, some took their own lives, many passed away peacefully, a few with family and friends near, and most were in their elderly years. There are so many people that do not believe in God. It is God who determines when life ends. They cannot connect with God.

We are God’s children, who have belief but

need to mature in spiritual salvation. I need to be more humble; to forgive others so that I can move forward.

I met a young Samoan man in his 20’s who had a shattered leg from a car accident. I spoke daily of God and miracles. The doctors put a cast on his leg, then God’s miracle of healing took six months. With bone growth, he received healing in a new leg.

To understand the meaning of a life received from God, to live life fully is to appreciate people – friends, family, and persons in one’s community. This appreciation is what determines how that person responds in one’s limited years of life.

The greed and arrogance is anger at God for such sad painful days at the end of life. The person who appreciates one’s life’s blessings will be able to allow the remaining years to have a meaningful and Joyous life.

I met and prayed with many hundreds of families who give comfort and care to their suffering ones. Then I have seen those who were turned away by the person who is suffering. This person did not want friends to see the sad last days of his/her life. Those who cannot see God’s efforts have different responses.

Yes we are all protectors of a friend, church member, and family. This is what we need to do, whether you have a license, a position, and choose to be there for the person. It is a thankless job but I chose to be one for my life’s work. Thank you to Mrs. Fujiwara for the translation and to you all for your time.

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The annual Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held on August 30th, and donations will be accepted from the 16th. If there are things lying around that you do not use anymore or just haven't found a good owner for them, now is your chance to bring them over to TCC. With a feeling of gratitude, your donated items may be someone else's treasure.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

August 8th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WA Monthly Meeting (at TCC)

August 17th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

*We will have Bazaar Hinokishin after the monthly meeting.

Bazaar Hinokishin at TCC from 9:00am

August 18th	Making of Tsukemono
August 19th	Packing the Tsukemono
August 20th	Making of Konnyaku
August 22nd	TCC General Cleanup
Aug. 27 to 29	Preparation for Oden
Aug. 27 to 29	Preparation for Tenpura

*Narimono Practice will not be held.

*Thank you to all the ladies for sewing the new items at West House.

*The August Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Shuto group. Mahalo!

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Children's Pilgrimage Summer 2015

The Hawaii group has 9 participants in this year's Children's Pilgrimage, including 2+1 counselor in the Boys and Girls Hinokishin Corps, 5 in Oyasato Seminar and two youths in the general group.

Annual Bazaar

Bazaar hinokishin can be a fun family activity so invite everyone to participate and attend this annual event. Just a caution note to our parents, please supervise the younger children and avoid the busy parking lots, cooking fires and heat, running and horse play in crowded or active areas. We want everyone to be safe and enjoy themselves.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha YMA members!

Thank you for your continued efforts, and support of YMA. We humbly request your assistance with the annual Tenrikyo Bazaar. We will be requesting your assistance with parking & shuttle hinokishin on the day of as well as various preparations on the weekends leading up to the Bazaar. Join us for our monthly meeting on August 12th, 7:30pm at Rainbow Hale, and our Life of Oyasama study session on Friday, August 28th from 6:30pm at Dendocho.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Bazaar warning is in effect! Sunday August 30th. Time to start gearing up and prepping for our annual bake sale! Remember ladies, don't be hesitant to ask everyone you know to help out and also for our newbies, to try making something on your own.

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who is evil. It is only a bit of dust stuck on.” God has taught, that this ‘ashiki’ is really only a ‘bit of dust’ stuck on, making it sound like a trivial matter. But the truth is that this ‘bit of dust’ stuck on is of PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE because the **REMOVAL OF THIS DUST** is the **KEY TO OUR SALVATION**. In the world of God there is no dust, so I suspect that God wants us to focus on that ‘Paradise’ which is without the dust that we humans have created.

Observation tells us that the greater emphasis with the use of this “**Hands in Prayer**” gesture is for good things and so these two seemingly ‘out of place’ uses of this gesture must also be for a good thing, don’t you think? When we sit down to do the service, we first have an INTENTION to purify our minds and participate in world salvation. Therefore, it is 1) the INTENTION to participate in world salvation and cleanse our hearts that

We'll be packaging and pricing items the day before on Saturday, August 29 at Mission Headquarters (Dendocho) from 10:00am. Please drop off your goodies by this time and stick around to help out if you're available.

If you know what you're making ahead of time or if you need to drop off later in the day or the morning of, please email, call or text me. Michelle.inouye@yahoo.com - 808-469-5347

precedes 2) the ACTION of putting your hands together in the “**Hands in Prayer**” gesture to visualize the Paradise, the dust free world of God, and then 3) saying ‘*ashiki*’ or ‘**all ills**’ and asking God to sweep away the negativity we created.

Therefore, although the first word is “*ashiki*” which creates a tendency to focus on the negative side, I believe that God’s use of this powerful “**Hands in Prayer**” gesture from the start is a reminder for us to **focus first** on the **Origin**, the **Love of God the Parent**, rather than on the “*ashiki*” or dust.” In God’s world, there is no “*ashiki*” or dust, thus, through the use of this gesture, God is encouraging us to use **positive visualization** of the goal of sweeping away the dust we have created and return back to the original pure state of our souls, a **dust free world**, and **visualize the Paradise, the Joyous Life World** for all human beings.

Please note that what I am sharing is my personal interpretation only. Thank you for allowing me to share with you.



The Hungry Reporter

In old Hawai'i, kalo was the staple and a very important part of Hawaiian living. In recent years we have been blessed to find many great recipes using taro. This month I would like to share a recipe inspired by a guest at Aulani who shared how much she loved the bread. I searched and found a rather simple recipe she could take home with her to share with her family. I hope you enjoy this recipe. It's a rather simple recipe I'm sure you will enjoy too!

Taro Bread

Ingredients:

Warm Water (90 degrees), 1 1/3 cups
Egg, 1
Poi, 1 cup
Butter 1/2 cup softened

Purple Food Coloring, 1 tsp
Sugar, 1 cup
Flour, 2 lbs.
Salt, 1/4 tsp
Yeast, 2 1/2 tsp

Directions:

1. Using a table mixer, in a bowl combine egg, butter, food coloring, poi and water.
2. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients.
3. Mix all ingredients on speed 2 with dough hook; texture should be smooth.
4. Remove from mixing bowl and place on flour table top; scale 3 oz of dough and roll into ball.
5. Line baking pan with aluminum foil and place roll taro balls 3x4.
6. Set aside to rise for 15-20 minutes.
7. Bake at 225 degrees for 20 minutes.
8. Yields: 1 1/2 dozen



August Calendar 2015

2 nd	Sun	Bishop to return to Hawaii		
3 rd	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00 a.m.
5 th	Wed	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Thu	Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9am/7pm
7 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
10 th	Mon	WA Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
12 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Sat	TSA Hinokishin	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
16 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	AfterYorozuyo
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
17 th	Mon	WA Meeting	TCC	9:00 a.m.
26 th	Wed	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
28 th	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
29 th	Sat	Prayer Service for Bazaar	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
30 th	Sun	Tenrikyo Bazaar	TCC	8:30am-2:30pm

All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

Monday, September 7, 2015 9:00AM ~ 11:00AM

Places:

Paki Community Park for those doing door to door Nioigake

Moili'ili Old Stadium Park for those doing park cleaning Hinokishin

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45th Annual TENRIKYO BAZAAR

Sunday, August 30, 2015

8:30AM ~ 2:30PM

at Tenri Cultural Center (2236 Nuuanu Ave.)

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

8/16 (Sun) - 8/26 (Wed) Receiving donations at Tenri Cultural Center 10am-4pm

We are not accepting electrical/electronic items and furniture.

Scripts will be available at Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii
Or your NEAREST TENRIKYO CHURCH

Please note that separate tickets are required for BBQ Chicken.

Further information: Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

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