

# HONEN'S TESTAMENT

PODCAST GS20



## Wednesday Edition

The Wednesday edition announces forthcoming programmes and related news and has a podcast.

To submit items for the newsletter, please send them by midnight Monday.

Picture: Honen Shonin

## THIS WEEKEND

### VOW 22

### SEMINAR ON HONEN'S ONE SHEET TESTAMENT

Saturday 13th March 11.00-12.30 and repeat 19.30-21.00 (Rome time)

*Richard Ollier*

If you want to know about Amida Pureland Buddhism in depth, Vow 22 is the course to go to. In this seminar Richard Ollier, coordinator of the Vow 22 programme, will teach a lesson on

Honen's *Ichimai Kishomon* ('One Sheet Document'), the short text which inspired Dharmavidya's *Summary of Faith and Practice*. This lecture is for all who are fascinated by the life and teaching of Honen, past Vow 22 students, Amida trainees, and those who may be interested in taking the Vow 22 course in the future – find out what it is like! Also, a good preparation for the Easter Retreat - see below.

Richard writes: "If you are coming to either of the Vow 22 Zoom lectures, please read the text of *Ichimai Kishōmon* beforehand (see end of this Newsletter). Please also bring a pen and paper to the lecture - making notes is optional, but there will be a short written exercise. You may also find some coloured pencils or felt-tip pens useful, but these are by no means essential.

This lesson will last 90 minutes and will comprise a lecture, discussion and evaluation of the session by the participants: we will feed comments from the evaluation back into our future Vow 22 planning. Looking forward to seeing you on one or other of the time slots on March 13."

Article: <https://eleusis.ning.com/group/global-sangha/forum/topics/vow-22-event>

#### **11:00 Vow 22 Seminar "Ichimai Kishomon"**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093749872?pwd=d1djODEwd0dyTmd0Smw2TTJXNWtmUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 9374 9872 -:- Passcode: 054021

#### **19:30 Vow 22 Seminar "Ichimai Kishomon"**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83345589552?pwd=V1A1SHArYmhWSTIKQUJpTitXRHRVdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 4558 9552 -:- Passcode: 903569

**Coming Next:** The next Vow 22 on-line seminar will be Dharmavidya talking on "Other Power" on 10th April 11.00 & 19.30, a seminar related to the Vow 22 module "Characteristics of the Amida School" which we recommend as the first module to take.

**Vow 22 Programme:** To know more go to

<http://www.amidashu.org/vow-22-in-depth-study-course/>

## **BARDO CEREMONY**

Saturday 13th March 14:00 (Rome)

Tineke Osterloh's mother Christine Osterloh (1934-2021) died on 15th February this year near Cologne in Germany. We shall be holding a bardo ceremony for her on Saturday 13th March. Christine leaves two children and four grandchildren. Codes will be circulated to the Refuge Group and will be available in the Global Sangha Diary tomorrow.

## **ENCUENTRO DE LA SANGHA EN ESPAÑOL**

Saturday 13 March. Sábado 13 de marzo. 17,30h.

(Sangha meeting in Spanish)

Encuentro de la sangha en español. Habrá un sencillo servicio, una charla de Dharma y un espacio para compartir

[.https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81138990223?pwd=dmNZU3VmRTRhUjBobVdnMjhuV3NYUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81138990223?pwd=dmNZU3VmRTRhUjBobVdnMjhuV3NYUT09)

ID de reunión: 811 3899 0223

Código de acceso: 265882

**Siguientes encuentros:** 27 de marzo, 10 de abril, 24 de abril, 8 y 22 de mayo.

**Todos los domingos.** En español. Grupo de introducción al Dharma por whatsapp. A las 18h. se envían dos audios, una breve charla de Dharma y una práctica, para escuchar y practicar todos juntos, en la medida de lo posible. Para inscribirse, enviar un whatsapp a Ganendra Oscar Martinez +34 620265962.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH FULL MOON UPAVASTHA

*Koteswara, Vajrapala & Dharmavidya*

Saturday-Sunday 27-28 March 2021

A retreat to renew faith and practice including Vajrasattva, nei quan, chih quan, refuge, sharing and celebration. From **14:00** on Saturday until Midday on Sunday.

Tickets: . <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha>

**Vajrasattva Dharani:** Here are two translations and explanations of the Vajrasattva Dharani for those who want to understand more about this practice which we do as part of the Upavastha.

<https://www.bodhicittasangha.org/100-syllable-mantra/>

<https://buddhaweekly.com/vajrasattva-great-purifier-among-powerful-profound-healing-purifications-techniques-vajrayana-buddhism/>

## EASTER RETREAT TRANSMISSION OF SUMMARY OF FAITH & PRACTICE

*Dharmavidya & Tineke Osterloh*

2-5 April 2021

Transmission of the text and direct teaching of the Summary of Faith & Practice <https://eleusis.ning.com/group/buddhism/forum/topics/summary> A key teaching in Amida Pureland Buddhism

## WHEEL TEACHINGS: "THE THREE POISONS"

14.00-16.30 (Rome) on Saturday 12th April

Hosted by the Refuge Group, facilitated by Dharmavidya and Tineke Osterloh, this is the second of a series of seminars on elements of the Wheel of Life.

Subsequent seminars in this series:

15th May - Irene Day - Birth & Rebirth

19th June - Karma

10th July - Six Realms

This series will probably be followed in the autumn by classes on the Skandhas and Dependent Origination.

Join

Code <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83874646898?pwd=ZTZHbnpSREgweC81UmcyU29uUmd0QT09>

Meeting ID: 838 7464 6898

## IN THE AUTUMN

### TRANSMISSION OF MIRROR TEACHINGS

*Dharmavidya & Tineke Osterloh*

These programmes are based on the book

*The Dark Side of the Mirror: Forgetting the self in Dogen's Genjo Koan*

<https://bit.ly/36qc1rr>

**2nd Series:** One or two places available. 15.00-18.00 (Rome) September 11, 12, 13, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 4, 5, 6.

**3rd Series** Places are now available

10.00-13.00 (Rome) This series has the same dates as the second series

Content as per Series one and two.

Apply to Jisshas <[jisshas@googlegroups.com](mailto:jisshas@googlegroups.com)>. If you have already been allotted a place, you can get your ticket at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha>

Ticket holders will receive access codes near to the commencement date.

Full details: <https://eleusis.ning.com/events/transmission-of-mirror-teachings>

and

here: <https://www.tinekeosterloh.com/kurse/transmission-of-mirror-teachings/>

## PODCAST GS20 "Shravaka Disciple"

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[https://eleusis.ning.com/notes/GLOBAL\\_SANGHA\\_INDEX](https://eleusis.ning.com/notes/GLOBAL_SANGHA_INDEX)



## Yamantaka :- Painting by Françoise Guillot

Yamantaka is a manifestation of Manjushri who appears in order to defeat Yama, the Lord of Time and Death.

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### **HONEN: ICHIMAI KISHOMON**

(‘One-Sheet Document’, also sometimes known as ‘The Covenant’ or ‘The Single-Sheet Covenant’)

"The method of final salvation that I have propounded is neither a sort of meditation, such as has been practised by many scholars in China and Japan, nor is it a repetition of the Buddha's name by those who have studied and understood the deep meaning of it. It is nothing but the mere repetition of the 'Namo Amida Butsu,' without a doubt of His mercy, whereby one may be born into the Land of Perfect Bliss. The mere repetition with firm faith includes all the practical details, such as the threefold preparation of mind and the four practical rules. If I as an individual have any doctrine more profound than this, I should miss the mercy of the two Honourable Ones, Amida and Shaka, and be left out of the Vow of the Amida Buddha. Those who believe this, though they clearly understand all the teachings Shaka taught throughout his whole life, should behave themselves like simple-minded folk, who know not a single letter, or like ignorant nuns or monks whose faith is implicitly simple. Thus without pedantic airs, they should fervently practise the repetition of the name of Amida, and that alone."

- Fitzgerald, J.A. (ed.) (2006). *Hōnen the Buddhist Saint. Essential Writings and Official Biography.* (trans. H.H. Coates and R. Ishizuka). Bloomington: World Wisdom. p135.

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