

**New Century Shin Buddhism Group Study:
“The Natural Way of Shin Buddhism”,
“Shin Sutras to Live By”,
“AJATASATRU: The Story of Who We Are”**

April 21 – May 26 – Six Mondays – 630-8 pm
Buddhist Study Center
Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki

Course Objective

To commemorate the second century of Shin Buddhism in the West, Revs. Ruth Tabrah and Shoji Matsumoto published three books to help convey the richness of Shin teachings to the broad range of other races and ethnic groups who are drawn to the great natural way of Shinran’s nembutsu path. Though written in 1988, 1989 and 1994, these writings clearly connect the teachings of the historical Buddha (Gautama Siddhartha), Amida Buddha, and Shinran Shonin.

Join us in exploring the contemporary view of Shinran’s creative insights and their potential for men and women seeking a meaningful, non-discriminating, scientifically compatible, non-dogmatic religious focus.

Course Learning Opportunities

By the end of the course we will have had the opportunity to:

- Develop an understanding of the connection of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha, Amida Buddha, and Shinran Shonin’s teachings
- Develop an understanding of Sanbutsuge, Juseige and Shoshinge sutras
- Develop an understanding of the Ajatasatru story and its importance to Shin Buddhism.

Textbook

1. The Natural Way of Shin Buddhism, 1993, Matsumoto & Tabrah
2. Ajatasatru: The Story of Who We Are, 1988, Matsumoto & Tabrah
3. Shin Sutras To Live By, 1989, Matsumoto & Tabrah

Class Etiquette

All questions and inquiries are welcome. There is no such thing as a “silly” question or irrelevant point of view so feel free to ask questions, comment on, or even challenge the material presented in class.

Class Schedule

- Session 1: Introduction: What’s the Natural Way of Shin Buddhism?
Overview of the three books and goals of the class
- Session 2: The Natural Way: Chapters 1-5
- Session 3: The Natural Way: Chapters 6-10
- Session 4: The Natural Way: Chapters TBD
- Session 5: Ajatasatru: 1-39
- Session 6: Shin Sutras: All

Class schedule is subject to change and may be adapted to suit the interest of the course participants.