

## **Bloom-Futaba Memorial Lectures (Online): July 25, Saturday, 1-4PM**

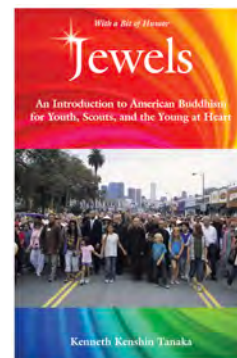
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# “Passing the Torch to the Next Generation”

Speaker: Professor Ken Tanaka, Prof. Emeritus, Musashino Univ., Tokyo and Jodo Shinshu priest. Author of *Ocean: An Intro. to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America* and a co-editor of *The Faces of Buddhism in America* and other books. Premieres his new 2020 book.

*Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart\**, introduces Buddhism to youth, the young of heart, and interested adults to Buddhism in America today. The book is dedicated

*To Buddhist youth and young adults on whose shoulders the future of American Buddhism rests*



Tanaka Sensei identifies both the outer jewels and the inner jewels of the title, drawing from the *Flower Garland Sutra* and the *Lotus Sutra*. As outer jewels, we are all unique and valuable individual jewels linked with all other individuals in Indra's Net. Inner jewels are the precious treasure of mental and spiritual happiness Buddhists can develop.

### **From History and Tradition to Buddhism Today**

The book identifies the historical legacy of Buddhism, outlines basic teachings and practices, and concludes with practice in daily life.

### **Scouts**

The author provides special attention to the needs of the Scouts of America, first because the National Buddhist Committee on Scouting had initially asked him to write an appropriate introduction to Buddhism, and second out of the author's own gratitude for his own scouting experience.

### **Unique Aspects of American Buddhism**

Readers will see the unique aspects of American Buddhism celebrated, aspects identified as *equality, practice-focused, scientific, socially engaged, emphasis on the here and now, and humor*.

*“It’s been my dream to write a book that can help Buddhist youth to gain greater confidence in their religion, and give any younger person (whether they are Buddhist or not) a chance to take interest in Buddhism. The book is good for adults, too, which is why the title includes, ‘for the Young at Heart!’” (Author)*

*“Jewels is the perfect blend of creativity and information, drawing from a vast array of Buddhist teachings and anecdotes with bits of humor that apply to our lives. As a college student, I believe it is books like this that guide youth like me toward a more enriching life and encourage them to deepen their understandings of Buddhism.” (Leah Chase, First Year Student, Stanford University)*

\* PDF version of “Jewels” available at no charge: <https://bdkamerica.org/product/jewels-an-introduction-to-buddhism-for-youth-pdf-only/>

Printed books available at \$6: <https://bdkamerica.org/>

**Free for institutions:** An organization, such as a temple/church and any group within a temple such as YBA, a Scout troop, and a school. Please go to: <https://bdkamerica.org/institutions/>

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