

Online Kyoten Study - Essence of the Lotus Sutra

Online 8-Week Course

May 10 - June 28, 2016

Instructor: Rev. Nick Ozuna

Course Description:

This is an introductory online course on the core chapters of the Threefold Lotus Sutra, as interpreted through the writings of Nikkyo Niwano, Founder of Rissho Kosei-kai.

The live lectures will be held every Wednesday at 6pm PT via WebEx (<http://kosei-kai.webex.com>). Each class will be 90 minutes long, including a Lecture, Q&A, and Student Presentation.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the Kyoten & the essential elements of the Lotus Sutra
2. Learn to apply the teachings to their everyday life.
3. Convey a moderate understanding of the Lotus Sutra to others

Required Reading:

1. "Kyoten" (available for purchase or download from the RKINA website)
2. "Guide to the Kyoten" (will receive PDF with registration of course)

Reference Books:

1. Niwano, Nikkyo, Buddhism for Today. Kosei Publishing, 1975.
2. The Threefold Lotus Sutra, Translated by Bunno, Kato
These can be purchased through the RKINA website.

Course Outline:

Lecture Date	Week	Subject
May 10	1	Intro, Med. on Place of the Way, Invocation
May 17	2	Opening Verse, IM: Ch. 3
May 24	3	LS: Ch. 2, Ch. 3
May 31	4	LS: Ch. 10, Ch. 12
June 7		NO CLASS
June 14	5	LS: Ch. 16
June 21	6	LS: Ch. 20, Ch. 21
June 28	7	Lotus Sutra: Chapter 16
July 5	8	Lotus Sutra: Chapter 20

Technical Requirements:

1. Computer with internet access
2. Webcam and Microphone

Student Presentations

Each student is responsible for developing and giving a presentation on one of the topics. **The presentation should include your understanding of the teaching and an example of either how you can apply it to your life or a time when you did apply it and what the results were.** The order of the presentations will flow according to the week that it was presented in class. The student presentations will follow the lecture by Rev. Ozuna and come at the end of the class. You can use Microsoft Word or Microsoft PowerPoint to for your presentation but it is not required. If you are going to have visuals, please make sure that you email them in advance to Rev. Ozuna (nozuna@rkina.org) so that they can be posted in advance. Also log in at least 30 minutes early to verify that everything is as you expect it to be. This will reduce your last minute stress and panic.

Homework Assignments

Following each online session, Rev.Ozuna will assign questions to be answered by the next online session. The answers will be sent to RKINA at info@rkina.org

Evaluation Criteria:

Certificates will be awarded based upon performance in this course.

Type	Requirements
Certificate of Honor	Participate in all of the live presentations
	Complete all of the assignments
	Demonstrate your ability to apply each of the teachings to your everyday life.
Regular Certificate	Participate in 10-11 of the live presentations
	Complete a minimum of 9 of the assignments
	Demonstrate your ability to apply each of the teachings to your everyday life.
No certificate	Do not meet the above requirements in full

Login & Password:

Once you have registered for the course on the RKINA website, you will be sent login information and a password for participating in the Online Kyoten Study.

Fees:

The course registration fee is \$30 for Risho Kosei-kai members and \$50 for non-members.

Contact

Rev. Nick Ozuna and RKINA are available to facilitate your learning by telephone or e-mail. You can reach RKINA at the contact information below.

Email: info@rkina.org
phone: (323) 262-4430