



## BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

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hosts the 33rd Annual Alberta Buddhist Conference  
October 28-29-30, 2011



Sensei Don Castro – Guest Speaker  
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### “Pay It Forward: Dana in Daily Life”

“Hōon Kansha”

(報恩感謝 ほうおんかんしゃ)

All events at the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

**Oct. 28 “The Great Physician”** - The practical nature of Buddhism appealed to me from my first encounter with it in college. We have to understand the Sanskrit term “Dukkha” as the symptom or “kick in the rear end” that starts us on our spiritual journey. The Buddha, as the Great Physician, enables us to find a cure for the issues of our life. **(Note: This session is open to the general public at 7 p.m.)**

**Oct. 29 “Static Buddha/Dynamic Buddha”** - Jodo Shinshu has both a passive aspect and a dynamic aspect. Too often, it is presented only in a passive way. If Shinshu is only passive, why did Shinran Shonin write the Ondokusan and to whom are we supposed to repay our “debt of gratitude?”

**Oct. 30 “Little g gratitude – Big G Gratitude”** - When children are asked what they are grateful for, they generally make a list of things that are pleasing to them. What happens when you, as a Buddhist, introduce a teaching of non-self into the picture?

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