

What is Hongan?

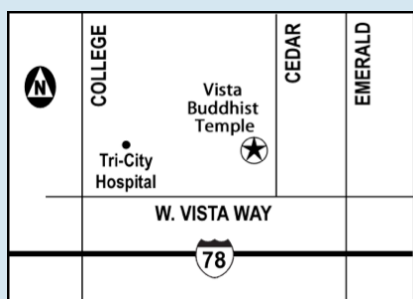
— Liberation Through Meeting With the Power of the Buddha's Desire —

Sunday, March 24, 2019 • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A seminar featuring Dr. Nobuo Haneda

“Innermost desire” (*Hongan*) is one of the most important concepts in Shin Buddhism. This innermost desire, as used by Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), the founder of the Shin Buddhist tradition, is the desire to live the most meaningful and fulfilling life with a mind of great compassion. Shinran contrasts two types of Buddhism—that which is based on human desire and that which is based on innermost desire, calling this second type *Shinshu* (True Buddhism). Although we all initially believe in the first, Shinran teaches that through deeply hearing the Dharma, we must move to the second, deeper level of Buddhism. This class will discuss the meaning of *Hongan* and its fundamental importance to Shin Buddhism.

Dr. Nobuo Haneda graduated from the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, majoring in Russian, and received a Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from the University of Wisconsin. A noted Shin Buddhist scholar, translator, and teacher, he has been the director of the Maida Center of Buddhism in Berkeley since 1997. Dr. Haneda combines scholarship and passion in his presentations, and his insights into Shinran's teachings offer participants an opportunity to expand their understanding and experience of Shin Buddhism.



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