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The growth in publications on Pure Land Buddhism in the 1980's has warranted an update of its works in English particularly since 1983 when the last such comprehensive bibliographies on the field were published. This geometric increase in the publications, particularly of the Japanese school of Jōdo-Shinshū, is attributable in large measure to the enhanced activities of several academic journals in English.

The Eastern Buddhist (Kyoto), published by the Eastern Buddhist Society founded by D. T. Suzuki, continues its tradition of featuring a healthy share of Pure Land and Zen materials. Pure Land (Kyoto), begun in 1979, serves as the only Western language journal devoted exclusively to Pure Land articles, with large percentage of its contributors being European and North American members of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies. Reflecting the primary mission of its sponsoring institute, the Annual Memoires of the Otani University Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute (Kyoto) has since 1983 included a good number of interpretative and bibliographical articles devoted to Pure Land Buddhism. The Pacific World (Berkeley) with a world-wide circulation of 7,000 copies devotes half of its materials to Pure Land Buddhism. Initially started in the 1920's by The Reverend Dr. Yehan Numata (founder, Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai) to foster greater understanding about Asia among Americans, the journal was 'resurrected' in 1981 after over 50 years of hiatus as the journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Seminary and Graduate School.

The increasing number of festschrift volumes dedicated to eminent Japanese scholars have come to serve as podium for Pure Land writers to publish articles in English. Also, the Encyclopedia of Religion published in 1987 as a major reference source on world religions contains numerous Pure Land entries which should prove valuable to those seeking concise, primary information.

The present listing is intended to update three earlier bibliographies:


The present listing also includes (1) entries which were omitted from the above three lists and (2) entries which are repeated on account of their significant contribution.
Notes

# = listed in previous bibliographies but again included here due to its importance
(*) = entries based on an unpublished paper submitted at the August, 1989 academic meeting of the International Association of Shin Buddhist studies by John Ishihara, "Western Language Bibliography of Pure Land Buddhist Related Topics."

Abbreviations of Journals and Special Volumes

EB - The Eastern Buddhist, Kyoto.
JIABS - Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies
JR - Japanese Religions
OC - Annual Memoirs of the Ōtani University Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute, Kyoto.
MN - Monumenta Nipponica, Tokyo.
PL - Pure Land: Journal of Pure Land Buddhism, Kyoto.
PW - Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.

PURE LAND THOUGHT IN GENERAL: BOOKS


PURE LAND THOUGHT IN GENERAL: ARTICLES

Inada, Kenneth K. "Pure Land and the Aesthetic Nature." Fujita Festschrift,


**SUTRAS: BOOKS**


Ryūkoku University Translation Center, trans. The Sūtra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life as Expounded by Śākyamuni Buddha. Kyoto: Ryūkoku University, 1984. 169 pp. The English translation appears juxtaposed with the original text and its Japanese kanbun reading with copious notes and an informative introduction on this vital Pure Land text.

**SUTRAS: ARTICLES**


INDIAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN PURE LAND BUDDHISM: ARTICLES


The Inscription on the Kuṣāṇ Image of Amītābha and the Character of the Early Mahāyāna in India." JIABS 10-2 (1987): 99-137. Focusing on this earliest known Amītābha image (104 C.E.) and other Mahāyana epigraphical evidence in India, the author suggests that Mahāyana Buddhism, including Amītābha following, was not as large a public movement as Mahāyana literature would have us believe prior to 4th/5th century C.E.


CHINESE PURE LAND BUDDHISM: BOOKS AND DISSERTATIONS


CHINESE PURE LAND BUDDHISM: ARTICLES


The Pacific World 89 New Series, No. 5, 1989


JAPANESE PURE LAND BUDDHISM BEFORE SHINRAN: BOOKS


JAPANESE PURE LAND BUDDHISM BEFORE SHINRAN: ARTICLES


**SHINRAN AND SHINSHŪ: BOOKS AND DISSERTATIONS**


The first systematic and ‘theological’ treatment in English on Shinran by a Western scholar.

__________. *Shoshinge: The Heart of Shin Buddhism*. Hawaii: Buddhist Study Center Press, 1986. 107 pp. A commentary on the set of verses expressing Shinran’s indebtedness to his spiritual patriarchs and one which have played a central role in the Shinshū liturgical tradition; contains an English translation of the verses by Takaaki Nagatani and Ruth Tabrah.


Tri-State Buddhist Temples, ed. *Shinshu Seiten: Jodo Shin Buddhist Teaching*. San Francisco: Buddhist Churches of America, 1978. 796 pp. Most recent volume of translations of sacred Shinshū works: Larger Sutra (selected sections only); Meditation Sutra; Smaller Sutra; Twelve Adorations; The Teachings, Practice, Faith and Enlightenment; The Gatha of True Faith in the Nembutsu; The Hymns on the Pure Land; The Hymns on the Patriarchs; Notes Lamenting Differences; and The Epistles. In addition, the “Outline of Jōdo Shinshū,” a translation of the modern introductory textbook used at Ryukoku University, provides a glimpse into the traditional doctrinal themes and issues. The extensive glossary and notes section is useful.


Ueda, Yoshifumi and Dennis Hirota. Shinran: An Introduction to His Thought. Kyoto: Hongwanji International Center, 1989. 372 pp. The most comprehensive and systematic presentation so far of Shinran’s thought in a single volume, with ample translations of key passages from his writings based on major doctrinal themes. Authored by two main translators of the Shin Buddhist Translation Series, the essays are well-written and translations first rate.

SHINRAN AND SHINSHĪ: ARTICLES

Points out how Shinran, Kakunyo and Zonkaku saw Amide Buddha the eternal Buddha (dharmakāya) and not simply as rewarded body (sambhogakāya).
________. “Love and Compassion as Given.” EB 22-1 (Spring 1989): 37-53. (*)

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Stresses the often-ignored quality of the "negating of self-power' in faith (shinjin), which, in
author's view, accords with the fundamental goal of Mahayana.


JAPANESE PURE LAND BUDDHISM (OTHER THAN SHINSHU) AFTER SHINRAN:
ARTICLES


SHINSHU AFTER SHINRAN: BOOKS AND DISSERTATIONS

Dobbins, James. Jodo Shinshu. Bloomington: University of Indiana, 1989. A thorough treatment of the relatively unknown period in non-Japanese materials covering the years after Shinran to Rennyo. This work is indispensable for understanding the formative process in which the Hongwanji emerged as the major denomination of Jodo-Shinshu.


SHINSHU AFTER SHINRAN: ARTICLES


Rogers, Minor L. "A View of Rennyo’s Early and Middle years." Ishida Festschrift, pp. 101-124.


MODERN SHINSHŪ: BOOKS


MODERN SHINSHŪ: ARTICLES


SHINSHŪ IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: BOOKS


**SHINSHŪ IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: ARTICLES**


based on a collective research project studying the practices of Shinshu followers in Japan whose findings contradicted traditional assumptions. The author criticizes the deeply-ingrained bias of the 'puritan' Shinshu scholar establishment toward folk belief and calls for a more sympathetic and active attempt to include it in the creation of a 'post-modern' Shinshu doctrine. The article should interest anyone dealing with the perennial tension between theory and practice.


PRIMARILY EXPERIENTIAL AND EDIFICATION-ORIENTED: BOOKS


**PRIMARILY EXPERIENTIAL AND EDIFICATION-ORIENTED: ARTICLES**


__________. "One Person's Truth ... 'Personal Notes on Interpretation in a Secular Society." *PL* n.s. 4 (1987): 159-164.