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7. 中川澄子

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時代は経済成長優先で走っていまして、いつの間にか、私も親の世代を軽んじたのだと思います。

紆余曲折。

企業戦士を自認するような有能な商社マンと結婚してバックアップにまわりました。

海外赴任の最中でしたが、強い浮腫みと痛みで簡単な家事さえままならなくなり、一旦帰国して 診察を受けまたました。どうにも原因不明で、実家で面倒見てもらっていましたが、母の縁で紹 介していただいた宗教家にお目にかかり助けていただきました。

人間は神の分け御霊であり、業生ではない。現れて来ることは、過去生から知らず知らず蓄積された想念が、表面化して消えて行く時の姿だから、消えて行くままにして、世界平和の祈りに置き換えて行きなさい。との教えでした。

はっとしました。

ケネス先生の示して下さる、縦と横の図によって覚ったのですが、私は縦の仏さまに向かうまことの軸と、横の時間の流れと共に変転する社会的な利己的な成功に向かう軸とを一つに重ねようと無理な頑張りをし過ぎたのだと思いました。端的に言えば、ご本尊をマネーにしてしまったような時代の流れに同調していたのだと思います。

縦と横とのごちゃ混ぜに気づきました。

しかしながら気付いたからといっても直ぐには復帰できず、こけつまろびつ、今日に至りました。

こうして仏道の学習をさせていただく過程で、若い頃の茶の湯の稽古の時に感得した言葉にできなかった体験や、勘違いして自分の心身ばかりでなく周囲の人々も痛めた体験に言葉を与えていただき、智恵とすることが少しはできたように思います。

先生がいつも言われる、健全なる自己愛が如何に大切かを身を持って体験いたしました。根本的に社会的な幸せの探求から始まっていた道程は、残念ながらしっかりとした自己認識に裏打ちされていなかったのです。もしも健全な自己肯定、自己愛が育っていたら多分、もっとはやく今居る境地にたどり着けたかもしれません。じんわり涙が滲む心地です。

現在は、小さな庵で茶の湯教室をさせていただいておりますが、私のこうした体験と学びが、人 生の後輩達の役に立っていれば幸いです。

思いがけず、この仏教と私というテーマに向き合って、ほぼ80年の生涯を振り返る機会をいただきました。

ほんとうにありがとうございました

13. 澤本雅弘 : Stay hungry, Stay foolish! についての見解

Stay hungry, Stay foolish! について当方見解を述べさせていただきます。

①hungry について:人間が生まれてくる目的は、「人間関係」を通じて自分の「魂を磨く」ことでありその結果として「つながりから幸福」を感じることができると信じます。そして「何をして魂を磨く」かですが、持って生まれた資質、先天的強みに裏打ちされた「ミッション」(天命や志=この世において自分は本当に何をしたいのか)、このミッションを見出すことに hungry になれ!と言われている気がします。

②foolishについて:世間の目を気にするな、親の言うことが絶対正しいとは思うな、自分で徹底的に考え抜いて、それが正しいと思ったら、善だと信じられたら、人のためになると確信できたら、それを実行すればいいじゃないか。周りの人の意見に流されてはいけないよ、と私には聞こえました。

最後に「唯識」についての横山先生とのコラボはもうなくなったのでしょうか?

14. 前川清美

about Buddhism and I

I would like to talk about my Buddhist studies in my life.

I was born in Hokuriku district, where Jhodo Shinshu denomination is very popular among peoples. It is said that in Fukui pref. (i.e.my home country), the numbers of temples per population is No.1 in all Japan.

Any way, I was born and influenced in the strong Buddhist environment.

When I was young, my father had been reciting a some strange and mysterious words in almost every morning at the family Buddhist altor(仏壇).He had been also chanting "Nanmanda-bu Nanmanda-bu" at any place at any time.

However, That reciting was nothing but a disturbance of my good sleep! The voices were very loud and having a rising intonation toward the end. I could'nt keep sleeping any more!

I noticed, later, the reciting was called "Shoshinge(正信偈しょうしんげ)" composed by Shinran Shonin in about 800 years ago, and it was written by classical chinese(漢文).

I understood the reazon why it sounded like a Buddhist Sutra un-understandable!

Almost 50 years had passed.

The time had come to have my age-limit retirement(定年). Suddenly I happened to remember a question,"What was that my father's reciting?,and What was that constant chanting of "Nenbutu"?"

I wanted to know the true meanings of my father's practices.

Fortunately, I could find a Buddhist school 中央仏教学院,established by Nishi
Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto. In the beginning,it was the school for
temple-members to become priests.Later,It added a correspondence course(通信教育) to study the Buddhism for laypersons.It took three-years for the graduation.

Luckily, That school has a group-study-classes, managed by graduete menbers of its school in various places in Japan.

In Kantou district, Tsukiji Hongwanji Temple was sellected as the study class room.

Surely, if it was only through self-text-readings(独学), especially for bigginers, the Buddhist studies would be nothing but sleeping.

I think It is vitally useful to study Buddhism wifh others toward fhe same goal.

In Tsukiji, I had studied the basic teachings of Buddhism or of Shinran Shonin and practiced "How to recite the "Shoushinge" and the related "Pure Land Sutras" farther more. I had the times to understand its meanings closely and to recall my father's loud voices again.

Really, I had to work hard to prepare the papers for the annual tests(期 束レポート) on many required subjects. But three-year-situdy was fhe happy and pleasant expierience in my life.

After graduation, I've been a member of volunteer guides in Tukiji

Hongwanji Temple. It's just to appreciate for Tukiji Hngwanji Temple and

to keep living in such a unique Architecture and a Religious Atmosphere, even in once or twice a month.

(it's now discontinued by corona pandemic)

There were many foreign visitors,so I thought it was necessary to understand the Buddhism in English.Then, I soon started learning in Dr.and Mrs.Tanaka 先生's class on "the Buddhism in Basic English" at BDK.

It was exactly very exciting and fascinating class for me to understand the Buddhism through English. I learned many Key vocabularies on Buddhism and also Buddhist Humors!

That learning was very helpful to communicate with many foreigners from all over the world.

Some members in this Sangha or class at BDK were working as volunteers in Tsukiji Hongwanji Temple together. So I feel this Sanga and BDK and Tsukiji are the one connected deeply each other.

Now I think, we can be lived interdependently with others, and "My father's Reciting" in my younger age is "Passing the Torch" of Buddhim. I truely wish to learn and understnad the meanings of our Life through Buddism.

Thank you for your kind listening.ありがとうございます。