

About JUNIRAI

The gatha JUNIRAI was written by Nagarjuna (c. 2nd-3rd cent. A.D.) the 1st of the Seven Masters of Jodo Shinshu. It expresses eloquently the depth of Nagarjuna's gratitude to the Amida Buddha.

Nagarjuna's Madhyamika philosophy is considered by many to be the foundation of Mahayana Buddhism. His exposition of the essential Buddhist concept of 'interdependent origination' (pratityasamutpada) clarified how all beings are seen as existing only in interrelationship with others, and thus without permanent or individual reality. Because of the truth of interdependent existence we are able to benefit from the activity of the Buddha's compassion in our lives.

For those unable to pursue the "Difficult Path" of cultivating the monastic practice of mental and moral discipline, Nagarjuna advocated the "Easy Path" of calling the Name of the Amida Buddha.

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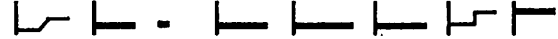
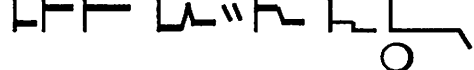


1. KEI SHU TEN NIN SHO KU GYO
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 A MI DA SEN RYO ZOKU SON
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 ZAI HI MI MYO AN RAKU KOKU
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 MU RYO BUSSHI SHU I NYO
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2. KON JIKI SHIN JO NYO SEN NO
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 SHA MA TA GYO NYO ZO BU
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 RYO MOKU JO NYAKU SHO REN GE
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 KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
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3. MEN ZEN EN JO NYO MAN GATSU
 I KO YU NYO SEN NICHI GATSU
 SHO NYO TEN KU KU SHI RA
 KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON

4. KWAN NON CHO DAI KWAN CHU JU
SHU JU MYO SO HO SHO GON
NO BUKU GE DO MA KYO MAN
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
5. MU BI MU KU KO SHO JO
SHU TOKU KYO KETSU NYO KO KU
SHO SA RI YAKU TOKU JI ZAI
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
6. JIPPO MYO MON BO SASSHU
MU RYO SHO MA JO SAN DAN
I SHO SHU JO GAN RIKI JU
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
7. KON TAI HO KEN CHI SHO KE
ZEN GON SHO JO MYO DAI ZA
O HI ZA JO NYO SEN NO
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
8. JIPPO SHO RAI SHO BUSSHI
KEN GEN JIN ZU SHI AN RAKU
SEN GO SON GEN JO KU GYO
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON

9. SHO U MU JO MU GA TO
YAKU NYO SUI GATSU DEN YO RO
I SHU SEPPU MU MYO JI
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
10. HI SON BUSSETSU MU AKU MYO
YAKU MU NYO NIN AKU DO FU
SHU NIN SHI SHIN KYO HI SON
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
11. HI SON MU RYO HO BEN KYO
MU U SHO SHU AKU CHI SHIKI
O JO FU TAI SHI BO DAI
KO GA CHO RAI MI DA SON
12. GA SETSU HI SON KU DOKU JI

 SHU ZEN MU HEN NYO KAI SUI

 SHO GYAKU ZEN GON SHO JO SHA

 E SE SHU JO SHO HI KOKU.


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