



1989 SUMMER SESSION
JUNE 26 TO AUGUST 23*

Dharma
Realm
Buddhist
University

**BUDDHIST STUDY AND PRACTICE
INCLUDING
SEMINAR AND PRACTICUM IN ETHICS**

- BUDDHIST SUTRA STUDY
- MEDITATION
- ELECTIVE CLASSES including Fine Arts
and Chinese Language Study
- GUEST SPEAKERS

DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY IS LOCATED AT THE CITY OF TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS, A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST COMMUNITY. IT IS SET AMONG 488 ACRES OF GROVES AND MEADOWS IN BEAUTIFUL MENDOCINO COUNTY, 110 MILES NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE QUIET COUNTRY LANDSCAPE, MILD CLIMATE, AND CLEAN AIR OF THE VALLEY GIVE STUDENTS AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDY, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, AND WHOLESOME FRIENDSHIP.

A SPECIAL THREE WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR JOINT PARENT-CHILD PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSTILLING VIRTUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND DEVELOPING VIRTUE SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM JUNE 28 TO JULY 14. CHILDREN IN THIS PROGRAM ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION AS BOARDING STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS' PROGRAM FROM JULY 15 TO AUGUST 4.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID TO COVER BOTH TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD ARE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS.

UNIVERSITY CREDIT IS AVAILABLE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CLASS SCHEDULE, AND APPLICATION MATERIALS CONTACT: Summer Session, Dharma Realm Buddhist University, Talmage, CA 95481-0217.

★Arrangements can be made for shorter periods of participation. Write for further information.



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DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST /UNIVERSITY 1989 SUMMER SESSION

The University's 1989 Summer Session will take place between June 26 and August 23. This session is a unique opportunity to immerse oneself in the study and practice of Buddhism, within an orthodox monastic community. The Sangha at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, where Dharma Realm Buddhist University is located, follows the traditions established by the Buddha over 2,500 years ago. The continuation of this tradition, as it is found at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, is extremely important, because it assures persons interested in studying and practicing Buddhism that the context of their experience is within the authentic tradition of the Buddha and not some individual's modern interpretation of that practice.

Buddhism in present-day America is going through a very difficult period, due to serious mistakes on the part of many of the initial proponents of Buddhism in America. It should be obvious to anyone interested in truly understanding or practicing Buddhism that one must study and take seriously the entire Buddhist methodology., not just the portion that one personally feels fits their lifestyle. Buddhism provides a real departure from and alternative to the lack of depth found in the modern world. However, the meaning and source of Buddhist wisdom is not uncovered and experienced by simply adding another interesting experience or component to one's experience. One must carry out the radical deconstruction explained by the Buddha, within a community that truly provides a criteria of authentic evaluation of one's progress.

This then is the unique quality of this summer session: one can study Buddhism directly, within an authentic context, knowing that the phenomena experienced are historically and properly grounded. The session will include instruction in all aspects of Buddhist practice, including meditation, Sutra study, ceremonies and chanting, morality and ethics, history, and discussions relating Buddhism to modern philosophical, psychological, scientific and social developments.

During the 1989 Summer Session students will also have the opportunity to enroll in the "Seminar and Practicum on Ethics", which will include Buddhist, Chinese, and Western approaches to Ethics, both theoretical and applied.

Ethics have been made a major part of this coming summer's curriculum for several important reasons. All ideas, systems, methods, knowledge, technology and scientific discovery have ethical ramifications, whether acknowledged or implied. Failure to discuss and assess them abdicates responsibility and control of our destiny. The effects of our choices and actions then take their own chaotic course, without benefit of thoughtful and informed direction. The real aim of any university should be to nourish and educate students who will be ready to provide leadership and direction to the world community. Such education cannot be concerned merely with the honing of sharp minds but must also develop sound character. Knowledge without virtue increases the potential for evil; virtue, when uninformed, can be naive and ineffective.

The seminar complements study and practice. The world-transcending aspect of Buddhist wisdom is brought to bear on its essential counterpart—understanding and applying worldly ethics, getting to the

root of moral conduct. Not only Buddhist ethics will be discussed, but also Asian and Western ethical traditions. From the theoretical bases the seminar will consider ways to bring practical aid to our nation and all of humankind. It will discuss the fostering of individual potentials for wholesome living in the light of wisdom. People's failure to observe mutual ethical relation and obligations can be seen in the current social epidemics of juvenile delinquency, promiscuity, alienation, drug abuse, alcoholism, murder, and terrorism. It is hoped that the seminar experience will be an important step in training talented people who can serve worldwide in helping to resolve problems.

In addition to attending classes, the students will follow the daily schedule of the monastic community, with some allowances made for their adjustment to its rigor.

Participation for periods shorter than the entire eight weeks can be arranged, although academic credit is only available for those participating in the entire session.

Those interested in attending the 1989 Summer Session should write to SUMMER SESSION, DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY, Talmage, CA 95481-0217, for further information, class schedule, and application materials. Scholarships and financial aid to cover both tuition and room and board are available for qualifying applicants.

Parents who are interested in attending with school age children should also request special information and application forms for the elementary and secondary school programs.

BASIC GUIDELINES: It is expected that all students while on campus observe basic ethical standards of behavior and refrain from activities that are inappropriate in a monastic setting, including eating meat or fish, taking alcoholic beverages or drugs, smoking, dancing, or disrespectful behavior between the sexes. Men and women stay in separate quarters and do not visit each other in their rooms. All food on campus is vegetarian. Attendance at required classes and activities is expected.