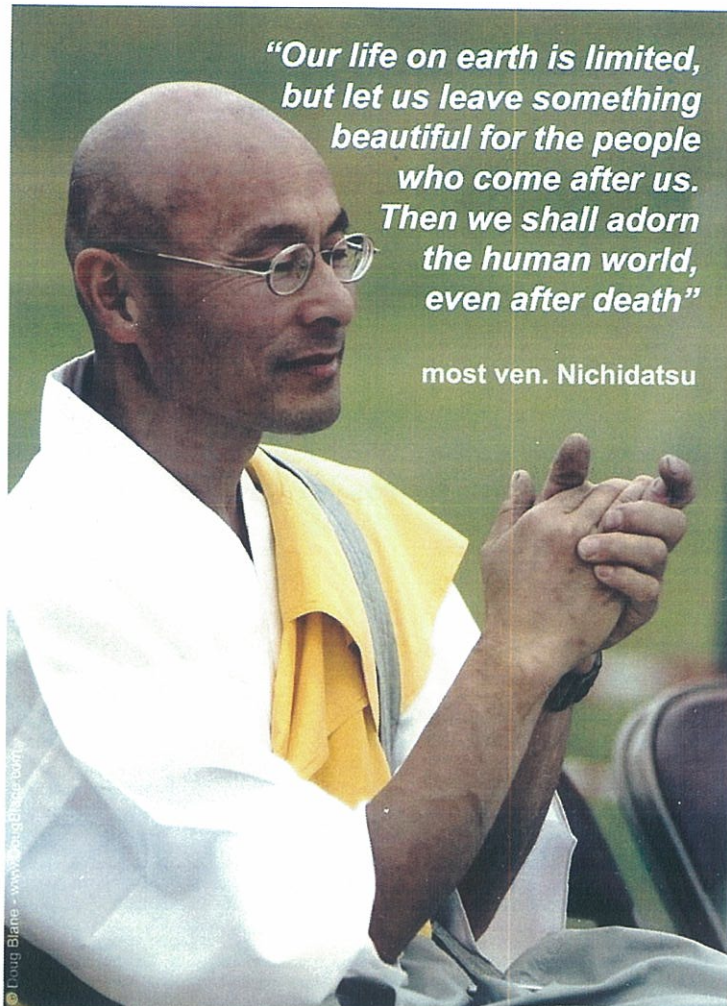


WALK TOWARDS A NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE

HANDA SHONIN MEMORIAL WALK 2012

FROM ALDERMASTON TO HINKLEY POINT

August 23rd - September 1st 2012



Rev. Handa was a Buddhist monk, the abbot of Milton Keynes Peace Pagoda and Temple from 1980 until his sudden death in August 2007.

He was a follower of Fujii Guruji (1885-1985), a Japanese monk who established the most basic practice which we follow till today: chanting a prayer for peace accompanied by a hand-drum, bowing in respect to whoever he met and walking to bring the prayer wherever it is most needed. After the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Fujii Guruji undertook the construction of Peace Pagoda's as a way to raise a spiritual basis for people to unite and turn around the threat to all life. The Peace Pagoda in Milton Keynes was the first in the West, and Rev. Handa was a driving force in its construction and ongoing associated work. He died in August 2007 in an accident doing maintenance work around the Pagoda, having just weeks before joined an anti-nuclear walk and having led the annual lantern floating on the lake on Hiroshima Day.

A small group of people (we expect between 5 and 10) will walk this August in memory of Handa Shonin and all he stood for.

We shall start walking from Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment, where nuclear weapons are developed, tested and maintained. £5 billion is being spent on the AWE, and recently an extra £350 million spend was announced to design a new generation of nuclear armed submarines, although replacement of the existing Trident submarines has not even been approved yet.

We shall walk to Hinkley Point, the first of 8 sites approved by the government for development of a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Is this the kind of legacy we want to leave for those coming after us?

We shall walk and pray for a change in culture, thinking and heart.

We warmly invite you to support this walk:

- By joining, for however short or long you can. The only thing needed is an attitude of non-violence, abstinence from alcohol and drugs during the walk and decent shoes
- By offering sleeping place (floor space will do) and food to the walkers
- By organising local events linking with the walk

WALK ROUTE:

- 23/8: Aldermaston – Newbury (9.2 miles)
- 24/8 : Newbury - Marlborough (18.6 miles)
- 25/8 : Marlborough- Devizes (14.6 miles)
- 26/8: Devizes – Trowbridge (11 miles)
- 27/7 : Trowbridge -Bath (10.1 miles)
- 28/8 : Bath – Bristol (12.7 miles)
- 29/8 : Bristol- Claverham (11.3 miles)
- 30/8 :Claverham -Weston-super-Mare(10.1 miles)
- 31/8 :Weston-super-mare – Bridgewater (17.9)
- 1/9 : Bridgewater- Hinkley Point (10.1 miles)

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