

Lectures 10-11

Popularizing Buddhism & The Six Courses

0. Intro

Popular Buddhism from the late Heian to Kamakura period:

- a) On level of the individual, it included all, in theory, for salvation
- b) *Tariki*: reliance on other power (Amida's), not self power (*jiriki*)
- c) Rewards of faith made concrete: rebirth in Amida's Pure Land (Jôdô)
- d) On institutional level, support for church expanded rapidly

1. Conditions for revitalization of Buddhism: Religious and economic

- a. Growing need to respond to masses
- b. Temple revenue from *shôen* (private estates) waned

2. Social conditions: *muen*, *hijiri*, and *kanjin* campaigns

- a. Unattached (*muen*) persons can evangelize
- b. *Hijiri* (wandering ascetics) excel at the practical and spiritual
- c. Enlistment of *hijiri* and others to conduct *kanjin* (donation) campaigns
- d. The example of Giin (1217-1300) in Higo Province (if there is time)

3. Doctrinal/ideological conditions

- a. *Mappô* ("The latter days of the (Buddhist) Law"; see online textbook)
- b. *Tariki* (other power) and *nembutsu* (saying Amida Buddha's name)
- c. *Rokudô* (The Six Courses; see online textbook):
deities warring spirits (or humans) humans (or warring spirits)
beasts *gaki** hell*
- d. Concrete images of heaven and hells (excerpts from *Ôjô Yôshû*)