

Shin Buddhism and Buddhists on the Web

The Internet and the World Wide Web can be a powerful communications tool, connecting people and communities across vast distances while disseminating information and resources. And Shin Buddhists and communities are using this tool in a wide variety of ways. But the Web can also be overwhelming. There's just *so much* out there that it can be difficult to know where to start!

Intuitively, you may begin your search for Shin Buddhists online with a search engine such as Yahoo! or Google. But when you type "Shin Buddhism" into Google and get nearly 120,000 results, that hardly narrows things down!

Instead, it can be more useful to narrow your focus (i.e., try searching for "Shin Buddhism in California" instead) or start your explorations at a site you already know. The Web is based on hyper-links, after all, and the best way to explore it is to simply follow those links.

But be careful. The Web in 2010 is often dominated by user-generated content. This is potentially extremely beneficial as it gives everyone a voice, a chance to express their experiences along the Shin Buddhist path. But it also opens the door for divergent or even extreme views or "questionable" content.

A detailed list of websites can be found on the reverse of this sheet. But also check out the following sites as good starting points. They all contain plenty of good, reliable resources and lots of links to other sites.

Good luck!

[Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Hongwanji International Center](http://international.hongwanji.or.jp) [international.hongwanji.or.jp]

The official website for the Hongwanji's overseas districts, this website has information and links to various international Shin Buddhist organizations.

[Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada - Living Dharma Centre](http://www.bcc.ca) [www.bcc.ca]

The official webpage of the Buddhist Churches of Canada, this website also has many useful links to other Shin Buddhist websites and resources.

[Shin Dharma Net](http://www.shindharmanet.com) [www.shindharmanet.com]

The website of eminent Shin Buddhist scholar Alfred Bloom, Shin Dharma Net has a wealth of information, resources, and links to other sites.

[Echoes of the Name](http://jodoshinshubuddhism.wordpress.com) [jodoshinshubuddhism.wordpress.com]

A blog run by a loose association of Shin Buddhists in the United Kingdom. While they often present their own perspectives and opinions, they also provide many interesting and useful links.

For a complete list of Shin Buddhist websites and resources, visit: <http://www.buddha-world.org/750>

General Websites

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha - hongwanji.or.jp (or www.hongwanji.or.jp/english/ for English)

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i - hongwanjihawaii.com

Office of Buddhist Education, Hawai'i - obehawaii.com

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Mission of Singapore - shinmission_sg.tripod.com

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Misi3n de M3xico - jodo-shinshu-hongwanji-mexico.org

Jodo Shinshu Sangha of Poland - jodoshinshu.pl

Shinshu Kyodan Rengo; umbrella organization for non-Honganji shin temples in Japan - www.shin.gr.jp

Shogyoji Temple; Shin Temple with multiple branches outside Japan, e.g. Three Wheels Temple - shogyoji.or.jp

Three Wheels Temple; London branch of Shogyoji - threewheels.co.uk

Amida Trust: Culturally Engaged Buddhism - amidatrust.com

The Buddhist House; community affiliated with Amida Trust - amidatrust.typepad.com/tbh

Namo amida bu; a Belgian sangha committed to Pure Land teachings - namoamidabu.be

Amida Ji Retreat Temple Romania - amida-ji-retreat-temple-romania.blogspot.com

Soci3t3 bouddhique suisse Jodo-Shinshu: Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Society of Switzerland - www.pitaka.ch/societe.htm

Buddhist Resources, by Jerome Ducor- pitaka.ch

Collected Works of Shinran - www.shinranworks.com

The Way of Jodo Shinshu: a reflection on Shinran's wasan, many translated into Russian - www.shinranwasan.info

Recordings of the Shoshinge and other liturgical pieces in vernacular Japanese - www.shin.gr.jp/syoshin/index.html

Amida Net, translations and resources by Hisao Inagaki - www12.canvas.ne.jp/horai

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: Dharma for the Modern Age - web.mit.edu/stclair/www/amida.html

Eiken Kobai Sensei's Shin Buddhism Study Center - trueshinbuddhism.com

Tricycle magazine's Shin Buddhist resources - www.tricycle.com/web-exclusive/jodo-shinshu-way-shinran

Shin/Pure Land Buddhist blogs and podcasts

The DharmaRealm Podcast - dharmarealm.com

Echo of the Dharma, by Toshikazu Arai - dharmaechoes.blogspot.com

J3sh3-an, Josho Adrian Cirlea's personal blog - josho-adrian.blogspot.com (in Romanian)

Musings on the Pure Land - musingsonthepureland.blogspot.com

The Western Quarter - thewesternquarter.blogspot.com

Buddhist Military Sangha - buddhistmilitarysangha.blogspot.com

Gassho - shinyo-gassho.blogspot.com

Japan: Life and Religion - japanlifeandreligion.com

Pure Land Etchings, Caroline Brazier's blog - purelandetchings.blogspot.com

Shin/Pure Land Buddhism on social networks

Amida Trust on Ning - amidatrust.ning.com

True Shin Buddhism, Yahoo Group - groups.yahoo.com/group/true_shin_buddhism

Hongwanji's Twitter Feed - twitter.com/hongwanji

Living Dharma Centre's YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/livingdharmacentre

The Buddha's Wish for the World on Facebook - <http://tinyurl.com/y8sm3bc>

Additionally, many social networks have groups or pages devoted to Shin Buddhism. Just search the site of your choice!