

# Forum on ANCIENT WISDOM

## in MODERN LIFE

A CTTB Sunday Evening Lecture Series  
at 7:30 to 8:45 pm Pacific time

The goal of this forum is to share how the wisdom of Buddhism could relate to and be utilized to solve complex problems in every area of modern life, problems which now threaten the sustainability of life on planet earth.

As Buddhism teaches that everything comes from the mind, it becomes essential to develop a true awareness of how we create our inner and outer realities. By understanding our minds in depth, we may bring growth and healing to ourselves and others.

In this day and age, it is indispensable to apply Buddhist wisdom in our daily lives, especially in crucial situations, using it to comprehend the causes and conditions that lead to destructiveness, pain, and suffering, and those that put an end to them. Clearly, we must develop this kind of awareness to be able to mitigate the negative impacts of our actions on human and planetary well-being.

We hope that this forum will be the first step on a long journey of merging Buddhist wisdom and other disciplines to provide effective new solutions to the multi-faceted, constantly evolving problems we are facing today in order to enhance all aspects of contemporary life.

TITLE	SPEAKERS	MODERATOR	DATE
INTRODUCTION	REV. HENG SURE	PROF. JOHN VU	OCT. 2 <sup>ND</sup>
PRAJNA PSYCHOANALYSIS ?	DM HENG YIN & DR. MARIA GUADALUPE VIVES LOPEZ	DR. RAYMOND YEH	OCT. 9 <sup>TH</sup>
THE MYSTERY OF LIFE & DEATH (SPEECH IN CHINESE. FOR ENGLISH OR VIETNAMESE TRANSLATION, PLEASE USE ZOOM INTERPRETATION BUTTON TO CHOOSE.)	DM DER CHIA	MS. NANCY CHU	OCT. 16 <sup>TH</sup>
IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH ?	PROF. JOHN VU	DR. RAYMOND YEH	OCT. 23 <sup>RD</sup>
AWARENESS INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)	PROF. YU CHEN	PROF. JOHN VU	OCT. 30 <sup>TH</sup>
CONCLUSION	REV. HENG SURE	PROF. JOHN VU	NOV. 6 <sup>TH</sup>

### SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

**Rev. Heng Sure** is chairman of the board of the Dharma Realm Buddhist Association as well as the Director of Berkeley Buddhist Monastery. He is currently based in Gold Coast Dharma Realm in Australia. As a young monk, he and Rev. Heng Chau (Marty Verhoeven) began an 800-mile pilgrimage from LA to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas (CTTB) in northern California, doing a full prostration every three steps to seek world peace. It took more than two years to complete that historical pilgrimage.

**Prof. John Vu** is a retired Distinguished Career Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to academia, John was a Technical Fellow and Chief Engineer at The Boeing Company where he led several successful aerospace programs, including software improvement for the 777 aircraft. John has over 35 years of experience in software and systems development and has managed several large-scale integration programs in which the final products required the integration of in-house components with commercial off-the-shelf products and outsourced suppliers.

**DM Heng Yin** was a graduate student in Computer Science at the University of Texas at Austin when she encountered Master Hua and his disciples. She became a Buddhist nun in 1991. She holds an MA in Asian Studies from UC Berkeley. She served as principal at Instilling Goodness and Developing Virtue Schools and now teaches at Dharma Realm Buddhist University and the Sangha & Laity Training Program.

**Dr. Maria Guadalupe Vives Lopez** has a PhD in Psychoanalytic Clinical Work, Masters Degrees in Psychoanalysis and in Buddhist Classics, and Diplomas in Psychosomatic Ailments, Focal and Time-Limited Psychotherapy, and Emotional Development. She has decades of experience teaching and consulting in schools, hospitals, and universities, as well as taking clients in private consultation. Her lifelong passion has been to try to bridge psychoanalytic understanding with the principles and practices of Buddhism.

**Dr. Raymond Yeh** taught at several universities for 20 years. He served as the chairman of Computer Science department at both the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Maryland at College Park. He also served as the Control Data Corporation Distinguished Professor at the University of Minnesota. He was the founding Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering. After leaving academia, he co-founded two software companies as well as two professional organizations to promote transdisciplinary education & research. He has been a volunteer at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in Ukiah, CA since 2003.

**DM Der Chia** is the Abbess of the Taiwan Great Compassion Academy. Her fields of expertise are hospice palliative care, spiritual care, training of clinical Buddhist chaplains, and Buddhism in life and death. She is an adjunct lecturer of Humanities Care Center at National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taipei; a religious teacher and spiritual care supervisor of the Community Peace Spiritual Care Team as well as a Lecturer of the Hospice Spiritual Care Volunteer Training Program at the Great Compassion Academy in Taiwan. She co-authored the best-selling book *The Mystery of Life and Death*. A popular documentary based on the book *Looking Back* was also recently released.

**Ms. Nancy Chu** is a PhD candidate in religious studies at Stanford University, focusing in Buddhism. Her research is on how Buddhist nuns in Taiwan cope with physical pain with greater resilience. She holds a BA in English literature and Chinese from Swarthmore College, an MDiv in Buddhism from Harvard Divinity School, and an MPhil in social anthropology from the University of Cambridge. She was an associate editor at Lion's Roar magazine and trained as a hospital chaplain at UCSF Medical Center.

**Dr. Yu Chen** is an assistant professor in the School of Information Systems and Technology at San Jose State University and a volunteer teacher at the Developing Virtue Secondary School at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. She is currently exploring computer science education for undergraduate and high school students, with a focus on technology for social good and AI ethics. She obtained her Ph.D. in computer and communication sciences from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne.

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