

Saturday 20 October 1962

Rev. Shunryu Suzuki
Soto Zen Temple
1881 Bush Street
San Francisco 9, California

Dear Rev. Suzuki:

You are probably familiar with the annual Pacific Seminar held at Asilomar under the auspices of the Buddhist Churches of America. From year to year this event grows in attendance and in scope, moving us closer to a hopeful American Buddhism. (July 19-21, 1963)

As a member of the Pacific Seminar Committee I have been asked to write exploratory letters to various Buddhist quarters to discover who might be willing and able to contribute English-speaking lecturers from their sect or school. We propose to make the coming seminar more interdenominational than it has been in the past and perhaps a representative of your school might be recommended for invitation as a speaker. Yourself, perhaps?

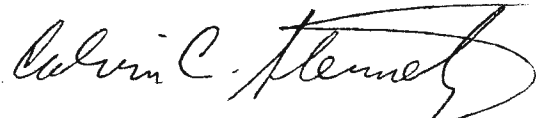
The lecturer could talk along lines of his choice. In the past we have had selections of 3 hour lectures which are continued through the period of the whole seminar concurrent with other 3 hour lectures, each broken up by other activities and special one-hour lectures, discussion groups and the like. Alternatively your representative might prefer to deliver one of the "special lectures" to a combined audience in one installment. Or you may have another idea.

In any case we would appreciate hearing from you at an early date and if possible, some indicate of topic or topics. Address the

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Thanking you for your consideration we remain

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