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Buddhism in Action Taylor & Francis

Offering a pivotal reference point and a wide range of global perspectives of teaching experiences on value-creating education (VCE), this book is a timely spotlight on contemporary issues of globalisation that many educational institutions around the world may encounter. It contributes to the originality of constructing new knowledge in the field of VCE, a forward-looking framework, and an ethical and educational imperative that can be understood in different ways, from diverse theoretical orientations. The chapters written by experienced international educators explore the following questions: How do educators understand the role of VCE? What pedagogical approaches to VCE do educators employ in their classes? How do educators support the values and knowledge of VCE in all curricular areas? What do educators see as the key essential values and knowledge that students should develop through VCE? It offers valuable insights and applied pedagogical practices for postgraduate students, researchers, educational policy makers, curriculum developers, and decision-makers in higher education institutions and non-governmental organizations (e.g., UNESCO, OXFAM).

On Attaining Buddhahood in This Lifetime Middleway Press

This engaging, deeply personal book, illuminating the search for meaning in today's world, offers a rare insider's look at Soka Gakkai Buddhism, one of Japan's most influential and controversial religious movements, and one that is experiencing explosive growth around the world. Unique for its multiethnic make-up, Gakkai Buddhists can be found in more than 100 countries from Japan to Brazil to the United States and Germany. In *Encountering the Dharma*, Richard Seager, an American professor of religion trying to come to terms with the death of his wife, travels to Japan in search of the spirit of the Soka Gakkai. This book tells of his journey toward understanding in a compelling narrative woven out of his observations, reflections, and interviews, including several rare one-on-one meetings with Soka Gakkai president Daisaku Ikeda. Along the way, Seager also explores broad-ranging controversies arising from the Soka Gakkai's efforts to rebuild post-war Japan, its struggles with an ancient priesthood, and its motives for propagating Buddhism around the world. One turning point in his understanding comes as Ikeda and the Soka Gakkai strike an authentically Buddhist

response to the events of September 11, 2001.

Daily Pages to Create the Life You Want New York : Weatherhill

Increasing disruption, diminishing returns, and demanding customers require business leaders to create more value, remain relevant, and stay ahead of competition. CEOs must evolve a "value creation" culture for the company in order to properly balance the interests of customers, employees, investors, and the marketplace. People who succeed, succeed because they create value, but they do so unconsciously. Creating value consciously makes you create more value and destroy less value. Doing something good or improving the well-being of someone creates value. You buy and re-buy a product on a value basis. Value dominant logic is relevant to all of us. Value creation is used in all fields, but is not well understood. This book takes value creation to the next level, showing how value is basic to human endeavor and is not focused on enough even when we try to create value. Most books on value creation focus on creating monetary value for companies. This book suggests that value is greatly created and enhanced by creating value for others. To create value for customers, one must first create value for the providers, including employees, suppliers, and the society at large. The goal is to improve the quality of life and well-being. This book provides ways of implementing these thoughts and educates readers about value and how to create it.

Creating the Culture of Peace AuthorHouse

Marking the first time an entire book has been dedicated to the topic of successful inclusive education, in this volume leading experts address international perspectives on funding models, the role of resources, and the development of professionals for the implementation of effective inclusive education.

Daisaku Ikeda, Language and Education Random House

Nichiren Buddhism is a philosophy which was expounded by Nichiren Daishonin, nearly eight hundred years ago. This philosophy is based on the revelation that the Lotus Sutra is the most profound teaching of Shakyamuni Buddha and that each individual has the power to manifest their Buddha nature, which lies inherent within each of us. This book is a culmination of the profound effect that Nichiren Buddhism has had on the life of the author. His faith and belief and above all, proof of faith, has resulted in this easy to read introduction to the wonderful philosophy of Nichiren Daishonin. Nichiren Buddhism is easily identified and deeply rooted in today's world. Its teachings

are effortless to grasp and understand and above all focuses on the creation of Value Addition in our lives.

The Opening of the Eyes Springer

Don't Hit Me!! is the story of one woman's struggle to define herself, her life, her identity, her lack of childhood memories and why she feels so different from those around her until she discovers her own physical and emotional child abuse suffered at the hands of her birth family. As vividly portrayed by the dramatic cover, this book describes the effects of seeing her own mother hit repeatedly until one night the author picks up a piece of 2X4 board and attacks her dad with it. Attention is diverted from her mom to her which led to six years of physical and emotional abuse until almost all childhood memories are repressed, only to re-surface at the age of 50. This incredible journey shows us the compelling importance of raising and protecting our children and the effects of not doing so.

Critical Essays on Resistance in Education Bloomsbury Publishing

Gleaned from more than fifty years of SGI President Ikeda's works, *The Wisdom for Creating Happiness and Peace* provides a window into the SGI president's thought and philosophy. His works are a boundless source of inspiration. They embody a universal message of hope and courage for a world increasingly beset with sorrow and suffering.

Creating Value for Leaders Univ of California Press

EU enlargement - to countries in Central and Eastern Europe in 2004, the inclusion of Bulgaria and Romania in 2007, and increasing debates on Turkey's membership - has dramatically transformed the European Union into a multi-religious space. Religious communities are not only shaping identities but are also influential factors in political discourse. This edited volume examines the activities of religious actors in the context of supranational European institutions and the ways in which they have responded to the idea of Europe at local and international levels. By bringing together scholars working in political science, history, law and sociology, this volume analyses key religious factors in contemporary EU architecture, such as the transformation of religious identities, the role of political and religious leaders, EU legislation on religion, and, the activities of religious lobbies. This book was published as a special issue of *Religion, State and Society*.

Don't Hit Me Middleway Press

Creating value is the foundation of all business. It's what sets you apart from your competition, secures long-term customers, and brings distinct meaning to your brand and your stakeholders. Without creating value for your business, your unique offering will be seen as just another commodity in the eyes of your target market. Creating value is in every business leader's vocabulary and uppermost in their overall strategy. In fact, creating value is the purpose of a company according to the Business Roundtable and the World Economic Forum. That is another key reason why more people want to understand and utilise value creation for their benefit and the good of their stakeholders. Many companies and leaders seek to create value but do not know how to. As a result, they create and destroy value unconsciously. This book shows you how to create value consciously. To create long-term value, organizations need to put in place the mindset, capabilities, and relationships that enable them to meet the needs of their customers and stakeholders. This book makes value creation understood and used by executives and leaders more effectively. The

book describes value creation in its various nuances, how it arises, how it is used, and the width and scope of value creation, from how it impacts a company and how that company can become more successful by creating value for customers and other stakeholders. The author also provides tips for CEOs, managers, HR, and other professionals on how to succeed in value creation as a long-term strategy and in day-to-day work. Numerous examples and case studies illustrate the points being made by the author.

The Middle Way Trafford Publishing

The culture of peace and non-violence is essential to human existence, development and progress. In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by consensus the norm-setting, forward-looking "Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace". Governments, institutions, NGOs, other civil society entities and, in particular, individuals - all are encouraged therein to contribute to the global movement for the culture of peace. Related to this vision, this rich and varied dialogue discusses how the culture of peace can be achieved in the world. Based on the extensive personal and professional experiences of two high-profile thinkers and activists, they analyse the challenges unfolding at local, national and global levels and how these relate to humanity's quest for peace, human security and happiness. Although coming from very different positions - one a Buddhist philosopher, educator and leader; the other a UN diplomat renowned for his international work in peace, development and human rights - these interlocutors are united in their search for justice and better quality of life for all and their conviction that women and young people are the most effective means to achieving positive change in the world. The dialogue provides ideas on the key challenges that face our planet: poverty and deprivation, war and violence, nuclear weapons and small arms, climate change and environmental degradation, weak governance and financial crises, marginalization of women and alienation of youth and the relentless drive for materialism. They also invite us to consider how the culture of peace can be practically achieved through an individual, collective and institutional transformation. Recognizing that global citizenship, multilateralism, women's equality and value-creating education are central and inter-linked themes, this dialogue also underscores the inherent strength of spirituality, compassion, empathy, forgiveness, respect for diversity and empowerment that comes from the trials and tribulations of life.

SGI Quarterly Springer

The human world is wobbly wildly off balance. Everywhere you look -- from the halls of Congress to the deserts of the Middle East -- institutions and societies are riven by discord. To his crisis-laden situation -- one that globalization cannot correct by economic means alone -- philosopher Lou Marinoff brings a much-needed antidote to extremism, offering hope and guidance to everyone who feels powerless, frustrated, or frightened in a world that flirts daily with disaster. Drawing inspiration from three of humankind's greatest philosophers -- Aristotle, Buddha, and Confucius -- Marinoff maps a route from chaos to order, a path whose signposts can be read in the perennial wisdom of these "ABCs." Marinoff offers us a way to travel into a less violent, more cooperative, and most fulfilling future: "The Middle Way". -- From publisher's description.

Value-Creating Global Citizenship Education for Sustainable Development Shambhala Publications

Tsunesaburo Makiguchi is best known as the founder of Soka Gakkai, the association of lay members of the Nichiren Shoshu sect of Buddhism that has grown to number more than ten million followers throughout the world, including some 200,000 Nichiren Shoshu of America adherents in the United States. But Makiguchi had spent a lifetime as an educator, developing his "value creating" educational philosophy, before he founded Soka Gakkai. In the 1930s he proposed educational reforms that were fully as revolutionary as those advanced by his American counterpart John Dewey. He is one of Japan's most significant yet perhaps least recognized educators. Makiguchi said that Japan's educational system was haphazard, unplanned, fragmented, and useless. Convinced that the pursuit and creation of values are the ultimate purpose of life, he proposed a "value creating" educational system. Defining the three greatest values in life as goodness, beauty, and gain, Makiguchi held that through education people should increase their ability to create values and thus find happiness.

Contemporary Issues and Challenge in Early Childhood Education in the Asia-Pacific Region CRC Press

Over the past half century in America, Buddhism has grown from a transplanted philosophy to a full-fledged religious movement, rich in its own practices, leaders, adherents, and institutions. Long favored as an essential guide to this history, *Buddhism in America* covers the three major groups that shape the tradition—an emerging Asian immigrant population, native-born converts, and old-line Asian American Buddhists—and their distinct, yet spiritually connected efforts to remake Buddhism in a Western context. This edition updates existing text and adds three new essays on contemporary developments in American Buddhism, particularly the aging of the baby boom population and its effect on American Buddhism's modern character. New material includes revised information on the full range of communities profiled in the first edition; an added study of a second generation of young, Euro-American leaders and teachers; an accessible look at the increasing importance of meditation and neurobiological research; and a provocative consideration of the mindfulness movement in American culture. The volume maintains its detailed account of South and East Asian influences on American Buddhist practices, as well as instances of interreligious dialogue, socially activist Buddhism, and complex gender roles within the community. Introductory chapters describe Buddhism's arrival in America with the nineteenth-century transcendentalists and rapid spread with the Beat poets of the 1950s. The volume now concludes with a frank assessment of the challenges and prospects of American Buddhism in the twenty-first century.

A Geography of Human Life Springer Nature

Putting good ideas into practice is one of the greatest challenges facing any educator. Eminent thinkers—John Dewey, Jane Addams, and others—dedicated their lives to producing ways of thinking about education and human welfare that have influenced many persons' lives. At the same time, these renowned thinkers were also trying to solve problems that every classroom teacher faces, namely, how to help children grow and learn as global citizens in a complex world. This pathbreaking book edited by David T. Hansen provides readers with a collection of insights drawn from a diverse array of thinkers that proves there is nothing quite as practical as a good educational philosophy. It will challenge readers to articulate their own working vision of how to integrate the "big ideas" about education into daily practice. "Fascinating and readable accounts of great educational

philosophies from all over the world. It is a major contribution to both philosophy of education and global education." —Nel Noddings, Lee L. Jacks Professor of Child Education Emerita, Stanford University "Provides a moral counterweight to the forces of standardization, commercialization, and politicization that increasingly threaten our schools. This book should be read, and read again, by everyone who takes education seriously." —Larry Hickman, Director of The Center for Dewey Studies, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale "A dynamic, moving exploration of educational philosophy. This is the kind of book, a kind of approach to philosophy, that the field of education in general and the field of philosophy of education in particular needs. The book truly sparkles." —Dale T. Snauwaert, Director, Center for Nonviolence and Democratic Education, Judith Herb College of Education, University of Toledo "An inspiring intellectual companion for concerned educators who are committed to transforming powerful educational ideas into socially responsive pedagogical actions." —Huey-li Li, Professor of Education, Department Educational Foundations and Leadership, University of Akron

Soka Gakkai's Human Revolution University of Hawaii Press

This book fills an existing gap within the practice of global citizenship education by offering Asian perspectives. In this book, Soka or value-creating education developed by the Japanese educators, Tsunesaburo Makiguchi (1871-1944) and Daisaku Ikeda (b. 1928) is compared to the ideas of the Indian political leader Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948). This study of their respective thoughts and movements has a significant bearing on the three domains of learning within the global citizenship education conceptual dimensions of UNESCO – the cognitive, socio-emotional, and behavioral. This book deftly combines theoretical discussions with themes and suggestions for practice and future research.

Soka Education Sterling Publishing Company

Nichiren Daishonin Buddhism encourages the belief that, through its faith and practices, spiritual and material blessings and benefits can be available to everyone in this life. Needs can be met, and success achieved, not merely for oneself but for others (and the world) through dedication to the Lotus Sutra, a central teaching of Buddhism. It combines these personal objectives with the commitment to world peace, ecology and the easing of suffering, especially, AIDS. Attracting such well known followers as Jeff Banks, Sandie Shaw, Tina Turner and Roberto Baggio, Nichiren Daishonin Buddhism is rooted in a Buddhist tradition going back to the teachings of Nichiren in the 13th century, and is part of an international movement based in Japan.

Buddhism in America PlayGround

When Taneesha sticks up for her best friend, Cari, a mean girl bullies Taneesha. With faith, Taneesha becomes more hopeful and brave and believes in herself like never before. Then she helps the bullying girl uncover kindness inside her own heart.

Black and Buddhist Middleway Press

Addressing questions such as What constitutes a meaningful life? and What is true happiness?, this guide to Nichiren Buddhism presents the spiritual practice as a teaching of hope that can answer these and other important questions of modern life. Buddhist teacher Daisaku Ikeda offers insights into *The Opening of the Eyes*, a longer treatise written by Nichiren that calls for individuals to base themselves on a spirit of compassion and to fight for the happiness of others, regardless of the

circumstances. Ikeda's simple and straightforward commentary brings this integral writing to life for a contemporary readership. Through the text and the accompanying commentary, readers will not only discover a philosophy of inner transformation that will help them find deep and lasting happiness for themselves and for others.

Discussions on Youth Middleway Press

Who is Daisaku Ikeda? At one level, he is the leader of a religious movement - Soka Gakkai - which began in Japan, where it still has its headquarters, but which now claims 12 million adherents around the world. At another level, he is a globetrotting figure whose formal conversations with diverse writers, thinkers and diplomats - including Arnold Toynbee, Joseph Rotblat and Mikhail Gorbachev - have garnered him an international profile, as well as academic recognition. Perhaps above all else, Daisaku Ikeda is viewed as a campaigner for peace. And it is Ikeda's specific contribution to peacebuilding, notably through the central emphasis he has placed on the significance of dialogue,

that this book explores: the first to do so in a concerted way. Olivier Urbain shows that while Soka Gakkai (the 'value society') may stem from the medieval principles of Nichiren Buddhism, under Ikeda's leadership it has taken these classic wisdoms and transformed them. Now essentially classless and secularised, as well as adaptable and sensitive to modern challenges like resource shortages and climate change, this - argues the author - is a pragmatic approach to peace which has proved both popular and eminently transportable.

The Light of Learning Middleway Press

This new selection of writings on education—many previously published under the title Soka Education—comes from some five decades of works by Buddhist philosopher and founder of the Soka schools system, Daisaku Ikeda. From educational proposals and university lectures to personal essays, the writings not only delve into the meaning of soka (value-creating) education but offer a hopeful vision of the power of education to bring happiness to the individual and peace to the world.