



### *Significance of the world peace pagoda*

A stupa is the concrete expression of eternal Dharma. The intriguing procedure of cosmic manifestation and its reabsorption through mystic knowledge into supreme reality is symbolized in a stupa. Therefore, the shape of each part of a stupa is symbolic. The square base symbolizes the rigid ritualism and fundamental virtues.

A circular dome symbolic of freedom from earthly bonds is rested on this square base. Circular rings on the top are called the wheels, each one signifying the mystical power.

The dimensionless topmost focal point indicates the heavenward way to *Nirvana*. The entire structural philosophy of the stupa is sanctified by inserting *Dhatu* (Relics of Buddha) in it.

The purpose behind the establishment of these *Shani Stupas* (Peace Pagodas) is to disseminate love and peace among mankind, a mission which Emperor Asoka had undertaken more than two thousand years ago by building stupas and erecting pillars and engraving thereupon the message of love and peaceful co-existence.



VIENNA PEACE PAGODA

Nipponzan Myohoji  
**BUDDHIST ORDER  
JAPAN  
IN VIENNA  
AUSTRIA**

*"True peace is brought about when man pledges himself never to take the lives of others and abandons the idea of killing. This teaching must now be disseminated throughout the world.*

*It is not difficult. If humanity hopes to survive, we have only to resolve not to kill others. It is false to talk of peace while possessing weapons destined to take life. When we talk of peace, we must lay down all murderous tools."*

*The Most Venerable  
Nichidatsu Fujii (Fujii Guruji)  
Founder of Nipponzan Myohoji  
(1885 – 1985)*

**You are cordially  
invited**

**to the  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**of the**

**Peace Pagoda**

**on Sunday  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Schedule of the Day*

10.30 Sacred Ceremony

12.30 Lunch Served

13.00 Offerings of  
Music and Dance

- Indian Dance  
Rādhā Añjali
- Music from Nepal

Responsible Monk:  
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