



# Buddhism and Organ Donation

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[Blogging daily](#) in April in recognition of [National Donate Life Month](#). Please register as an organ donor and help to [raise awareness](#) about this lifesaving gift.

Eight years ago I visited the small country of Bhutan. This Buddhist country was filled with happy, peaceful people. Here is what Buddhism says about organ donation.

“Buddhists believe that organ and tissue donation is a matter of individual conscience and place high value on acts of compassion. Reverend Gyomay Masao, president and founder of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago says, “We honor those people who donate their bodies and organs to the advancement of medical science and to saving lives.” The importance of letting loved ones know your wishes is stressed.” Source: [The Gift of a Lifetime](#)

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