The sound of a bell being rung 108 times represents the 108 forms of human delusions or ignorance; based on the following formula:

6 rings represent the 6 senses of sight, sound, smell, taste, touch & thought.

- 3 rings represent the aspects of time: the past, the present and the future.
- 2 rings represent the two conditions of the heart: pure and impure.
- 3 rings represent the three sentiments of like, dislike & indifference. 6x3[18]x2[36]x3=108

Thus, the moment of awakening shinjin and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

It is time that has become full and rich, having been permeated by timelessness