



*To study the Way of the Buddhas is to study the self.
 To study the self is to forget the self.
 To forget the self is to be awakened by the Whole.
 To be awakened by the Whole is to let the body-mind
 of oneself and those of others be wholly cast off.
 A stage in the transformation of consciousness exists
 wherein no trace of enlightenment remains.
 And this traceless enlightenment unceasingly evolves
 forth for evermore.*

*From Shobogenzo Genjokoan by Dogen
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Buddhism as a perennial quest for the awakening of consciousness and for the realization of meaning has preserved certain traits, which from its inception have formed the very life force of Buddhism and which still vitally concern us as spiritually evolving human beings.

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