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Shunryu Suzuki

Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind: Informal Talks on Zen Meditation and Practice (Shambhala Library)



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"In the beginner's brain there are numerous possibilities, but in the expert's there are couple of. Suzuki Roshi presents the fundamentals— So begins this most much loved of most American Zen books.in a manner that isn't just remarkably clear, but that also resonates with the pleasure of insight from the first ever to the last web page. An instant teaching on the 1st page. In a single stroke, the easy sentence cuts through the pervasive tendency students have of getting so close to Zen as to completely miss what it's all about. And that's just the beginning. In the thirty years since its unique publication, Zen Brain, Beginner's Mind is becoming one of the great modern Zen classics, much beloved, very much re-read, and much recommended because the best first reserve to read on Zen."from the facts of posture and sucking in zazen to the perception of nonduality— Seldom has such a small handful of terms provided a teaching as rich as has this popular opening type of Shunryu Suzuki's traditional. It's a book to come back to time and time again as an motivation to practice.



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An analogy is always to workout for exercise-sake, never to improve your health or build up muscle. And do it each day without judgment. Are these Buddhist fans all brainwashed? Still, this will not detract from the prosperity of info the reader can garner if they maintain an open up mind. I've since re-go through it and today, continually re-read parts of it! So a lot of my resources make reference to Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind that I simply had to obtain it. For somebody that's new in traversing the Zen realm, this reserve is fairly appreciated. It synthesizes many complex topics in a simple to check out manner, and does therefore in a way that is abundant with scope as well. Reading this book will certainly help the reader are more cognizant of your brain in countless ways. The metaphors are absolutely abysmal. On 1st reading, I understood very little of what it was trying to mention. Peace. Reading this book is similar to sitting with a instructor. -Paul C. Its intent would be to talk about its understanding, its observations. It really is an excellent reserve. Sentences in English, easy enough to learn, but conveying concepts that clearly went deeply beneath the words to a place that I didn't comprehend and couldn't feel. Overall the publication displays many insights individuals might follow to strengthen their core repertoire. Its instruction cannot really be conveyed via vocabulary only. Suzuki's wisdom is easy, clear, & The Spirit of Zazen. Eventually, this is of the words begin to appear as if birds in a timber when you are searching for them. Everything quiets down and then they appear to you, though they've been there. As time passes, my understanding of the book has changed from it being a lecture, a 'this is the way you should do it' instructional to a 'look, this is one way it could work' observation - an understanding of how it is possible to live with self-explanatory and simple, profound pleasure. It is one of my go-to resources for spiritual guidance and calm beauty. Each sentence becomes a phrase to review and meditate on. At that time I browse "Beginner's Mind", I was a hardcore Theravadan Buddhist. But, between this & 2 other notable books, my conception of Meditation (and the 'spiritual path', once we call it) drastically shifted. However, don't concentrate on enlightenment and do not do it to attain enlightenment or it isn't true enlightenment and not true zazen. The concepts have to be absorbed in combination with meditation, intent and an openness to different ways of looking at lifestyle. "Midnights with the Mystic" (teachings of Sadhguru, Jagadish Vasudev) Complex yet simple I have considered myself a Buddhist for many years but have recently been studying it more in depth. It draws the reader in and flows well, keeping curiosity and providing insight. This book is a bright star! The energy of it really is clear and light, open up. The book is very well presented, and small enough to take with you as a daily reader A fresh hardback copy. effective. A few of the ideas the book discusses included mindfulness, the importance of calmness and concentrate in your life, proper practice, simpleness and much more. I found the reading to be a small on the tedious aspect, the end result will be so simple. Probably it's more difficult to explain a straightforward concept. Suzuki would start each element with a head-scratching expression and then would proceed in describing it and explaining it in more depth. Ultimately, through many various attempts, the ah-hah would reveal itself, very much as a sculpture reveals itself after much chiseling. In repeated explanations about zazen, the simple method is to perform whatever you do in as soon as, without comparison or concentrate on an end result, the near future, or the past. A Phenomenal Foray IN TO THE Mindfulness & Simplicity Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind by Shunryu Suzuki is a fairly intricate but deep watch into the mindscape of what the 'Zen Mind' entails. Basically, adopt the Nike slogan and "just do it." That's enlightenment. "Beginner's Mind" is arranged into chapters/vignettes of short, 3-page talks. Get what I mean about complex yet simple?? This was an assigned textbook in my own Buddhism course, .. Thank you to how ever I came across it. This is an assigned textbook in my

Buddhism course, and I found myself reading the complete book cover to cover, instead of stopping at the mandatory pages. His talks help clarify the correct mental attitude with which to practice zazen [sitting-meditation], and by consequence, he clarifies the spiritual route in general. Guessing there will be new wisdom discovered each time! I habitually felt calmer after reading these pages and reflecting in it. This is one "textbook" I plan to hold on to! You will learn nothing. I've never read so many conflicting statements in a single place before. One sentence can contradict itself and the complete paragraph before it. Meaninglessness is definitely rampant and leads to no knowledge of life whatsoever. There is no purpose to this book if you are looking for ways of bettering your life. Someone asked me: "I have a question for you - if there is just one single reserve on meditation / mindfulness that you could recommend, what would it not be? Before you get this get a sample. The publication makes you think you know nothing and then doesn't let you know anything. After having this book a while, and referenced it quite a bit, have a sense that just how much this book helps a person is proportional to how much one focuses on each of the concepts. I want I possibly could possess gotten something from this book. Most likely won't be trying another meditation book. Considering that this book isn't exactly for those in the nascent levels of Zen Buddhism, it could be quite enigmatic in a few spots. How will you discover any meaning in the text?"**the 2 other notable books were: "Be As You Are: the Teachings of Sri Ramana Maharshi" & Easy, Concise, To the idea Excellent.. When the attitude is definitely off, the world's most profound instructor, teaching and method will miss the tag. I also resided as a monk for six years in forest monasteries in South East Asia. To learn about Zen, I would recommend this (and various other) books. I came across Buddhism in 1968, age 18. Gradually, meditating, reading Mahayana sutras, selecting to enter the road of "enlightenment" and a small number of classes with masters, has produced my practice much less causal. Although I am sure that lots of Buddhists will disagree, I'll say that procedures of Zen, Chan, Tao, (among others) are psychological rather than religious or strictly spiritual activities. (Needless to say, practice will not exclude a psychology spirit. If you meditate, you need to read this publication.) By that I mean Buddha, the man, was/is helpful information to uncomplicated Reality (can also be valued as bliss), not really a constructed reality, just Reality, that awakens the mind to releasable, self-preserved, delusional suffering. This book got me started. "Zen Brain, Beginner's Mind" by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. (Sitting does, directly. So sit). Why this particular book? Essential Zen reading Simple, obvious and inspirational. Imparts the primary of Zen beautifully. Loved reading this book a good deal, and will likely read it many more times into the potential. Whether you are studying the art of meditation or just want to open your mind, this is the book for you. A calming book The book includes a calming effect on your brain. Highly recommend it to readers thinking about understanding the philosophy of Zen. If there is an after existence, all the better! That is increasingly evident once we observe the adoption of the ancient tools into the core of effective self-actualization and mental wellness tools. It continues to be the most gifted book in my practice. Best Publication on Meditation and Mindfulness I have been practicing meditation and mindfulness for over twenty years and teaching it for over ten years. You will be pleased you did. A few times I LOL'd at how bad this is." Great question. This query made me pause and reflect. After an inner scan of a variety of titles that have deepened my knowledge of this profound subject, one stood out clearly. I would recommend... Words usually do not do result in reality directly. Reading helps. What sets it apart? It is about the correct attitude with which to strategy our practice. In addition, it offers a method, but doesn't make a big deal about it. There are a million meditation strategies and a million books extolling the virtues of their very own particular

method. Nevertheless that is actually not most significant. When the attitude is right, any technique will bear abundant fruit. Indeed even without the method we will advantage. Our lifestyle will be illumined. In order to know Zen, or make contact with Zen, buy it.



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