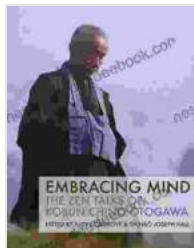


Unveiling the Profound Wisdom of Kobun Chino Otagawa: A Journey into the Zen Talks of the 17th Century Master



Kobun Chino Otagawa (1643-1702) was a revered Zen master of the Rinzai school who lived during the Edo period in Japan. Known for his

profound wisdom and unwavering dedication to Zen practice, Otagawa left behind a rich legacy of teachings that continue to inspire and guide Zen practitioners to this day.



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One of the most significant contributions of Otagawa to Zen Buddhism is his collection of Zen talks, or teisho, which have been meticulously preserved and passed down through generations. These talks offer a glimpse into the mind of a Zen master and provide invaluable insights into the essence of Zen practice.

The Essence of Zen: Non-Duality and Impermanence

At the heart of Otagawa's teachings lies the fundamental principle of non-duality, or the understanding that all things are interconnected and interdependent. According to Otagawa, there is no separation between the self and the world, between subject and object, between good and evil.



This non-dualistic perspective extends to the concept of impermanence, which Otogawa regarded as an essential aspect of reality. He taught that all things are in a constant state of flux and transformation, and that clinging to permanence or seeking stability is a futile endeavor.

The Importance of Direct Experience

Otogawa placed great emphasis on the importance of direct experience in Zen practice. He believed that true understanding could not be gained through intellectual knowledge or abstract concepts, but rather through непосредственный experience of the present moment.



Otogawa encouraged his students to engage in meditation and other Zen practices to cultivate mindfulness and develop a deep connection with their

inner selves and the world around them.

The Path of Enlightenment

According to Otagawa, the path to enlightenment, or satori, involved a gradual process of letting go and surrendering to the present moment. He taught that by letting go of attachments, expectations, and fixed ideas, we can open ourselves up to the transformative power of Zen.



Otogawa also emphasized the importance of compassion and ethical conduct in Zen practice. He believed that true enlightenment could not be achieved without a sincere concern for the well-being of others.

The Legacy of Kobun Chino Otogawa

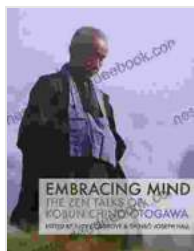
Kobun Chino Otogawa's teachings have had a profound impact on Zen Buddhism and continue to inspire practitioners around the world. His emphasis on non-duality, impermanence, direct experience, and ethical conduct has shaped the core principles of Zen practice to this day.



Through his Zen talks and writings, Otagawa has left behind a treasure trove of wisdom that offers seekers a profound path to self-realization and enlightenment.

To further explore the teachings of Kobun Chino Otagawa, consider reading his collected Zen talks, translated by Professor Carl Bielefeldt, titled "The

Zen Master's Talks." This comprehensive volume provides a rich and accessible to the wisdom of this extraordinary master.



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