

Cow Zen

A man who had wasted his life on liquor and gambling came finally to a monastery to beg the head monk to grant him wisdom. The monk, without saying a word, brought the man to a barn and showed him three stalls. In the first there were two novitiates lying in the hay under two udders. "What kind of cow has two udders?" thought the man. He looked then into the second stall and saw what at first looked like a cow but was in fact a giant brown shoe, and its udders were anatomical models, cutaway in half. He puzzled over this and then turned his attention to the third stall. There he saw two more novitiates lying in the hay, but this time they were under a sheep. "What does all this mean?" the man asked the monk. The monk pointed to the stalls and said nothing except "What do you see?" The man pondered this. "Two under udders. A shoe with half udders. Two under ewe." But he could make no sense of this and so he returned to his wasted life in Las Vegas.

