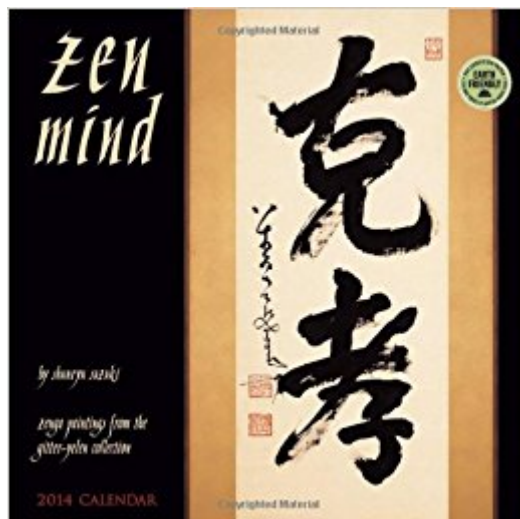


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# Zen Mind 2014 Wall Calendar



## Synopsis

The mind of Zen Buddhism is revealed through authentic sacred art and profoundly simple wisdom. Zenga art, Zen-inspired brushstroke paintings, surprises and confounds our expectations. Although created by seventeenth- and eighteenth-century monks who were amateur painters, they have a startlingly modern appeal. The Gitter-Yelen collection of Zenga paintings is widely regarded as one of the preeminent collections in the West. Each month, the Zen Mind wall calendar features a Zenga masterwork paired with quotes from *Not Always So* by Shunryu Suzuki (1905-1971). Suzuki-roshi was considered one of the most influential Zen teachers of his time and was a direct spiritual descendant of thirteenth-century Zen Master Dogen.

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Zen priest Shunryu Suzuki-roshi was one of the most influential Zen teachers of his time. His teachings flow from the Soto lineage of Zen Buddhism, founded by Dogen Zenji (1200-1253) in thirteenth-century Japan. Dogen, one of Zens most important teachers and one of the worlds great philosophers, emphasized the absolute primacy of zazen (sitting meditation) and the inseparability of practice and enlightenment. Suzuki-roshi and his students founded the San Francisco Zen Center, the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center (the first Zen training monastery in the West) and Green Gulch Farm Zen Center. Suzuki-roshi died in 1971. His students continue to teach at the Zen Center and in dharma groups around the country. Some of his edited talks have been collected in the books *Zen Mind*, *Beginners Mind* and *Not Always So*.

I've ordered the new year's version of this calendar in each of the past several years. Simply glancing at the colors, style, and artwork of this calendar brings one to a deeper state of inner peace. Unlike my other wall hangings, and unlike the view out my window, the visual projection of this calendar changes monthly. On occasion during the month I'm close enough to read the monthly quote, and it always hits the pause button on my chattering mind.

I love this serie of calendars. I've had one each year for the past several, as one of my "stocking stuffer" gifts from my wife. Last year, no calendar and I've missed it hanging in my office all year. This time, I've taken matters into my own hands and I'll have Zen Mind for 2014...at least on the wall.

This calendar is useful, well made, and includes valuable quotations from Zen sources. I especially appreciate the wonderful art that accompanies each of the monthly entries. A little bit of more information on important Buddhist holidays would have been much appreciated.

Get it every year.Look forward to it. It's beutifully done -- and year after year the new quotes and illustrations are all excellent. Thank you for a fine product

There's nothing western nouveau about this calendar. The quotes and the art are very inspiring. Happy 2014 to you, my friend.

These calendars look darn good on my wall.I could care less about the zen messages.

I get this calendar every year and love it! Each saying if thought provoking. Makes for a good start each month.

Just that the products did not arrived ADN i would actually y like if you could look into it as some of them are Christmas presents

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