

Shunryū Suzuki-rōshi
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[2-3 words] those who cannot appreciate the—the food we are serving [?] to you cannot appreciate our teaching in its true sense. When you listen to the teaching—our teaching, we should accept it, but if you have some prejudice, you cannot accept the teaching. Those [?] do not appreciate—appreciate [?] in its true sense, meaning [?] we should not have any discrimination with our food. This is good test for ourselves. The food you have now will not be complete for you. Something will be quite strange or unfamiliar to find [?]. We should appreciate the food you have on each meal.

[Sound of clappers striking once. Then Suzuki-rōshi chants by himself, in Japanese, for 18 seconds. Then two clappers, then recording stops.]

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