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A teaching, i.e., sūtra, cannot be whole and perfect because it, like a medical prescription, is specific to certain people and circumstances. The *Diamond Sūtra* (?) is probably the closest to a universal teaching because it was a teaching the Buddha addressed to his own deep self.

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