

## Theme for Winter Ango 2025

Shuso – Zenmen (Reality Front Face)  
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### Actualizing The Fundamental Point

*from the book “Treasury of the True Dharma Eye:  
Zen Master Dogen’s Shobo Genzo” Edited by Kazuaki Tanahashi*

As all things are buddha dharma, there is delusion, realization, practice, birth and death, buddhas and sentient beings.

When you find your place where you are, practice occurs, actualizing the fundamental point. When you find your way at this moment, practice occurs, actualizing the fundamental point; for the place, the way, is neither large nor small, neither yours nor others.

Here is the place; here the way unfolds. The boundary of realization is not distinct, for the realization comes forth simultaneously with the full experience of buddha dharma.

Do not suppose that what you attain becomes your knowledge and is grasped by your intellect. Although actualized immediately, what is inconceivable may not be apparent. Its emergence is beyond your knowledge.

*Dōgen’s Shōbōgenzō addresses the concept of finding the Buddha in ordinary moments, as this theme aligns with his core teaching that enlightenment is not separate from the everyday.*