

Resolved! (From Dogen's Bendowa: When Buddhas...)

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From an email I sent to a colleague today.

[Recipient],

I just now resolved a question that had been central to me in 2003, and then I put it down until now – and I resolved it through musing on a statement by Dogen: “When buddhas are constantly dwelling in and maintaining this state [of samadhi], they do not leave recognitions and perceptions in separate aspects [of reality]; and when living beings are eternally functioning in this state, aspects [of reality] do not appear to them in separate recognitions and perceptions.” [From Bendowa, the first essay in “Master Dogen’s Shobogenzo”, Book 1, translated by Nishijima and Cross.]

This is entirely material to the dilemma-question I'd had in 2003 – and the realization contained herein, with an awareness of Buddha mind, resolves the question! And it was a real-world question.

(And thus began my step into the psych domain, in 2003.)

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