

The Zen Koan Riddles



"The moon is always full in the sky, but it is only seen as a whole on certain nights."

This koan challenges the student to contemplate the nature of perception and the limitations of the human mind. The moon is always full in the sky, but it is only seen as a whole when certain conditions are met. This encourages the student to question their assumptions and explore the nature of reality beyond their preconceived ideas.



"The moon casts no shadow, yet it moves the tides."

This koan challenges the student to contemplate the nature of causality and the interconnectedness of all phenomena. The moon, which appears to have no substance and casts no shadow, nevertheless has a profound effect on the tides. This encourages the student to question their assumptions about the nature of reality and explore the interconnectedness of all things, even those that appear to be insubstantial or intangible.



"The moon follows the waves, and the waves follow the moon."

This koan emphasizes the interconnectedness of all phenomena and encourages the student to contemplate the nature of causality. The moon and the waves are interdependent and mutually influencing, just as all phenomena are interconnected and affect each other.