

The Ten Ox-Herding Pictures

Traditional portrayal of the stages of practice in Zen (sources of images is unknown).



尋牛

Looking for the Ox



見跡

Catching sight of footprints



見牛

Catching sight of the Ox itself



得牛

Catching hold of the Ox



牧牛

Leading the Ox home



騎牛歸家

Easy relationship with the Ox



忘人存牛

Ox and rope forgotten



返本還源

Duality transcended



人牛俱忘

All is empty



入廛垂手 昭如摩訶 寫生刻畫

Returning to the marketplace with gift bestowing hands