

Corso di Studi Triennale in Buddismo Zen

Hekiganroku, case 86:  
*Unmon's Bright Light*

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### **Engo's Introduction**

Controlling the world, he allows not the least speck of dust to escape. He cuts off the deluded stream of thought, leaving not a drop behind. If you open your mouth, you are mistaken. If you doubt for a moment, you have missed the way. Tell me, what is the eye that has pierced the barriers? See the following.

### **Main Subject**

Unmon gave instruction, saying "Everyone has his own light. If you want to see it, you can't. The darkness is dark, dark. Now, what is your light?" He himself answered: "The storeroom. The gate." Again he said, "It would be better to have nothing than to have something good."

### **Setcho's Verse**

It illuminates itself,  
Absolutely bright.  
He gives a clue to the secret.

Flowers have fallen, trees give no shade; Who does not see, if he looks?  
Seeing is non-seeing, non-seeing is seeing. Facing backward on the ox,  
He rides into the Buddha hall.



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