

Rejoinder

Thank you for the detailed clarification of your thought. I, too, am confident that together we can come closer to a genuine understanding of Emptiness based, not on any attempt to reach what we call or think of as "Emptiness," but, very simply, on ourselves being Empty—since you insist on these terms. To this end, I look forward to welcoming you to my home in Kyoto, where you are always most welcome. Then, together, we can laugh at our foolishness—perhaps even laugh a brand new laugh! Until then.

With Deepest Respect & Gratitude,
Jeff Shore

OBITUARY

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of Dr. J. W. de Jong on January 22, 2000. A world-renown scholar of Buddhism and Indian thought, Dr. de Jong served on the advisory board of *The Eastern Buddhist* since 1979. Among his publications in *The Eastern Buddhist* are a series of critically acclaimed surveys of Buddhist Studies in the West ("A Brief History of Buddhist Studies in Europe and America," vol. 7, nos. 1–2, "Recent Buddhist Studies in Europe and America: 1973–1983," vol. 17, no. 1), "The Beginnings of Buddhism" (vol. 24, no. 2), and numerous book reviews.