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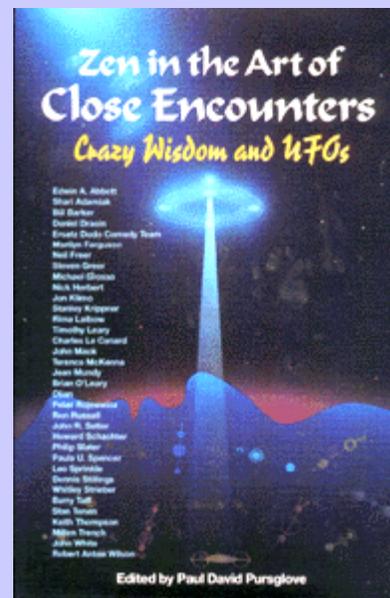
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An evocative, much older, but just as radical reply might be this from *The Practice of True Reality* by 12th Century Zen Master Hongzhi:

*"If you accord everywhere with thorough clarity and cut off sharp corners without dependence on doctrines, like the white ox or wildcat, helping to arouse wonder, you can be called a complete person. So we hear that this is how one on the way of non-mind acts, but before realizing non-mind we still have great hardship."*

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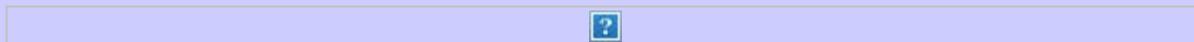
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