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This piece of collection follows my earlier "100 Zen Sayings from *The Old Man and the Sea*" and "150 Zen Sayings from *The Grapes of Wrath*" as part of my research into "Zen in American Literature."

I have picked out 305 Zen expressions from Ralph Waldo Emerson's first book (*Nature*, 1836), two lectures ('The American Scholar', 1837 ; 'An Address', 1838), and two essays ('Self-Reliance' ; 'Compensation', 1841).

The number put at the end of each quotation indicates that of the page in *The Complete Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, Centenary Edition, 12 vols (Houghton Mifflin, 1903—04). The first volume includes *Nature*, 'The American Scholar', and 'An Address'; the second 'Self-Reliance' and 'Compensation'.

I have omitted this time my capping Zen sayings to each quotation, because I wish to have as many quotations as possible printed for this collection. For further detailed information regarding Zen sayings and capping phrases, see my introduction to *A Zen Forest : Sayings of the Masters* (New York and Tokyo : Weatherhill, 1981), where I have explained these in detail.

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