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Tendai Buddhism can be summed up in the following quotation: The first characteristic of the Japanese Tendai school is its advocacy of a comprehensive Buddhism, ... the idea that all the teachings of the Buddha are ultimately without contradiction and can be unified in one comprehensive and perfect system. Etymology. The word Zen is derived from the Japanese pronunciation of the Middle Chinese word 禪 (dʒen) (pinyin: Chán), which in turn is derived from the Sanskrit word dhyāna (ध्यान), which can be approximately translated as "absorption" or "meditative state". 2. VOLUME 2: CHINUL SELECTED WORKS. Edited and Translated by Robert E. Buswell, Jr. I. INTRODUCTION: CHINUL'S LIFE, THOUGHT, AND WRITINGS Excerpt from "Myths & Legends of Japan" by F. Hadland Davis. The Dragon has the head of a camel, horns of a deer, eyes of a hare, scales of a carp, paws of a tiger, and claws resembling those of an eagle., Original Enlightenment And The Transformation Of Medieval Japanese Buddhism Studies In East Asian Buddhism.

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