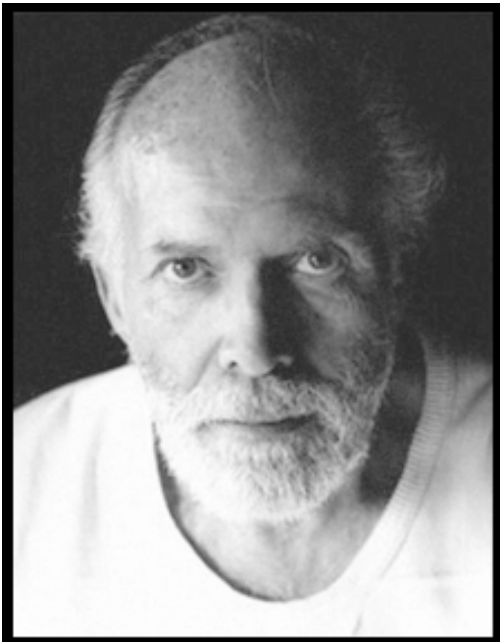




*Teachers with whom I studied at one time or another...*

*Robert Adams*



Robert Adams was my living teacher. All of Robert's teachings may be found on a number of sites put up by his modern day students. One such site is [HERE](#)

You can also read more about Robert under the menu item [Robert Adams](#) above.

## *Maezumi Roshi*



The photo at left is of Sri Ananda, Thich Tien-An, Seung Sahn Soen Sa, Maezumi Roshi and Kozan Roshi, about 1972. This was taken near the International Buddhist Meditation Center. All four teachers had centers within a mile of each other.

Maezumi Roshi, one of the founders of Zen in the United States and with whom I studied for 4 years, the most intellectual of all Zen masters (fourth from left); Thich Tien-An, my ordination teacher, a Vietnamese

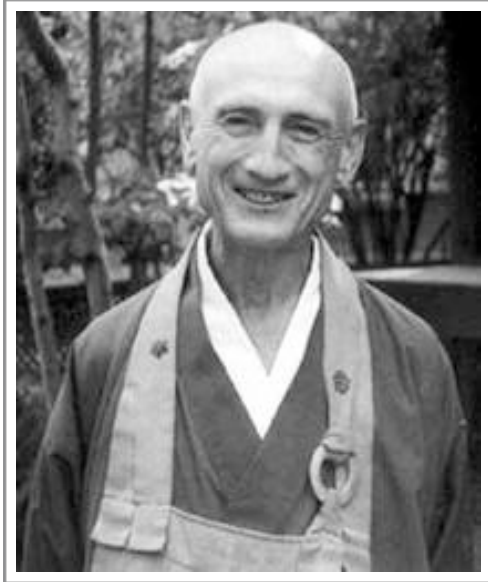
Zen master who brought Vietnamese Mahayana Buddhism – essentially Zen – to the states (second from left behind Ananda); Kozan Roshi, a very down to earth Rinzai master from Okinawa (fifth from left), Seung Sahn Soen Sa, a ball of energy who transformed American Zen (third from left).

## *Sasaki Roshi*



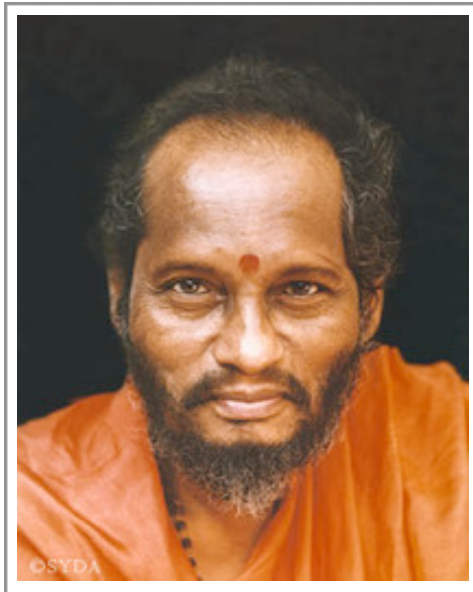
The unforgettable Sasaki Roshi (left), whose concentration camp-like Mt. Baldy Zen Center was a source of great pain and great pleasure and whose antics are legend. Samadhi is easily attainable after just sitting a few weeks there. One becomes one with the constant wind and cold. You learn how to blow out a candle at the top of Thunder Mountain.

## *Philip Kapleau Roshi*



Philip Kapleau Roshi, one of the originators of Zen in America, my first Zen master, whom I would later consider a friend; Song Ryong Hearn, an American Zen master who later became a psychologist in West Los Angeles.

## *Muktananda*



Muktananda, who I knew only briefly and never really got. However, I loved the chanting for many years at the Ashram led by Swami Shankaranada, now in Australia. Strangely, years later I found his avoiding "substantive questions" and just abiding in bliss and extremely high practice.

*Bernadette Roberts*



Bernadette Roberts, a catholic devotee who spent her life trying to understand her very Advaita-like enlightenment experience and who was a neighbor of mine in Santa Monica for many years.

*Ramesh Balsekar*



Ramesh Balsekar, who led me to the irrepressible Nisargadatta Maharaj, whose wisdom became the guidepost of my searching.

## *Jean Dunn*



Jean Dunn, a very close Bhakta disciple of Nisargadatta and editor of the three best Nisargadatta books, who also became a good friend, guide and confidant.

The photo of Maharaj below was given to me by Jean a year or so before she died. She also gave me a copy of his book, *Self-Knowledge and Self-Realization*. Only 100 copies were printed for private distribution because of copyright fears. See download link for pdf file below. Now everyone who thinks of themselves as advaitans has published this book as their own with or without permission. Funny. Hanging onto words.

I've also included an Inner Directions interview with Jean (see pdf file below you can download) as well as a number of excellent books on Nisargadatta under the [NISARGADATTA](#) menu above.



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