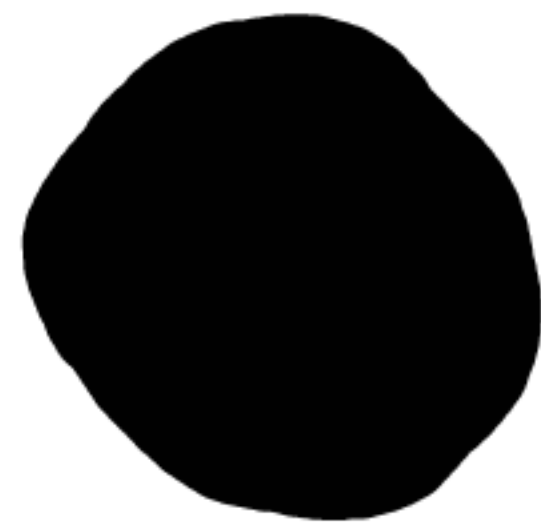


RECEIVED
+ SUBTLY
ANSWERED

ONLINE SHARING
AS LITURGY

by Finn 7/25/25

ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN FIVE
YEARS SINCE I LEFT
ZEN BUDDHISM, ITS
LITURGIES STILL LIVE
IN MY BODY.



WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
FORM + VOID IN SHARING
CREATIVE WORK, THE
HEART SUTRA FLOATS
THROUGH ME.

oh Shariputra, form is no
other than emptiness,
emptiness no other than
form, form is exactly
emptiness, emptiness
exactly form, sensation
conception, discrimi-
nation awareness are
likewise like this...

THE MONASTERY IS
WHERE I FIRST LEARNED
ABOUT PRACTICE.



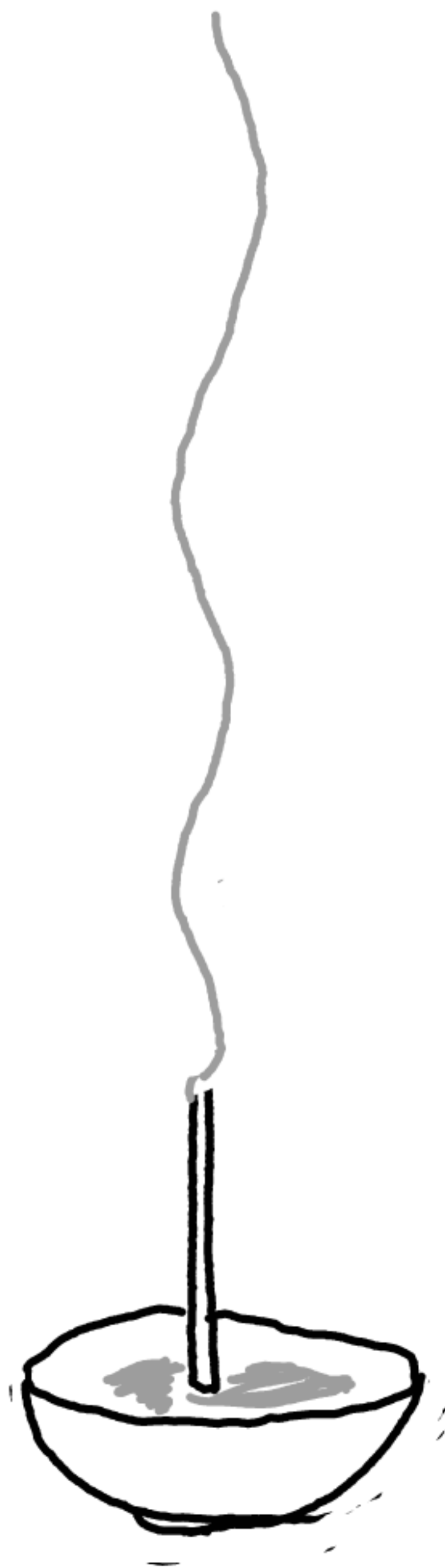
I LEARNED THE POWER
OF SHOWING UP EVERY
DAY WITHOUT REGARD
FOR MOTIVATION OR
PERCEIVED OUTCOME.

THE MONASTERY IS
ALSO WHERE I FIRST
LEARNED ABOUT
LITURGY.



LITURGY IS THE
PRACTICE OF MAKING
VISIBLE THE INVISIBLE.

THROUGH LITURGY,
WE GIVE BREATH +
FORM TO OUR
ASPIRATIONS.



AT THE END OF ONE
CHANT, THE DEDICATION
WENT LIKE THIS:

whenever this
devoted
invocation is
sent forth, it is
received and
subtly
answered...

WHAT IS RECEIVED?

WHAT IS THE SUBTLE
ANSWER?

I DON'T KNOW.

IT'S A MYSTERY.

I BELIEVE THAT LITURGICAL
PRACTICES CAN TRANSCEND
SPACE + TIME. I BELIEVE
THEY CAN TOUCH OTHER
REALMS, THE MORE-THAN-
HUMAN, THE DEAD.



I BELIEVE THEY ARE
RECEIVED + SUBTLY
ANSWERED.

I JUST HADN'T SEEN
MY ONLINE SHARING
AS A FORM OF LITURGY.

UNTIL NOW.

