

Ikkyu Quotes

*Spring, Rain, Moon, Tree, Blow, Color, Practice, Daughter, Self, Vegetarianism,
Religious, Differences, Lost, Body, Nature, Strong, Arguing, Beautiful, Life, Tea*

Having no destination, I am never lost.

~Ikkyu

Learn how to read the love letters sent by the wind and rain, the snow and moon.

~Ikkyu

Eight inches strong, it is my favourite thing; If I'm alone at night, I embrace it fully - A beautiful woman hasn't touched it for ages. Within my fundoshi there is an entire universe!

~Ikkyu

Like vanishing dew, a passing apparition or the sudden flash of lightning -- already gone -- thus should one regard one's self.

~Ikkyu

Break open the cherry tree: where are the blossoms? Just wait for spring time to see how they bloom.

~Ikkyu

Many paths lead from the foot of the mountain, but at the peak we all gaze at the single bright moon.

~Ikkyu

Look at the cherry blossoms! Their color and scent fall with them, Are gone forever, Yet mindless The spring comes again.

~Ikkyu

Become a Buddha? The mind can't do it. The body can't do it. Only what can't become a Buddha becomes a Buddha.

~Ikkyu

From the world of passions returning to the world of passions: There is a moment's pause. If it rains, let it rain, if the wind blows, let it blow.

~Ikkyu

We must become what we were Before we were born

~Ikkyu

Break open A cherry tree And there are no flowers; But the spring breeze Brings forth myriad blossoms.

~Ikkyu

My real dwelling Has no pillars And no roof either So rain cannot soak it And wind cannot blow it down.

~Ikkyu

Don't read the sutras - practice meditation. Don't take up the broom - practice meditation. Don't plant tea seeds - practice meditation.

~Ikkyu

You do this, you do that You argue left, you argue right You come down, you go up This person says no, you say yes Back and forth You are happy You are really happy

~Ikkyu

I and other humans no difference.

~Ikkyu

The tree is stripped, All color, fragrance gone, Yet already on the bough, Uncaring spring!

~Ikkyu

Watching my four year old daughter dance I cannot break free of her.

~Ikkyu

The salvation of birds and beasts, oneself included - this is the object of Shakyamuni's religious austerities.

~Ikkyu

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