

# ORDINARY ENLIGHTENMENT?

Deconstructing the Notion of Noetic Awareness



**An-Yi:** Speaking of enlightenment, is there any way for any ordinary person to experience enlightenment - at least for a moment?

**Bhāraté:** (jokingly) Sure! Stick a light bulb over your head and turn it on: that should do the trick.

**Daiki:** (more seriously) Why would you want to be enlightened? Isn't it better to be a fool? Persons claiming to be "enlightened" are invariably arrogant & create all sorts of mischief. It's better to acknowledge your own imperfections from the onset & laugh: do not make a pretense that you are anything more than a human being.

**Chariya:** I wonder if we realize what that means: to be fully human?

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