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## Not for You by David M. Valadez

Deshi: Sensei, are you Awakened?

Sensei: What does that mean?

Deshi: Have you ever had an ultimate experience, a religious experience, an Enlightenment experience?

Sensei: I have never had any vision that has prompted me to believe I have achieved anything special; I have never had any realization that told me I have reached the end of my training; I have never had any kind of breakthrough that had me hold that I have no more breakthroughs to make. No, I am not Awakened. All there is before me is this daily practice.

Deshi: That is Awakening.

Sensei: Not for you it is not.