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“Zen and Western Thought” is one of the intellectual areas which must by all means be studied and elucidated in today’s world. And yet it is an extremely difficult subject. To deal, in all its ramifications, with this theme which is so vast and difficult to grasp in its core, is quite beyond the powers of the present writer. I shall attempt here only a preliminary sketch with the hope that I can revise it in the future after I have obtained the criticisms of my learned readers. Keywords. Pure Reason Western Thought Fundamental Category Dependent Origination Individual Thing. These keywords wer