

THE LIGHT SIDE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

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How many meditation teachers does it take to change a light bulb?

Fifty. One to actually do the work, and forty-nine to offer reflections on it.

How many joss-stick Buddhists does it take to change a light bulb?

Why bother? Kwan Yin will do it for us.

How many monks does it take to change a light bulb?

They can't. There's no light bulbs in the Vinaya.

How many vipassana meditators does it take to change a light bulb?

No need. Just mindfully note: 'darkness, darkness, darkness'.

How many tantric adepts does it take to change a light bulb?

Two; but they have to do it in full lotus posture.

How many Nagarjunas does it take to change a light bulb?

Since there's no Nagarjuna and no light bulb, how can there be any change?

How many Buddhist scholars does it take to change a light bulb?

An internationally respected committee of academics, after deliberating all night, conclusively failed to agree on the meaning of the word 'light bulb'. Meanwhile, the sun came up.

How many Zen masters does it take to change a light bulb?

The peach blossoms fall softly on the warty old frog.

How many Ajahn Brahms does it take to change a light bulb?

The light bulb just has to get into jhana, then it'll glow by itself.

How many Abhidhamma scholars does it take to change a light bulb?

There are 20W light bulbs, 40W light bulbs, 80W light bulbs, 100W ...200W...

There are 6V light bulbs, 12V light bulbs, 120V light bulbs, 240V light bulbs...

There are incandescent bulbs, fluorescent bulbs...

There are clear light bulbs, pearled light bulbs, colored light bulbs...

There are screw-in light bulbs, bayonet light bulbs...

There are 20W light bulbs that are 6V, there are 20W light bulbs that are 12V...120V...240V...

There are 40W light bulbs that are 6V...240V...

80W...100W...200W...

There are 20W light bulbs that are 6V incandescent...

There are 200W light bulbs that are 240V, florescent, colored, and bayonet.

How many arahants does it take to change a light bulb?

One.