

The Blind Turtle

Once upon a yogi time a wise monk shared a story with her unmotivated student:

“There is a blind turtle who lives in the depths of the ocean. This ocean is deeper than deep and as big as this world itself. On it’s surface floats a golden ring that is continuously buffeted by the wind and waves. Every hundred years the blind turtle rises to the surface of the ocean.”

The monk asks, “What are the chances of the turtle’s head emerging right in the middle of the golden ring?”

Unimpressed, the student answers with a lazy yawn, “Very rare.”

“Just as rare,” says the monk, “as obtaining a precious human birth and the rare opportunity to attain enlightenment. Only a fool would waste it.”