ZEN DISEASE:

A critical examination of zen

Bhäraté: There's something ruthless about zen.

An-Yi: Indeed. Embracing any dogma or ideology whole-heartedly is

a ruthless process.

Daiki: To me, zen seems like an approach to dying – all that it does is negate.

Bhäraté: Yes, and then it negates the process of negating. It's utterly absurd.

Chariya: (laughing) And do you think that life is logical?

Cut all desire

Clear all pretense away

Remove all compassion

Never let manners get in the way

Cut concepts of past or future

Let "wisdom" wash away

Eradicate all morals

Erase any doubt about what I say

Cut! Cut! Cut!

Until there is

Only nothingness

Only the sword

knows the way



An-Yi: (frowning) Is this what happens when little men love their swords?

Bhäraté: Hey – the same thing happens when big men love their machine guns. . .

An-Yi: Hasn't there been enough cutting around the world already? When is

the time to mend?

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