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Dear Richard,

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Your question is eminently reasonable!
What is to be done if you meet a Zen Master (says the koan)?
Shall you talk to him, ignore him or rock him on the chin?

ANOTHER
ATTITUDE..

Sometimes a student will say: "I give in. I am
through trying to argue. I am at your disposal."

What do we do then? Contact God & have him
send a wheelbarrow to collect the student?

STUDENT
HASTO DO
IT HIMSELF

Alas! Even the saints of old wrestled with themselves
for years in the desert, as did Gautama the "Buddha." But the
student wants supreme satisfaction, ~~enlightenment~~,
health, the equivalent of a \$5000 perched ~~on a~~, --- all for
a casual grudging word and a "might as well, it don't cost
nothing" attitude -----

YOUR ATTITUDE

This however is not yet your position.
You are demonstrating to me graphically that one cannot
"decide or decide not to decide" or "write without demonstrating
conceit or a pretence at reason".

CONVINCED?

That is - you are not saying: I am convinced that
there is something to attain. How do we attain it?

No!

Oh no! You are just making a point.
If you were "convinced" there would be MUCH to say
- in particular how you had changed from the letters before
when you had all your intellectual spines up like a porcupine
& your dichotomizing "reason" all agog to tear everything in half
----- Then we could go on from there.

ILL SHOW HIM!

But your letter is merely a device in the
arguments you put up (valid or not it doesn't matter),
in the pushing away of something you don't especially
want. Better bring on the dancing girls to stir your
jaded appetite, it won't be until the years start
coming alarmingly quickly, perhaps, that you ^{will} awake from
your leaden lethargy.

OK
Please