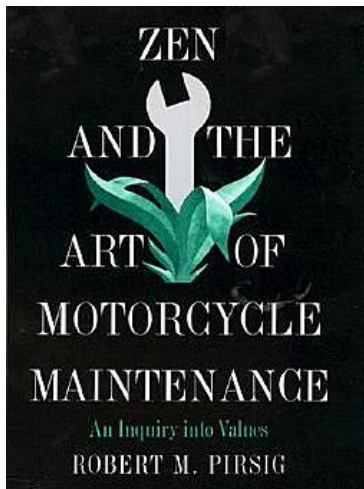




The Investment Ecosystem

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance **Series Index**



This series appeared on the original incarnation of *the research puzzle* blog.

It relates challenges in the investment world to the themes of *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig.

[across the great divides](#) An iconic book of the 1970s provides the framework for looking at the investment world from a different perspective. This first in a series of postings looks at a number of dualities that are examined in it.

[searching for quality](#) It's easy to bandy about a word like "quality," but quite another thing to grasp its characteristics and apply them in a judicious way.

[gumption traps](#) We are continually faced with problems, some caused by external forces and others by internal ones. Meeting them head on is a challenge (at least for most of us).

[getting unstuck](#) We've all been there. Frozen, unable to move forward, caught in an approach that just isn't working at all. It can happen to organizations (and industries) too.

[analysis itself](#) Diagrams of investment process invariably illustrate the functional elements and steps of decision making. But what lies deeper within?

[a cycle called yourself](#) As a long trip together ends, it's time to get more personal and think about the lessons learned from the ups and downs along the way.