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Film Series

# A Zen Life: D.T. Suzuki

A Film by Michael Goldberg

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# Cold Mountain

A Film by Mike Hazard

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*A Zen Life* is a biographical documentary of Daisetz Teitaro Suzuki (1870-1966) – a man who bore great responsibility for bringing Zen Buddhism to the West during the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This film features still shots taken from various stages in D.T. Suzuki's life, a lively voice-over commentary, and interviews with many people who knew D.T. Suzuki personally, including Mickey Stunkard, Frederick Frank, Huston Smith and Gary Snyder. 77 minutes.

*Cold Mountain* is a documentary about the Chinese Zen eccentric T'ang dynasty poet Han Shan "Cold Mountain" who lived on the mountain from which he took his name. Han Shan spent his time wandering through the mountains writing poems on trees. He would often show up at the kitchen door to the temple in Kuo-ch'ing, where his friend Shi-te worked as a cook. We have little more than a bare outline of the details of Han Shan's life. However, his eloquent poetry still resonates with modern readers. Four modern Zen poets and writers provide much of the commentary for this documentary: Gary Snyder, Red Pine, Burton Watson and Jim Lenfestey. 28 minutes.

Admission is free.

