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Re: Eido Shimano to "offer his sincere regret" in mediated t

by Genjo on Tue Nov 24, 2015 6:48 am

Here are another couple of points about what I heard in the recordings...

1) Eido starts out by giving a lot of praise and gratitude to his chief benefactors that allowed DBZ and the Zen Studies Society to develop. Without Chester and Dorris Carlson DBZ could never have been built. However, as was pointed out by others at the meeting, he should have started out with an apology to his benefactors who came to regret their gifts because of Eido's many misdeeds.

2) The first person to speak was the current head monk of DBZ, someone who has long loved, admired and trusted Eido Shimano. Jodo dramatically told the story of how her practice was destroyed by the 2010 revelation that Eido was still having sexual relations with students. I find it interesting that a woman who was never sexually approached by Eido was the first person to "confront" him about his misdeeds. To me her dramatic presentation felt a bit staged, which is not to say I don't see the great harm that came to her by his betrayal of her trust. She went on to say that she had been waiting for five years for this deep apology, but it is clear from the recording that Eido found it hard to admit the harm he had done to someone's practice whom he didn't make any moves on. Junpo, Eido Roshi's first Dharma Heir, kept trying to speak for him, but anyone listening can hear it was like pulling teeth.

I hope to hear more of the recording of the rest of the event, what has been offered so far is only about a third of the meeting I think.

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