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Dear Friends:

The Zen Buddhist community in the United States is awaiting publication of an expose in a national journal, probably New York Magazine, of the behavior of Eido Tai Shimano, abbot of the New York Zen Studies Society and rōshi of its two centers, Shoboji in New York City, and Daibosatsu Monastery in the Catskills. It is likely to show that Shimano has behaved in a pathologically exploitive manner for many years, and will produce quite an éclat I feel sure.

Would you folks be interested in running a response to this exposé from within the American Zen tradition? I have one prepared that is just over 11 pages in length, ms form. Anne Aitken and I were Shimano's first spons^{ors} in the United States and are perhaps in the best position of anyone outside the Society itself to comment.

Let me know. Use my home address below.

Sincerely,

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