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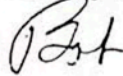
Dear Brother David:

Here is a piece on Nakagawa Sōen Rōshi I put together for a memorial volume being edited by Elihu Genmyo Smith, now of San Diego. It has been vetted to avoid libel against the priest Shimano.

I note with some discomfort that you are appearing on the same podium with Shimano at Naropa. Would you do this with a Christian priest with the same reputation?

Please write me your thoughts. I will be at the Ring of Bone Zendo during August, c/o Gary Snyder, 18442 MacNab Cypress Road, Nevada City CA 95959, phone (216) 292-3793.

Sincerely, fraternally,



Robert Aitken

P.S. The version of "Remembering Sōen Rōshi" I enclose is a computer printout for a pasteup to be used for its publication in the forthcoming Blind Donkey.