

--- On Sun, 9/12/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Subject: Letter Addressing Eido Shimano, Roshi
To: zssboard@gmail.com, zssethicscom@gmail.com
Cc: mfortune@faithtrustinstitute.org
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 7:35 PM

September 12, 2010

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Eido Shimano, Roshi and
The Zen Studies Society
Dai Bosatsu Zendo, Kongo-ji
223 Beecher Lake Road
Livingston Manor, NY 12758

Dear Roshi and members of the Zen Studies Society Board:

In light of the recent revelations of Eido Shimano Roshi's inappropriate relationship with a young dharma student, together with the allegations over the past 40 years, I am terminating my relationship with Eido Roshi as a student and terminating my connection to Dai Bosatsu Zendo. I find it completely unacceptable that Eido Roshi is still in a position of authority and influence.

The following is to Roshi:

In the time that I studied with you there were many times that you were sexually suggestive with me. In particular once in the library where you said it would be too intense to have sex for real, we should use our minds. At that point, you projected some sort of energy to me and then asked what I felt. I told you, "Masculine energy." You nodded and made an attempt to continue, which I refused. This is just one instance of other instances you approached this way. I naively considered your innuendos to be "skill means" that were used to lead me into a kind of spiritual liberation or kensho.

Roshi, it is one thing to enjoy sex with an individual, particularly out of the monastery. But to use your mind, your power, the sacred traditions of dokusan, teisho and the monastery...all places where I felt manipulated by you, was very damaging and very controlling. The culture and spirit of senior students of the monastery, is that you are a regular guy with the right to approach woman under

any circumstance. Furthermore, I was made to believe by others that I am perfectly capable of protecting myself in your presence and that I should grow up.

Roshi, if I am your friend, I will do what a loving friend ought to do; report you to people who can help you. Helping you starts with stopping you from hurting your friends.

Evidently, even confessions to the sangha has not resulted in an effective change of Eido Roshi's misconduct as demonstrated already over time. Therefore, I will be making public every thing I know of Eido Roshi and his teachings to others who are striving to have him lovingly removed from public service. I will be contacting other Buddhist communities as well as public officials requesting their assistance on this matter.

As a dharma student, I will set aside my desire for self-actualization until I can find a teacher who can demonstrate to me how to stop one's self from harming others.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Mon, 9/13/10, carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Subject: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Date: Monday, September 13, 2010, 4:47 AM

Dear [REDACTED],

If you are the same person named [REDACTED] that I think you are, I have met you several times at Dai Bosatsu Zendo and I hope that all is well for you. I am writing because I have received your letter addressing the board of directors of the Zen Studies Society as well as Eido Roshi.

First, I am truly sorry to hear about this situation. It is very troubling to hear this account of events occurring at DBZ. As a member of the ethics committee, I would like to ask you to please tell us your experience and share your viewpoint in more detail. Your perspective is very important to us and I can assure you, it will be heard. In addition, we wish to be of service to you in any way that we can. On the committee besides myself is Genjo Marinello in Seattle and Keiun Dacey (you may know her) in New York.

[REDACTED], with your permission, is there a telephone number where I, or perhaps Keiun can contact you to speak in more detail?

Please take care [REDACTED]. With respect, I await your response.

Sincerely,

Yuko

--- On Mon, 9/13/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society
To: "carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@hotmail.com>
Date: Monday, September 13, 2010, 11:51 AM

Dear Yuho,

Thank you for your response. I am in the process of gathering my memories, it has been two years since my kesseis at DBZ. Yes, I believe I am who you remember. You always stuck me as a concerned and responsible individual.

I would like to speak with you too, however I am also concerned that a representative of DBZ is also a supporter of Eido Roshi and will in some way attempt to influence my opinions. Nevertheless, your character made a strong impression on me and of anyone there, I would prefer to speak with you only. I have not heard any of your opinions of Eido Roshi's situation.

I have read in a two different publications by Genjo pointing out the this recent affair with Roshi was initiated by this young student. Why, Yuho, does Genjo point this out? Is it because he somehow believes that Roshi was the one who was "seduced."

This from the board who am supposed to trust as objective investigators?

So Yuho, in spite of this, I have the desire speak. I want you to have the information you need to have an accurate account of my experience.

Yes, you can call me. My phone number is [REDACTED]. I can be reached after 5PM on weekdays. Tonight is a good night as the next two nights I will be busy until 8PM.

Thank you again for your immediate response. I can assure you my story will come forward.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Tue, 9/14/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@yahoo.com]> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@yahoo.com]>
Subject: Re: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society
To: "carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED@hotmail.com]>
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 8:43 AM

Dear Yuho,

Thank you for taking the time last night to speak with me. You expressed yourself very gently and professionally. I appreciate your perspectives. As we discussd I will be drafting a writen version of what I shared with you over the phone. Would you please send me a copy, or write down, what it is you presented to the Zen Studies Society on my behalf. I appreciate all your time on this. And again, Yuho, thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society CONFIDENTIAL
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 5:59 PM

THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT TO BE VIEWED BY [REDACTED]
AND THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ONLY

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for sharing your story. I hope that all is well for you. This is what I understood to be the main points that are relevant to the ethics committee and the Board of Directors. So, I would like to ask you to please review the notes below and give your feedback as to accuracy as soon as possible. IF there is anything that you wish to change please let me know and I will forward your corrections right away. Also, could you please tell me the time frame in which the incidents occurred? I think that this information should also be included. Thank you [REDACTED] I will await your response.

Sincerely,

yuho

Report by [REDACTED] to Zen Studies Ethics Society Committee member on 9/13/2010

[REDACTED] stated that:

- Eido Roshi engaged in sexual innuendos with her frequently.
- Eido Roshi played "mind games with her."
- Eido Roshi circled her nipples with the "stick" in dokusan.
- Eido Roshi brushed up against her in a sexual manner on the stairwell.
- Stated that she feels that Eido Roshi was using his mind and psychic abilities to have access to her and other women in a sexual manner.
- States that Eido Roshi continually said that, "Sex between us would be no good for you, me, or the sangha." However, [REDACTED] felt that he said it even after there was no longer an apparent issue or need to say it.
- During her time at Dai Bosatsu Zendo [REDACTED] considered sexual energy and flirtation with Eido Roshi to be a part of practice. However, after reading the "Shimano Archives" online she felt that Eido Roshi was being manipulative sexually.
- Stated "Roshi gave many innuendos but, would he really have sex with me? I don't know."
- States that Eido Roshi said, "If I had sex with you, it would destroy your practice."
- States that Eido Roshi said, "We didn't have sex for real so we can continue to practice."

- █ acknowledged that she has many "delusions" and cannot verify that what she supposed people were thinking is necessarily true. Therefore, she wished to emphasize the "actions" of the situation rather than what she inferred people to be thinking.
- Although she feels that there was sexual inappropriateness, █ stated that she felt that Eido Roshi was trying to help her.
- She feels there is an air of complicity at DBZ by senior students and teachers of inappropriate sexuality.
- She was very vulnerable during her time at Dai Bosatsu Zendo.
- Stated that she considered herself to be a daughter figure to Eido Roshi.
- █ stated that she was really distraught after her time at DBZ and spent two weeks in a psychiatric hospital afterward.
- Stated that Roshi encouraged her to think of him as a "regular guy" and not to idolize him.
- Stated that she felt this was an ongoing problem and that Eido Roshi abused his position and authority.
- Stated that she wants Eido Roshi to resign immediately.
- Stated that there is no desire for reconciliation because the issue of sexuality has gotten in the way of that possibility.

Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 05:43:44 -0700

--- On Wed, 9/15/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society CONFIDENTIAL
To: "carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 10:27 AM

Dear Yuho,

Thank you for all your work on this. I found your points to be acceptable summaries of what I said. There are just three points I can offer you. First, I googled the term "dokusan stick" and found relevant information. No need to quote "stick" as I didn't mean it to have any special meaning for the kotsu. Second, I found the term "mind games" a bit vague and callous. I don't mind this description, only it is not a direct quote from me.

Third you omitted two import incidents I will put them as succinctly as I possibly can:

- 1) The is a ceremony where new students meet with Roshi to sign of book in the meeting room acknowledging their commitment to complete kessei. At this meeting Roshi looked passed my face and with squinting eyes as if he can see inside my chest said, "Do you want to have any more babies."
- 2) In one of my earlier dokusan's with Roshi, I told him that I was sorry if he might be shocked by a word of thought of when I saw him at lunch that day. He asked me in a strange tone of voice, "Tell me what is the word." I told him, "Fuck." He closed his eyes and pursed his lips, and nodded his head back and forth. The facial expression was so sexual the best word to describe is indeed, Fuck.

I spent many hours last night thinking the situation over. I will do my best, to get back to you with the information you need. I will also be sending the board my own written account of the stories we discussed over the phone.

Thank you Yuho.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Wed, 9/15/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society CONFIDENTIAL
To: "carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 10:35 AM

Dear Yuho,

It is going to take some time for me to pour through my calendars to get a the time frame information. I will try to get this information to you by Friday. I also welcome any specific questions from you or the Ethics Committee. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Thu, 9/16/10, carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society CONFIDENTIAL
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Date: Thursday, September 16, 2010, 6:49 AM

Dear [REDACTED],

I understand about the time it will take you, that is fine of course. I know that this whole matter is difficult. In regard to questions, I would like to ask, will you still send your own statement? I think that is important. Also, I am wondering if my transcription of notes of our conversation is accurate to you?

Please take good care [REDACTED], and talk to you soon.

Sincerely,

yuho

--- On Thu, 9/16/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Your letter to the Zen Studies Society CONFIDENTIAL
To: "carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 16, 2010, 11:12 AM

Dear Yuho,

As to the accuracy and any corrections I already sent you a reply. In this reply I said with the exception of a few points, I found your summary to be acceptable. Your account can only be as accurate as any second hand account can be. I think it is good enough. My own written letter will come as quickly as possible. Yuho, I feel you to be an individual who values integrity. I appreciate the service you are doing for the public being served by the Zen Studies Society.

I didn't want to make too many changes, but I do want to point another thing out. You put "Shimano Archives" in quotes. Actually, I didn't make mention of it. My word was "online." I said online, because, as a first step, I did a simple google search and found several online resources. Here is one of those online resources,

http://www.snapnetwork.org/snap_statements/2010_statements/081910_zen_studies_society_announces_ethics_investigation_snap_responds.htm

Below is the email that I sent you earlier. If you need to do so, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Fri, 9/17/10, carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>

Subject: Ethics committee

To: [REDACTED]

REDACTED SIX NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Date: Friday, September 17, 2010, 5:24 PM

Dear All,

I spoke with [REDACTED] today. She added two incidences to the statement taht I transcribed. In addition, Fujin has committed to giving Roshi a opy of what I had already transcribed so that he can respond. I propose that when all this is done, as per our charge, the ethics committee convene and then present findings to the board. At that point, the boiard must meet and discuss implications.

Gassho,

yuho

--- On Fri, 9/17/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Ethics committee

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED SIX NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES]

Date: Friday, September 17, 2010, 5:45 PM

Yoho and all,

Will do. I need zazen and will be at NYZ Sunday, free after 5 if any others venture there.

Gassho,

Keiun

--- On Sat, 9/18/10, [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Ethics committee

To:

REDACTED SIX NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Cc: roko@hoenji.org

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2010, 7:05 PM

thanks Yuho, I am hoping that this investigation moves along soon -- will you and Keiun speak directly to Roshi?

soun

p.s. I dont see Shinge Roshi on the recipient's list so I have cced her.

--- On Sun, 9/19/10, Shinge Roshi, Roko Sherry Chayat <roko@hoenji.org> wrote:

From: Shinge Roshi, Roko Sherry Chayat <roko@hoenji.org>

Subject: Re: Ethics committee

To: [REDACTED]@aol.com

Cc: [REDACTED] REDACTED SIX NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES [REDACTED]

Date: Sunday, September 19, 2010, 1:45 PM

thank you.

shinge

--- On Thu, 9/30/10, carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Subject: A Question
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2010, 6:13 AM

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that all is well for you. I am writing because another member of the ethics committee, Keiun [REDACTED], would like to speak with you regarding the ethics investigation. She would like to telephone you, but I told her that I would need to ask your permission before sharing your telephone number. So, I would like to ask you; how do you feel about this? Please let me know.

Best regards,

Yoho

--- On Thu, 9/30/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: A Question

To: "carl [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 30, 2010, 9:47 AM

Dear Yuho,

Sure, Keiun can call me. My phone number is [REDACTED]. A good time to reach me most days is 8:00 pm. Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Thu, 9/30/10, carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: carl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: A Question
To: [REDACTED] " <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2010, 7:06 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you. I will pass on the information.

All the Best,

yuho

--- On Sat, 10/16/10, [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Subject: Message from Soun of the Zen Studies Society
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2010, 7:11 PM

Dear [REDACTED],

This is Soun Joe Dowling. I am now the president of the Board of the Zen Studies Society. I have received your emails and Yuho's report regarding his conversation with you. The other Board members and I have been profoundly disturbed by the content of your letters and the subsequent report. We sincerely apologize for any emotional distress that you have suffered.

Behavior of this kind cannot be tolerated, and we have taken a clear and definitive stand. As a result of our activities Eido Roshi has resigned from the Board. He has also issued a letter of apology to the sangha -- admitting his arrogance and lapses over the years. And finally he has submitted his resignation at Abbot of DBZ, effective 12/8/10. The Board is now in control of operations and is rewriting the ZSS By Laws to change the future of the organization.

In addition, I forwarded your two letters and Yuho's report to Eido Roshi in accordance to our Ethical Guidelines. His response so far is to ask that you and he have a face to face meeting at DBZ or in New York City which would be monitored by third parties. I am letting you know about this offer with the proviso that this is entirely up to you and with the full expectation that you may not wish to meet with him.

Please be so kind as to let me know of your wishes. The Board and I will respect any decision you make, and we also respect your privacy.

In conclusion, let me make a deep bow of apology for any unwanted behaviors or words that you may have been subject to. I sincerely hope that your life is full, healthy and free of undo worry.

With gassho,
Soun

--- On Mon, 10/18/10, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:
From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Message from Soun of the Zen Studies Society
To: [REDACTED]@aol.com
Date: Monday, October 18, 2010, 8:24 AM

Dear Soun

Thank you for your message and your warm words. I want to make it clear to you that I came forward because I believe that it is best that Eido Shimano resign immediately. My intention was to provide to you what I know to support this opinion.

Soun, I don't know what kind of journey this has been for you. I do wish you well, also, and hope that soon you will encounter your own resolution.

As president of the Board, have you monitored the activities of the Ethics Committee? I ask because in one conversation Yuho told me that there were complaints from others in the sangha regarding Roshi. Later Keun told me I was the only one to come forward. When I questioned her about this she told me that my first email to the Ethics Committee was received by Genjo, who then forwarded it to Keun and Yuho asking whoever was interested to contact me.

Further, Keun also told me that there was some pressure for her to meet with Roshi to present my letter with comments to Eido Roshi. She also grudgingly mentioned that this was because I had also sent an email to the Board of Directors. She said the Board wanted this resolved as soon as possible.

Soun, there are obvious issues here, do you see them?

It appears to me that the Zen Studies Society really needs outside monitoring. As there is nothing officially in place for this service, I have to say the Shimano Archives was the best thing to happen to your organization.

Meeting with Roshi face to face, I don't believe would be beneficial to Roshi. I don't think Ros has true remorse and I think it would be sad to be an audience to more lies. I also feel unable to help him at this time. I'm simply not qualified. I can only say with the best certainty that he needs to get assistance from an acceptable teacher immediately.

All that said, I have loving feelings for Roshi and I hope all his basic needs are provided for in his retirement. I would like to visit Roshi someday, but now is not a good time. If any of this is unclear I can elaborate at a later time. Right now, I need to get to work. Take good care Soun, and thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

--- On Mon, 10/18/10, [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com> wrote:

From: [REDACTED]@aol.com <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Message from Soun of the Zen Studies Society
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Date: Monday, October 18, 2010, 3:03 PM

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your reply.

The Board is doing everything it can to make the transition to the future a smooth one considering the current turmoil.

We and especially I wish you and your family good health and contentment.

with Gassho,

Soun