

**From:** "Oppenheimer, Mark" <mark.oppenheimer@nytimes.com>  
**Subject:** **RE: Eido Shimano - Zen Studies**  
**Date:** December 26, 2010 9:05:39 AM EST  
**To:** Kobutsu Malone <kobutsu@engaged-zen.org>



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Someone else asked me about this letter, and I can only say I have not seen it, but it is possible he sent it to the Times building and it never found its way to me. I can only say it's total nonsense; I left numerous messages at the Manhattan and Livingston Manor phone numbers, and spoke to somebody at Livingston Manor who promised to give him the message. I reported on the story for over a week (it was closer to two weeks), so he had ample opportunity to return my calls. Furthermore, I spoke to several of his own board members. So I simply don't believe he didn't get my messages. Of course, if he wants to talk now, I'd be more than happy!

Regards,  
Mark

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From: Kobutsu Malone [[kobutsu@engaged-zen.org](mailto:kobutsu@engaged-zen.org)]  
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2010 2:12 AM  
To: Oppenheimer, Mark  
Subject: Eido Shimano - Zen Studies

Dear Mark,

We talked briefly concerning my work on the Shimanoarchive just after your article hit.

A letter, allegedly from Shimano to the NYT, has just surfaced. Can you confirm its authenticity?