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"Water drunk by the snake becomes venom, water drunk by the cow becomes milk"

by Myoan Grace Schireson, The Buddhist Channel, Jan 10, 2011



Grace Schireson's letter to Board of Directors of Zen Studies Society on Mr Shimano's misconduct

Dear Soun Joe Dowling,

I am writing as a Dharma cousin to encourage you and your sangha to terminate Rev. Eido Shimano's teaching responsibilities and connection with the ZSS as recommended by the FaithTrust Institute October report . As a Zen person, I have given you the pith of my message first; the explanation of how I presume to involve myself follows. [More](#)

No honorable exit, stop protecting Mr. Shimano

by Jundo Cohen, The Buddhist Channel, January 10, 2011

A member of the American Zen Teachers Association calls Shimano "...a kind of monster in our midst".

Dear All,

I will briefly speak as a newer member of this organization, junior to many people here whom I respect whose opinions may differ. For the first time since joining this body, I am ashamed. [More](#)

Letters from Zen Teachers to the Zen Studies Society

as compiled by Rev James Ishmael Ford, Boundless Way Zen; The Buddhist Channel, Jan 10, 2011

Introduction obtained from Rev James Ishmael Ford's blog "Monkey Mind".

"On the 1st of December, 2010, the Reverend Eido Shimano wrote a letter addressed to the NY Times, although not published there, stating that he had not resigned as abbot of the Zen Studies Society and its affiliate organizations as a result of his embroilment in a series of sexual misconducts. As a result a number of Zen teachers have written to the Zen Studies Society requesting that he not be allowed to continue in any capacity that allows him access to students. I've offered to post these letters for those willing for them to be public. At this moment there are nineteen letters & twenty signatores. I will continue to add these letters so long as teachers forward them to me." [More](#)

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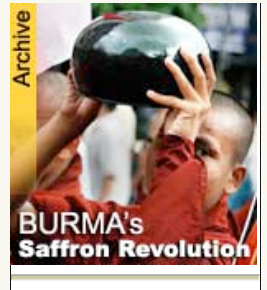
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