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Subject: DBZ Transcript

Dear Soun

Although I agreed not to mention about the Shoboji key matter, I did not agree to ignore Zensho's question and my response. This must be clearly transcribed and distributed to the ZSS sangha properly.

The reason why I feel that this is so important, is that if we dont nurture the seeds of future Dharma students, the continuuity will not be done.

By my doing zazen meetings (no dokosan no teisho) rather than formal sesshins, my intention is to sit together and study the zen classics in a classroom format. Thus, everyone will have the opportunity to share the enthusiasm while I am still able to teach. And when the time comes, I will send them to DBZ and they will start (like Freshman) their zazen training. Even Harvard university would disappear in ten years if there were no freshmen students. No one in our sangha wishes THIS for the future of DBZ and Shoboji.

What we all need to do is to nurture the next generation. Shoboji's Public Meetings on Thursday Night used to be the entrance gate. We seriously need to think the reactivation of Thursday Nights.

With the cooperation of the ZSS board, what i can do is start sowing the seeds of the plant for the next season. Right now we are too involved with present problems and have not been concerned about the future ten or twenty years from now. DBZ is already 35 years old. Time flies and I am getting older.

These students will grow and become the core of the next generation. Same is true in Japanese Dharma Classs. Yusen, Shinobu, Junko, Julie, and others who are regularly going to DBZ to help each weekend are all from the Japanese Dharma Class. So without their presence, DBZ will suffer a greater impact.

I am not creating a new Sangha. Instead, I am hatching new eggs for the future growth of Shinge's students. Who would know? some of them will become future residents, some of them will be future monks. this is what i regard as important from my response to Zensho's question.

Therefore I urge you to include my comment in response to Zensho's question.

Gassho,
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