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Re: Eido Tai Shimano

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Ingratiant writes:

Sometimes there's very true, that it is an immoral student that is having sex with the teacher, but as I have learned from women who were in Tibetan Buddhism, the teacher tells them that in order to become enlightened, they need to have sex with him, and what can get worse is downright rape. A teacher because of his power can talk a student into things that they would not ordinarily do, and with younger women, those who have been in abusive relationships, especially by parents, it is easier to manipulate these women into having sex.

I completely agree that the power dynamic can sometimes be so great between a spiritual teacher and their students, that if it is the case that the teacher is pursuing aggressively a much younger vulnerable student, such actions are as lopsided as to boarder on rape. I wish I had not heard stories like this and worse concerning Eido Roashi, but I have. If they are true, and I personally believe they are, then indeed the scars from such encounters can easily last a lifetime. I and many others defended Eido Roashi believing that his history of sexual encounters with students ended long ago, I believed, or was it deeply wished, they had. I certainly had no first or second hand knowledge of any continuing violations in the time that I trained with him before last June, but I now believe he was very good at keeping these things secret. To say I am disappointed is a vast understatement, and some of that disappointment is directed at my own gullibility.

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