



[If you really miss Eido Roshi but are afraid to show it...](#)

**UPDATE** as of January 2012: Eido Shimano Roshi is the founding Abbott of the Zen Studies Society who is retired and is not obligated to teach under the Zen Studies Society rules or sponsorship. **However, he is still free to teach and lecture as he pleases anywhere else.** Thank you to all those who helped.

Previously, Eido Roshi's teaching was held hostage. Hopefully, soon it will be that, Soen Roshi's ashes, Nyogen Senzaki's ashes as well as the ashes of sangha members are no longer hostage, that Roshi is welcome at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, Kongo-ji and New York Zendo, Shobo-ji.

### **Where in the world is Eido Roshi?**

Well... Thanks to Zensho and Daishin who secured a location for the day, this picture could be taken on January 16, 2012. So many things to celebrate: Rinzai Day (Jan 10 or Apr10), Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday and Daishin's trip to India, Sarei.



[more sarei photos.](#) Page was live as of January 25, 2012

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### Looking ahead...

#### **Monday Feb 6, 2012 - Sitting at Shobo-ji (without Eido Roshi)**

Zensho is organizing an orientation for newcomers at Shobo-ji on Monday February 6 2012.

Here is a video about it.

[video](#)

#### **February 2012 - Month-long University Course led by Eido Roshi in Japan**

Probably the same university as in the past.

#### **The First Rinzai Zen Sesshin in Turkey with Eido Roshi, April 1-7, 2012**

I have edited out the contact information for the organizers. There is a form at the end of this. You can fill it out and I will forward your contact information.

- Dates: April 1st to the morning of April 7th, 2012
  - Location: Istanbul, Turkey
  - Cost: The cost of the sesshin, including accommodations (shared double occupancy) and meals, will be \$1000 per person, **not** including airfare and transportation.
  - Deadline: Deposit payment of \$250 USD as check payable to Alp Omur no later than March 8th, 2012
  - Roshi will be giving Alp Jukai and leading the sesshin
  - [\*This is the invite from Alp\*](#)
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### **What you've missed...**

#### **Friday January 27 2012 - Sitting at Shobo-ji** (Without Eido Roshi)

The regular sit. Plus a couple of people from Rinzai's day.

#### **January 16, 2012 - Rinzai Day Evening Sit (with Eido Roshi)**

Evening sit celebrating Rinzai Day, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday and Daishin's departure. see details up page

#### **2011 Tea Events at shobo-ji** (without Eido Roshi)

A couple of tea ceremony events at Shobo-ji organized by Zensho. How \$25, half an hour, a quarter cup of powdered green tea make you feel harmony

#### **December 31, 2011 - New Year's Eve at Kips Bay** (with Eido Roshi)

Evening sit.Sarei. 6-10p

**Dec 5-7 2011 - Mini-Rohatsu Sesshin at Kips Bay, Dec 2011 (with Eido Roshi)**  
3 Zazen-kai Evenings to Honor Rohatsu

The events above are privately held events, not associated with an organization. Dharma students are encouraged to attend and support Shobo-ji and Kongo-ji with their presence and their nen.

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**Ideas if you love Roshi and are working your  
way**

**(back into love)**

This page is to be in support of the people who love Eido Shimano Roshi. Because of a cross-cultural barrier, many people may feel bullied in hiding their love for him, in being quiet in their defense of him. What are we, except babies brainwashed at birth.

**No 1. hope.**

Ask Shakyamuni Buddha, Nyogen Senzaki, Master Joshu, Master Rinzai or any other Buddha you feel an affinity for to help you. They are the master of medicine. There is not a mental prison they can't get you out of.

**No 2.**

Prayer.

**No. 3.**

This book “Jesus lived in India” (book). It helps to know more about the beliefs that are making you you. That did it for me, it lessened the pressure of the current bible as the justification for having me live in a coffin that is too small. Just a small window of how the early Christian church was, the political fight for what would become the “word of God”

**No.4**

So you are not supposed to love him, they say, but this is not the first time you have found a work around is it... Here is a list of things you are not supposed to do at all but that are pretty common in America

Lying even white lies  
Extra marital sex  
gluttony, envy, over eating  
Coveting other people’s spouses...

You, oh wise one, made your own deal with God, after all, who will comfort you when you are down (not them), when the lights are out and you are all alone in your skin (do you care what they think?)

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**Why it was a non-issue for me:** sex as not so different then a cup of tea

I love and respect Roshi. I don't think he would ever hurt anyone. The scandal was not an issue for me and the reasons I offer to help others might seem rude or disrespectful but they are not in my heart. I think one lifetime is not enough to fully appreciate the treasures to be had with Roshi's wife, Aiho-san, so why would he stray. Also, doing 10 or so zen retreats a year are not one of the easiest ways to get laid. Also, how long does sex last, 10-20 minutes, this whole conspiracy theory of Roshi being an evil lecher, we would have to have a sangha of the most beautiful women on earth trained in all the nuances of sexual congress, and still, that would not be enough motivation to lead the life of a monk or a Roshi.

I had a lot of dress rehearsal. Many men I have loved since infancy have been accused of infidelity and with strict Catholic upbringing, I wanted to toss them to the nogood pile. But then it happened again and again and again and I realised this belief in fidelity was setting us up to be tormented looking for something that does not exist.

**The wisdom of my mother: She said**

**men don't change**

When I heard of the first scandal, I did not know if it was true. I wanted to continue being Roshi's student even if it was true. And if it was true, things would not change because "men don't change". If they smoke, drink, party, overspend when you meet them (take it or leave it)

**The bible is the word of God but squewed by the custom of the times**

All this scandal is our attitude toward sex and religion and the attitude of the people about sex 2,000 years ago.

**Way to a man's heart is thru his stomach, so bake**

This whole quest to master the activity of a man's penis, turns people into beings with no dignity. A whole decade of fidelity and trust to be destroyed based on a moment of 10 minutes. Act out to attract and keep this elusive and inexistent thing, the man on a sexual leash.

**When a man says he loves you at 10am, he means it so does he when he says it to some other girl at noon**

All this to get to where Samantha in *Sex and the city* got in the episode where she runs up 10 or so flights of stairs with a diamond thong torturing her to find out if the man of her dream is cheating on her and she realises she can never be sure. She can't have her happiness depend on someone else not doing something.

Oprah once asked a roomful of divorced women (that left cheating husbands) if they would do it again and the number with the hands up was low.

This obsession with no-sex. Some might say it is responsible for the AIDS epidemic in Africa. Missionaries went and with their one wife motto, 2nd and 3rd wives became prostitutes, their kids raised in poverty. It's not that I think polygamy is it, just that applying a sexual model that goes against nature and forcing it on others is dangerous and self-detrimental.

Also, I guess people can grow tired of hearing of the mistakes of their past, but they still exist, what happened when the Puritans left the persecution in Europe, (whisper) genocide, slavery. Wouldn't you rather have a clergy and a sangha in a frank sexual conversation whatever it might be?

When I heard of the first scandal I was relieved, It confirmed for me that this might be a safe place.

Some cult had recently committed massive suicide and practiced castration. I just thought they don't want to deal with real life, with their bodies. If those rumors are true, there is no such problem around the Sangha at Shobo-ji.

I guess this kind of thinking is pretty common outside of America. One Sangha member from Latin America asked me if they had hung Roshi too! Sometimes it helps to know your thinking is not the center of the universe.

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### **Would Roshi take you back?**

I don't know but probably. He never stopped caring. You can ask say Nyogen Senzaki or Master Rinzai to come with you the first time you see him after you said or thought terrible things about him.

Roshi is the master of circumstances and can steer you even after anything. If you need inspiration, to build the fight, "You say, I am an apple, I should never have associated with likes of you bananas!", to make up you say "I was so harsh and rude, bananas are pretty nice and afterall we are all just fruits." (using my big fat greek wedding movie line)

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## Ideas on dealing with the pressure

### *Could you be free?*

Somewhile back, some scientific article said people think of themselves 99% of the time. I used to have a huge afro and was ridiculed in high school. noise, noise, noise. one day, I did some mainstream hairdo and 1 person noticed.

take away... 99% of the time people think of "me, my dog, my bills" the 1% probably is "my kid's bill" or maybe "that guy". 1% and it is to say something negative. It's not sad, it means you are free to do what you want. If people want to rule your life as to who you can love, they need to give you more than 1% of their thinking time!

### *Do you feel unwelcome?*

Someone did something and now, you love Roshi, you can't find him *and* you feel uncomfortable! What to do? **1.** Ask a Buddha or Boddhissatva for help (ex. Kanzeon, Kukai). That should be enough. **2.** Recognize, that they might hurt you again but it's worth it. Who wants peace, prepares war. (proverb) Where they looking for your inner warrior or your inner bitch? well, they found it! By

push or shove, somehow, you found Roshi and you will not lose him. Most likely result, polite tolerance for each other.

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