



Banko Randy Phillips [Feb 6, 2012 06:00 PM](#)

Blue,

Your comment is well noted, as well as your tone. Well, Genjo Osho is his own man and so is Seigan. Certainly neither of them need me to speak for them - but since you have categorized them thusly I will comment none-the-less. Seigan came in at the end of one of the last ER scandals. ER had seemingly been on his best behavior until the recent scandal broke. As a former President of the board of directors of ZSS I did not witness anything firsthand (or other) that led me to believe that ER was misbehaving in his old ways (which I was not really knowledgeable about until the archive came into being). When the recent scandal broke I talked with both Seigan and Fujin and neither of them knew beforehand of the affair - and I trust their words. Previous to that I was more concerned about his entrustment of the New York Zendo (Shobo-ji) to his wife Aiho-san. I led an intervention with senior Sangha members to try to have her removed before she ran the place into the ground. I was successful to a point but it was overturned by him (=her) within a few months. I had a mini-stroke there after and stepped back. There was a Shobo-ji advisory committee set up to take over control of Shobo-ji - they were shut down by ER within a few months.

Your comments seem to be quite easy to make for you - "Seigan is Genjo's go-to man" and "I wonder why Seigan stayed with ZSS so long." I have no idea who you are because you use an alias. Seigan gave his youth to this organization and it was tremendous act of courage for him to leave. Genjo-Osho as a Dharma heir also showed his unfailing commitment to right action by his actions. His course of action was not due to any outside influence - Seigan's or mine (I left the board after Seigan and before Genjo-Osho.) To quote your words "Seigan..the one who turned him from defender to just another disgruntled dharma heir." I assume by your words that you do not know either of the two people that you talk about. If you do then pardon you for your insults. These are people who have my respect and they deserve respect and not derision.

As a past member of ZSS what am I, or Genjo-Osho or Seigan (or Genkaku or Kobutsu in their time) guilty of? We may be guilty of loyalty. We may be guilty of looking at human faults that we deemed as minor that turned out to be major. But when we discovered the truth we acted in the best way that we could given our individual situations. "What more need you seek?" That was a rhetorical question, by the way.

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