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I'm a Zen student observing the Shimano train-wreck with appalled fascination.

I think that DBZ need to have their feet held to the fire about their current relationship with Shimano.

For instance Robert Lewis has just been made "Roshi" by Shimano. On looking at the Jacksonville Zen center web site, Jacksonville (where Lewis is the teacher) claim to be affiliated with DBZ. Is this OK with DBZ and Shinge?

If so, they are obviously comfortable with Shimano continuing to practice and give out "transmission".

There's only so much the wider Zen community can do, but there is no doubt that Shimano's behavior has done immense damage not just to DBZ or to Rinzai Zen, but to the whole Buddhist Sangha, especially in North America.

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