




## BG 304: Zen Predator

by **Mark Oppenheimer**

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### *Episode Description:*

Mark Oppenheimer is an essayist, reporter, critic, and one of the United States' leading investigators of religion. His new book, *The Zen Predator of the Upper East Side*, is an investigation of the decades of sexual scandal surrounding Japanese Zen teacher Eido Shimano.

Mark joins host Vincent Horn to discuss the book and the impact his writing has had on the Zen community. Mark reports a brief history of the situation, they discuss the conditions that led to the problems, and they examine why the problem of sexual misconduct is not as common in other Western Buddhist traditions.

### *Episode Links:*

- [The Zen Predator of the Upper East Side](#)
- [MarkOppenheimer.com](#)

### *Transcript:*

Transcript coming soon...



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