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I have asked Andy Afable to post the following comment on the current situation of ZSS.-- Zogen.

The following is from Zogen:

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Do you believe that, once Eido Roshi is separated "definitively" from ZSS, the Board will undertake any systemic reform? Where will they get any credibility?

Whatever they do, now, will be perceived as a reluctant action under pressure, not to their credit. Their silence shows they are stuck, and have not come to a point of clarity. Internal squabbling will lead to a dissipation of effort and loss of focus.

What role are other Zen Organizations prepared to play in helping them (beyond writing letters)?

My fear is that a very small group will close ranks with the Board & everything will remain the same. Perhaps only for a while, then -- they will crumble.

Economically, "demographically" & in terms of standing in a wider Buddhist community, ZSS position is unsustainable. There is nothing worse than a "leaderless group" with assets. I've seen a slew of them during dot.com era, in the 90s, & among start-up hedge funds. Communalism of purpose was not a saving grace.

Let us all hope for reassuring news.

Gassho,

Zogen