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Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and others

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

Report Quote

by christopher::: on Wed Aug 15, 2012 8:19 am

genkaku wrote:
Follow the money:

"Eido Roshi will be attending DBZ for OBON on August 11th-12th. He will also conduct a special ceremony on Sunday with honored guests from Japan, to inaugurate the new Samon Gate for DBZ."

--- From [Playful Moon](#)

That photo from January 2012 is surprising, looks like he still dresses himself formally and presents himself as a Zen priest.

Oh well. Seems clear to me that those who were harmed by their experiences with Eido Shimano will find the greatest peace of mind and happiness by releasing any and all expectations of there being dramatic changes made as long as Shimano lives. It's just very unrealistic.

That's one of the sad lesson here, imo. Don't expect pigs to fly, trees to walk, or stones to feel remorse or grieve.

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"You are the sky. Everything else, it's just the weather." --Perma Chodron



Genjo

Posts: 151
Joined: Mon Aug 30, 2010 11:57 am
Location: Seattle, WA USA
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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

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by Genjo on Wed Aug 15, 2012 9:22 am

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Oh well. Seems clear to me that those who were harmed by their experiences with Eido Shimano will find the greatest peace of mind and happiness by releasing any and all expectations of there being dramatic changes made as long as Shimano lives. It's just very unrealistic.

Yes, it is time to move on. Recently I was asked about forgiveness as it relates to Eido Shimano Roshi. As we know, just recently on August 12, 2012, Eido Roshi was scheduled to conduct a special ceremony with honored guests from Japan, to inaugurate the new \$100,000+ Samon (Main Temple) Gate to Dai Bosatsu Zendo (DBZ), the Zen Studies Society (ZSS) monastery in the Catskill Mountains of New York. The current abbot of ZSS invited him, Shinge Sherry Chayat Roshi, appointed by Eido Roshi to be his successor. Many former ZSS students, including myself, and some current participants, including some ZSS Board members did not consider this invitation a good idea. In fact it is my recollection that nearly the entire ZSS board, at least when I sat on it, did not intend to invite Eido Roshi to this or any other ceremony on ZSS property, let alone allow him to "conduct" one (see: <http://playfulmoon.com/EidoRoshi/segaki...2Email.pdf>).

Personally, I've come to forgive Eido Roshi for turning out to be a sexual predator who preyed on the most vulnerable female students under his care, resorting to date rape when he couldn't get his way, and passing STDs to his students. Perhaps this forgiveness is not mine to give, as I was in no way abused or assaulted by him, but somehow I've come to understand that he clearly had no capacity to control his impulses, even though he was confronted about his problem multiple times over the course of decades. I have no desire to see him in prison, even though in many states he would be in prison for having sexual relations with multiple females (often at the same time) in the "congregation." And from my gratitude to him for serving many others and me in his role as a Zen Master, I even want him to have a decent retirement package, but not what appears to me to be the ridiculously absurd package he is insisting on. However, given the facts of this case, I could only support a retirement package that was contingent on Eido Roshi's complete retirement from teaching anywhere. You see, though he has my forgiveness and understanding, I do not want more innocent students exposed to his abuses of power and authority.

What I'm not yet able to forgive is that Shinge Roshi and the ZSS board continue to expose the ZSS Sangha to this man that still denies he has a problem, at least not any kind of problem that would require him to work on his culpability. What I also cannot forgive or understand is why they are bankrupting the organization trying to pay him his deferred compensation at the rate of \$90,000+ per year in compensation and benefits, even though he continues to teach in New York and elsewhere around the world. (See: <http://playfulmoon.com/EidoRoshi/where.html>). Unfortunately, Shinge Roshi has told me he deserves this amount, which is why I think she is unwilling to test the issue in court. Yet, by holding to this position, she and the board are indirectly funding Eido Roshi's ability to continue to teach, exposing more students to his predations. As many know, ZSS is currently seeking to set up a conservation trust with the Nature Conservancy for about half of the DBZ property, an idea which I support, to fund the Shimanos retirement, which I don't support or forgive (see: <http://www.choboji.org/NC.pdf>), as it will continue to fund Eido Roshi's teaching and predations off property.

Even though I had to leave the ZSS board because I was tired of being asked by Shinge Roshi to cover up for Eido Roshi multiple times (see: <http://sweepingzen.com/interview-genjo-...es-society>), and my temple, Chobo-Ji in Seattle, terminated all affiliation because the Chobo-Ji board recognized that the ZSS was not adequately addressing those directly harmed or alienated, ZSS for better or worse will always be my root temple. Therefore, I am still hoping for its recovery, not its downfall.

However, to my knowledge:

- 1) No further exploration or healing with the wider sangha is scheduled.
- 2) The current operating ZSS bylaws have not been made public, I'm told because they are being worked on; however, this does not fit with any idea of transparency I'm aware of.
- 3) At this point the board is still essentially appointed, not elected, and the bylaw modification process is a board only concern.
- 4) The long awaited forensic audit of ZSS books examining other possible abuses of power and authority, promised since the fall of 2010, has no scheduled completion date.

5) An organizational apology for its part in not better protecting its own sangha over decades of abuse has never been offered and no published ZSS newsletter has ever stated clearly why Eido Roshi resigned as abbot.
6) Eido Roshi retired in the Fall of 2010, yet his possessions still clutter both temples to such an extent that Shinge Roshi has not even been able to sleep in the abbot's quarters of either temple. It is as though these rooms have become shrines to him or are awaiting his return.

Many have said to me, "Shinge Roshi is doing the best she can," but sometimes we must come to recognize "the best we can" just doesn't cut it, and if we are clear eyed enough to see this we must say so. In my opinion, Shinge Roshi's loyalty to Eido Roshi is clouding her better judgment and hurting ZSS's chances of recovery. By supporting only the sangha left standing after another mass exodus, so many are ignored and left out of the process. At least this is how I see it.

In my mind, forgiveness can only come when one can reasonably conclude the abuse has stopped and those who have indirectly supported it have sufficient comprehension of the damage done that they have halted any direct or indirect support. All I can say is Not Yet. For myself, I will concentrate on my own practice with the Seattle Sangha, and I pray this is the last post I will feel compelled to make on this subject. As Christopher says, it is unrealistic that ZSS will ever actualize the dream I once had that it would become a welcoming temple to those who have been abused or alienated. It is time to let go and move on with our lives.

With palms together,

Genjo

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Rujin on Wed Aug 15, 2012 11:14 am

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Genjo wrote:
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Wow.



Rujin
Posts: 82
Joined: Sat Aug 04, 2012 4:19 pm
PM

Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Nonin on Wed Aug 15, 2012 1:40 pm

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This is Genjo's view. Shinge's is quite different.

Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

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Nonin
Global Moderator
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Joined: Wed Feb 04, 2009 9:30 am
Location: Omaha, Nebraska, USA
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PM

Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Rujin on Wed Aug 15, 2012 2:54 pm

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Of course, but what is the truth?



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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Carol on Thu Aug 16, 2012 11:48 am

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Genjo on Thu Aug 16, 2012 1:21 pm

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Yes, we have seen her view of why I left in an email she sent, which was outed here on this forum, along with her apology. I think the half of the ZSS board that resigned mostly in disgust and disbelief since Eido Roshi was forced to retire would share my recollections and views. I can provide the evidence of this if need be. Shinge Roshi has worked at nearly every turn to try and minimize the board's response to Eido Roshi's actions and protect him from further "embarrassment," which is why so many left. Yes, it can be said that this too is just my opinion, but I can and have provided point by point examples.

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genkaku
Posts: 3834
Joined: Sat Feb 07, 2009 8:24 pm
PM

Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by genkaku on Thu Aug 16, 2012 3:14 pm

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Carol -- As one of the apparently offending parties, I apologize. I do what I can in my practice not to take cover behind any imagined position or spiritual 'achievement.' I'm not always successful, but I try.



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by Nonin on Thu Aug 16, 2012 3:32 pm

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Rujin wrote:

Of course, but what is the truth?

It is impossible to determine the "truth" of past events. What a person thinks happened is not what happened. It is the person's idea in the present moment of an event that happened in the past. Witnesses to past events vary quite a bit when recounting those events. In a situation such as this it's more productive for people to work together to move forward productively than to continuously rehash things by pointing fingers at other people's past conduct as if we have a lock on the truth

Eido Shimano is retired from ZSS and no longer has any official function there. Shinge Chayat, the current Board of Directors, and the many sangha members who continue to practice there are committed to proceeding in a positive direction and changing the culture that led to past abuses, with the help of professional mediators and a good legal team. These people have been working together for these past months and have been making great strides. They deserve our support and the time necessary to continue and ultimately complete their work. Second guessing by those from afar is not at all helpful and serves no useful purpose.

Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

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Kobutsu
Posts: 61
Joined: Mon Feb 23, 2009 1:43 pm
Location: Sedgewick, Maine, USA
PM

Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Kobutsu on Thu Aug 16, 2012 3:43 pm

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Genjo-osho, since you have so generously offered to supply the above evidence concerning the recollections and views of the ZSS Board members who resigned, please do so in order to insure that an accurate record of what transpired is available in the archive. There is a dearth of factual information surrounding ZSS activities. Those of us who have poured significant portions of our lives and treasure into ZSS in the past and now comprise a disenfranchised sangha, find the "feel-good" "ZSS-speak" publications being touted as "news" to be disgracefully dishonest and delusional.

We hear of ceremonies for Sammon gates but have yet to see even one photograph of this hundred-thousand dollar construction... why? Does any one out there have a photograph of this "gate complex"? A lot of us would like to see it...

And Nonin, that is your view... mine and hundreds of others are quite different.

Last edited by Kobutsu on Thu Aug 16, 2012 4:17 pm, edited 1 time in total.



Spike
Posts: 49
Joined: Thu Aug 19, 2010 1:15 pm
PM

Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
by Spike on Thu Aug 16, 2012 4:05 pm

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Nonin wrote:

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Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

Not true. He was invited by ZSS to officiate at the reveal of the Samon gate just last weekend.

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

by Genjo on Thu Aug 16, 2012 5:49 pm

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Who's second guessing?

Eido Shimano Roshi groomed vulnerable female students under his care for decades to meet his sexual desires, sometimes resorting to force to have his way.

I was multiple times asked, nay told to suppress embarrassing actions or evidence against Eido Roshi by Shinge.

The Shimanos are being paid at the rate of \$90,000+ per year in compensation and benefits.

Eido Roshi was invited to conduct the Samon Gate ceremony at DBZ this month.

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No published ZSS newsletter has ever stated clearly why Eido Roshi was forced to resign as abbot.

Eido Roshi's possessions still clutter both temples so that Shinge Roshi has never once slept in the abbot's quarters of either temple.

If this is "making great strides," your opinion, then we will just have to agree to disagree.

Genjo

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

by Nonin on Thu Aug 16, 2012 7:10 pm

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Kobutsu wrote:
"And Nonin, that is your view... mine and hundreds of others are quite different."

Yes Kobutsu, that is my view. It and those of hundreds of others are quite different from yours.

Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

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Kobutsu

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Location: Sedgwick, Maine, USA



Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

by Kobutsu on Thu Aug 16, 2012 7:22 pm

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Kobutsu Reaches down and rings the little bell....



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by Nonin on Thu Aug 16, 2012 7:28 pm

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by **Nonin** on Thu Aug 16, 2012 7:31 pm

Kobutsu wrote:
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Hands palm-to-palm,

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Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

Dear Nonin,

I find it amazing that you can read the body of evidence and still call what I have said "merely allegations." I doubt even Shinge would disagree with a single point, though surely she would try and explain or excuse herself for her actions and inactions. Your loyalty to your friend is admirable.

I know that the bylaws that were operating when I was on the board have been replaced and the new ones not made public. Shinge herself would not deny this. I do agree that even newer bylaws are being worked on and are "not yet finalized." I have never said anything different than this. I think the current operating bylaws reveal something of Shinge's character which she wishes hidden. I have a copy of the draft, but not a final copy, of the current operating bylaws, so I may indeed have some insight about this. Nevertheless, it seems we will never know for sure, because the current operating bylaws have not been made public, and it seems never will be.

With palms together,

Genjo

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Hands palm-to-palm,

Nonin

Indeed, it must be a wondrous thing, not only to ring a little bell, but to be authorized to do it.

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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot
D by Spike on Thu Aug 16, 2012 8:02 pm

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Nonin

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Genjo

In truth, I believe Mr. Nonin is unable to refute the body of evidence, and therefore is forced to hide.

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D by Kobutsu on Thu Aug 16, 2012 8:43 pm

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An AZTA "authorized bell-ringer"....

From Sweeping Zen: <http://sweepingzen.com/sexual-controversy-surrounds-open-mind-zen>

Sexual controversy surrounds Open Mind Zen
Aug 16th, 2012



We're back again with that old persistent problem: Another Zen teacher stands accused of sexual misconduct.

This isn't a story I particularly want to write, truth be told. When the first email message accusing Ai Fusho Rapaport (pictured right) of Open Mind Zen of sexual misconduct arrived in June of this year, it was something I took note of and logged away. Because I had interviewed Ai in the past (an interview I quite enjoyed), I found it odd that he of all people would be accused of relationships with female students. He was quite vocal in the interview on the topic and, when discussions would ensue on Facebook regarding Genpo, Ai would often stop in to remark.

The letter had originated from a former member of Open Mind who disclosed details of a relationship between Sensei Ai and a female who "came to the Center for spiritual guidance" which led to an Assistant Teacher resigning at the time. After asking me who all he should inform, I recommended he contact some individuals with the White Plum Asanga, the Faith Trust Institute and An Olive Branch -- which he did.

This month, I received a second email, this from Ely Kugo DesJardins (pictured left), now a former Assistant Teacher of Sensei Ai who has a location for meditation in Tulsa (now unaffiliated with Open Mind Zen). So here I had two emails from two different people in his organization. I had to admit that Ely's piece was pretty detailed. He ended up putting it in blog format for others to read, available at Open Truth Zen. Check it out and see what you think of the whole thing.

I contacted Sensei Ai to see if he would like to offer a response to the accusations, mainly from Ely. Here is Ai's response:

First of all, I'd like to thank Adam for the chance to respond to the two reports he has received. I will try to be brief and to present facts rather than my opinion.

- 1) It is true that about 4 or 5 years ago I engaged in a relationship with an Open Mind Zen group member, which ended approximately 4 years ago.
- 2) I admitted and do now admit that this relationship was a serious transgression.
- 3) Ely DesJardins was aware of the relationship, and chose to continue studies with me up until recently.
- 4) I have not engaged in a relationship with a member of Open Mind Zen since the one of 4 years ago ended.
- 5) I did have a relationship last year with a non-member while separated from my wife. This was the catalyst for current disruption in the Sangha. I take full responsibility for these effects and admit that I was engaged in an unhealthy pattern of behavior which I am now working with.
- 6) The White Plum Asanga Wisdom Circle and my Transmission Teacher recently issued a list of recommendations to address this situation and I am following all of them. They came to these recommendations after more than a month of interviewing all parties including those who claimed injury at the time.

After reading Ely's claims about "L", I felt the need to contact her for an honest statement that we could have permission to print, as I didn't remember anything improper occurring during our short connection. Here is her statement in part:

"I never felt you did anything unethical or immoral . . . I never felt violated by you in any way."

I will be taking a break from teaching to implement the WPA recommendations on a full time basis. I give my deepest apologies to those who I have offended.

Sincerely,

Sensei Ai Rapaport

I'm sure there will be more to come of all of this in the days to come, but I'll leave it at this for now. I understand that Ely's blog may be updated in the coming days with more details from others. If you are a former or current member who would like to be heard, just let me know.



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D by Carol on Fri Aug 17, 2012 3:09 am



Carol
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Moderator's Note:

I have just removed several more posts. Everything that can be known about Eido Shimano and ZSS, and the past and current state(s) of affairs has been fully set out here by participants with differing points of view. Nothing new is being added, merely points scoring and/or personal bickering over whose allegations and views are more or less "true."

The spectacle we're witnessing on this board now is adding nothing to the body of knowledge or understanding, and is more posturing and insults.

I am locking this topic. The moderators will review whether or not it will be reopened. Nonin will be asked to recuse himself from the moderators' discussion, as he has been an active participant in the exchanges here. If you want to communicate your views about whether the topic should remain locked or be reopened you may do so by PM either to myself or to "Global Moderators" -- but NOT on the open forum.

~Carol

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