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Here is new entry in the Shimano Archive which proves that the Dai Bosatsu organization and the current abbot Shinge Roko Sherry Chayat are still enmeshed with the disgraced retired founding Abbot Eido Shimano. To invite him as a priest with "his sangha" to come to a "private ceremony" and sit at DBZ is an insult to all those that he has harmed there over the decades. If he laid down his robes and stopped teaching, I think it might then be acceptable to honor him for his contributions to the founding of the temple. At least Sherry has yet to invite him to resume teaching, and I seriously doubt she would go that far.

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Genjo Marinello Also see Eido Shimano's response to this invitation:

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Monika Winkelmann I absolutely agree. If I had been suffering from his lies - because I despise the lies often more than the deeds themselves -, or one of my many female students, suffering from or struggling with sexual abuse in their (early) childhood or their youth, and therefore uncertain about their boundaries and open to later abuse, I would and they would breathe deeper again to see this former GREAT teacher and master lay down his robes and humbly set a sign of repentance. - This ongoing lies and denial of egotistical, compulsory exploitation of confidentiality is unbearable and unacceptable. I do expect from the leading Roshis and Senseis of the monasteries, not only of Dai Bosatsu, but especially there, a morally higher and far more insightful posture towards their obviously beloved teacher. Love is Okay, in my eyes, but love sometimes, and especially for parents, leaders, in any field, has to be sometimes "Hard Love", connected to conditions which have to be fulfilled without wavering by the somehow blinded person. A healthy courageous step made in this direction, with the necessary publications, could have unforeseen HEALING EFFECTS on the whole ZEN-FIELD, not only in the USA, because Eido Shimano is so famous. I could respect him and his friends for this step of getting out of the mud of ignorance and really and heartfully take an ENLIGHTENED DECISION. If you think, my contribution here could be of any help, and I should work on it more, and it could would do anything to bring the Lotus to flower again. Including a voyage to Dai Bosatsu itself. MAY MY BLESSINGS CROSS THE OCEAN AND CONTRIBUTE IN THE BEST IMAGINEABLE WAY FOR ALL, CONNECTED TO EIDO SHIMANO, AS I MYSELF AM.

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Seiho Morris My first response is wowwww! I'd been secretly prayer that Shinge Roshi was past her craziness with Eido-San. Especially since Shunan Noritake Roshi was going to be there for the 40th anniversary Sesshin.

Eido-san's attendance given his current lack of standing with the Temples turns this into a Game of Zafu's moment. It puts them in the hall together and forces an acknowledgement of sorts.

My second response is it would appear plain and simple she's had s codependent "Relapse," thinking she needs him there for some purpose, as she extended the invitation. People often have odd relationships with their abuser.

My third response is this would seem to be a self inflicted breaking of agreements (boundaries) that he not be allowed in the DBZ property. Once we open the door on some things, very difficult is it to close it again. Had the door not been opened, there would be no loss of energy on this. Now people that wanted to attend since he wasn't going to be present may waste a lot of energy in this turmoil.

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Seiho Morris PS... That whole bit about "DBZ" and "Shoboji" being a desert and waiting for Dharma rain... Darned if Eido-San turning a good phase. I love his ability to do that. What I don't love is Eido-San was the one that made it into a desert in the first place. He's the arsonist and fireman; at the same time.

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Monika Winkelmann I like this allegory: arsonist and fireman at the same time. BUT: If somebody is poisoned, fire is not the right antidote. Poison is powerful: Sometimes, I guess, nobody would find out, what ingredients have led to the collapse. - I was reflecting today about something else: To admit something so hidden to yourself, so embarrassing, so awful, that would really need a safe container. Are we at that point to honestly offer a safe container? I personally would have loved Marshall Rosenberg to dedicate himself to this special field. He has been at some of the darkest places of this planet and has written about this most difficult task: To connect with the needs of the person who has tortured, killed, exploited, lied... Does this make sense what I am writing? I am constantly asking myself how I would respond to this, and this, and this... Gassho: Jion

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Seiho Morris The repeated act of arson happened on a physical, mental, emotional and spiritual scale. It left people injured, burned, deprived of oxygen... It's worse than poisoning... And then he comes in as the fireman... The hero... Claiming he knows how to heal that which he set fire to... We who training with him... There are many of us consciously and unconsciously healing from his actions... His betrayal of our trust... Energy... Time... Effort... Dedication... He claims... DBZ... Shoboji... Is a desert... My observation is... He is the desert. He is the mirage... And he may die deluded thinking that his darkness is light.

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Seiho Morris So now... Here is the twist. There is no illusion... We all understanding clearly know that Eido-San is a Sex addict, who has repeatedly shown the inability manage himself.

What Shinge Roshi has done is invite an alcoholic out for a drink and is now an active part of the sickness and dysfunction... This is after having Eido-San himself admit that they'd had an affair... After she herself stated publicly and privately that she did not. Now she's inviting them in as a part of this 40 years celebration... This invitation is a total sign of insanity and lack of awareness to the depth and he harmed the community.

As far as I'm concerned she's whacked out

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Monika Winkelmann Human beings are more than their behaviour. To be addicted is to be sick. Why despise sick people? Addiction-sick people cannot manage themselves. To expect this, only leads to suffering. If we are very outraged about a person there is something we have in common with that person. I will send them all my love. To them and those harmed by them. Including myself, I also have harmed people. We are all one. Nine bows and lots of blessings for all temples and Sanghas and individuals involved. _()_

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Seiho Morris de-spise I də'spīz/ to feel contempt or a deep repugnance for... I there on the behavior. I can despise or dislike behavior without hating the person.

In terms of being "Very outraged we have something in common with that person..." He was my teacher... I trusted him... I liked him... His intellectual prowess is strong... He beyond all doubt knows the forms connected with practice... In my head I could not reconcile holding our vows and violating them... Again... And again... And again... And again... Shinge Roshi's action enables a sick person... It feeds his ego... He is very far from where Soen Roshi would have him to be.... He is disgraced.

To turn it in a way that's understandable. If there was a priest in a parish that did what Shimano did, do you think or believe that it would be okay to have the priest come and visit with the "Flock?" It was be unsound and misguided.

Having Eido-San on the property sends a message and is a psychological impact on people. DBZ is essentially where he held court... In fact Shinge Roshi may have settled the legal action with Eido-San... But she has not settled the harm with individual sangha... That was a huge part of his power base. It is neither smart or wise to invite him.

Once you create an exception or opening for someone of his ability... Like an unrestrainable immature person or narcissist... He will not stop trying to seize ground. He will as he always has... Find ways to seize more. His presence incredibly persuasive and he wields it like a skilled surgeon. Please do not expect an arsonist to genuinely be a fireman. It requires more than earning the badge... There is indeed the spirit of a thing. If he happens to find some matches to strike, he will because his nature compels him to do so. Just looking at his path through life will tell you that.

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