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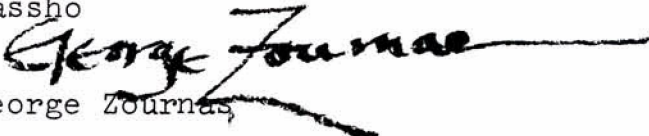
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Dear Aitken Roshi:

Further to my letter of September 29th regarding Eido Tai Shimano: Dr. Ogura called me to say that Sylvan Busch, the Acting President of the Zen Studies Society, had telephoned him to say that he - and he was speaking for Mr. Shimano too, of course - felt that it would be impossible to find three "neutral" people in the Sangha and that therefore there would be no point in following through on Dr. Ogura's idea of forming a fair-minded committee of Sangha members to carefully investigate the charges that have been brought against Mr. Shimano by a number of his women students over the years. It would have been a fine opportunity for Mr. Shimano to have cleared himself once and for all, but he seems to prefer the murkiness that exists now. Because of this development, Dr. Ogura has abandoned his idea, and he will now leave the matter to heaven and the laws of Karma - as will I. I suppose, there is, therefore, no need for you to trouble yourself in the matter.

Ms. Robin Westen, the young woman who triggered the latest development, says she firmly intends to proceed with the publication of her article.

Namu Dai Bosa,
Gassho


George Zournas

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