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Dear George Zornias

I have read your letter with profound concern. It seems to me that with the publication of the exposé you have an important opportunity. You as the former president of the Zen Studies Society retain responsibility for its members, its former members, and its teacher, despite your resignation from the Board.

I urge you to put your personal anguish aside and confer with your colleagues and former colleagues about the possibility of legally enjoining the teacher from teaching. He is, as you know, establishing a new temple in Washington D.C. This won't do, and you can marshal facts and testimony to prove it.

I urge you to put your anguish aside and ask a psychologist or psychiatrist you trust to lead a group of former members, including yourself, in therapeutic sessions that will enable you to work through your grief and sense of betrayal. This will encourage other groups of former members to do the same. You have expressed concern about the welfare

of former members. I share this concern and urge you to take appropriate action to help them.

I ask that you do not copy this letter and send it around, but that you compose your own letters and make your own phone calls. You have the personal resources, and you have a network of friends with personal resources to use the opportunity this expose presents, for the sake of all beings.

Yes, I feel very supportive, and other teachers do also, and we are ready to do what we can. But the burden of action rests upon you who have or have had the legal, organizational obligation to create a true training center in New York.

Please put blame in a box, put a lid on it, and cast it into the East River. Now is the time for Samantabhadra to take Great Action.

With gasshō

Robert Gilken