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Aloha Kobutsu,

The number of times I have heard "Let True Dharma Continue" now makes my stomach turn given the fact that Shimano is suing ZSS and if he wins will certainly mean one kind of end. As you know most all of his original large donors distanced themselves from him in the end. Of course we are not talking about the end of True Dharma whatever transpires - more like the end of certain brick and mortar establishments. But establishments that so many gave so much to - yourself included.

In one aspect - all of this recent history really comes down to Fujin. She was instrumental in killing Jiro off and she was the one who drafted the letter that dissed you at a time that you really needed help. If Roshi had reservations ordaining you (and I have no knowledge at all that he did) to mention that to a 3rd party in the circumstances that unfolded was a breach of ethics that is as bad as anything he has done to anyone. Fujin never liked you - for whatever reasons - and considered you a poseur and pretty much spread this around. I thought that the activism that you were attempting was refreshing. I eventually got into hospice as my own form of activism.

But all of this would have unfolded so differently if you had not made it a quest to get all of the information out. It would have gotten out but slower and I doubt that "Daphna" would have dropped the bombshell that she did when she did. I believe it was the archives that informed her that she was just one more in a long list of Shimano's dalliances.

But of course I am glad that is all out - and we all have you to thank for that. At this point I have hopes that somehow the two Zen centers can continue - but if they fail that is OK too. I left the board because of Roko. She was well meaning but caught up in beliefs that I had no chance of shaking at the time. When Shimano lied to the board just days before "Daphna's" revelation I realized that this guy was not at all who I thought he was. Eventually I was at a moral impasse - I felt strongly to force Shimano to take a leave of absence at least - I let her and the board know - got nothing back (but barbs from her) and so resigned. While I personally would not study under Roko (or anyone else at this point) what she did in Syracuse before all of this was commendable. I know a few old timers people who are sitting with her now in NY and like what she is doing in both places.

May True Dharma Continue! ? ha-huh ?

Mahalo,

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