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#51

### [Toby Threadgill](#)

Location: Evergreen, Colorado

Join Date: Oct 2006

Posts: 150



Offline

### Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Hello,

This is very simple. The individual in question deserves nothing but my contempt because he, with malice, violated among the most important moral principles of human decency. He also violated the most basic concept existing between a student and teacher, that of trust! There is no recompense for such a violation, there is no recovery of trust. There is only the repugnant aftermath of moral dereliction and victimization. To imply that this individual somehow deserves to be allowed back into the community of budoka boggles my imagination. He is an abomination of what it is to be a man.

Furthermore, the host of the event in question will only bring embarrassment to the memory of Saito sensei if this event moves forward with Klickstein in attendance. Are these people morally blind? Do they refuse to understand what Saito sensei made crystal clear by kicking this individual out of his fold? Do they just not "get it"?

I'm a koryu budoka and at times like this I'm particularly proud to say so. In our tradition there are strict rules we adhere to. Every member of our organization takes a blood oath to maintain a standard of moral behavior and dignity that is not negotiable. It is not malleable. If a member violates one of our enumerated bylaws, the hombu dojo will take swift and decisive action to address the situation. You're rank, position or technical skills are irrelevant because the reputation of the school and the welfare of the membership is at risk. If a particular violation is particularly egregious, the individual is not just disciplined, they are expunged! It's as if they never existed, and that is as it should be.

I suppose its easy for some people to be cowardly and rationalize doing nothing, but not me and obviously not George Ledyard. So George, I stand strongly with you and your decision to speak out. My teacher, Takamura sensei once stated: "Real budoka always run towards a conflict." This is a moral conflict we are witness to and I will not sit quietly by. Saito and the victims he sought to both acknowledge and protect, deserve our public indignation.

Tobin E Threadgill / Kaicho  
 Takamu ha Shindo Yoshin ryu



 09-13-2011, 07:44 PM

#52

**dps**

Join Date: Apr 2006

Posts: 1,979

Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

**Eva Fenrich** wrote: 

*I think while there is a risk of this causing further problems for the victims, the risk of NOT discussing this openly is even bigger.*

*The guy's name is on an official course announcement, which means he might be accepted back in the community with a "well this was something loooooong time ago". Or people involved who don't even know about these events from "way back".*

*So making this discussion public might help to not get to a point where he is "back in business" and maybe grooming the next victims. While there is a chance that he has learned something over the years and wouldn't do such things any more, I believe in "better safe than sorry".*

*Also: the policy of keeping such discussions away from the public has caused by far more damage (e.g. when awful things happened in the church communities).*

Eva

Ok, but did anyone ask the victims or warn the victims that this is going to be discussed. It seems the posters have expressed more concerned about how they feel and not the ones that this effects the most.

dps

dps

Thanks to the current administration a wooden nickel is now **not worth the wood it is made of.**

 09-13-2011, 07:56 PM

#53

**Ellis Amdur**

Location: Seattle

Join Date: May 2003

Posts: 520

Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Regarding B. Klickstein's sexual violations of young girls under his tutelage and care, others such as George and Toby have already written and I have nothing to add - I am in full agreement.

I would like to add some comments on what is, quite frankly, a new violation. Saito sensei ran his dojo in an old school manner - by which I mean that a deshi such as Klickstein was not merely a dues-paying customer.

He became family. Let us consider hamon for a moment, then, and what it really means. Terry Dobson described watching one of his fellow uchi-deshi gratuitously break a twelve year old child's arm. Osensei commanded him into another room adjoining the dojo and when he left, said deshi was white as a sheet, speechless. But he was not made hamon. Several close students of Ueshiba were known to have committed atrocities during WWII. They were not made hamon. A delegation of medical students from Tokyo University went to Iwama and before practice, Saito sensei made a speech, saying that these young people, with their hands, were among the most important people in Japan, that they healed the sick. And he commanded his students at Iwama to treat them gently. First class, one young medical student had his wrist shattered. Saito sensei, per my friend, was incandescent with rage. But the arm breaker was not made hamon. Hamon in such circumstances as Saito sensei's dojo is tantamount to disowning a child. You "kill" that child in your heart. They no longer exist there. To find oneself required to do this is an experience of anguish.

For his own disciples to bring a hamon'd student back at a 10 year memorial seminar is, quite simply, spitting in Saito sensei's face. Given that no one is more helpless than the dead, it is up to the living to protest - if they happen to hold Saito sensei in any regard.

Ellis Amdur

Author: Books and DVD regarding martial arts, as well as on the verbal control and de-escalation of emotionally disturbed individuals

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09-13-2011, 08:19 PM

#54

**gregstec**

Dojo: Aiki Kurabu  
 Location: Elizabethtown, PA  
 Join Date: Jun 2004  
 Posts: 587



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

For those that think this is not a serious issue is just another indication of where Aikido has gone wrong - that is just not budo.

I am not going to repeat what George, Ellis, Toby, Marc, Fred, and other highly respected Budoka have already said - other than to say that BK just does not belong in Aikido nor any Budo of any sort - he has violated the sacred trust of teacher-student in a very immoral way - he has proven he is not worthy of its association and should not be welcome to be part of it anymore - period!

Greg

"Lighten up people! - life is too short - have some fun when you can" 😊



09-13-2011, 08:21 PM


#55

**Autrelle Holland**

Join Date: Feb 2008  
 Posts: 15  
 Online

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

**Ellis Amdur** wrote:   
*Regarding B. Klickstein's sexual violations of young girls under his tutelage and care, others such as George and Toby have already written and I have nothing to add - I am in full agreement.  
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 He became family. Let us consider hamon for a moment, then, and what it really means. Terry Dobson described watching one of his fellow uchi-deshi gratuitously break a twelve year old child's arm. Osensei commanded him into another room adjoining the dojo and when he left, said deshi was white as a sheet, speechless. But he was not made hamon. Several close students of Ueshiba were known to have committed atrocities during WWII. They were not made hamon. A delegation of medical students from Tokyo University went to Iwama and before practice, Saito sensei made a speech, saying that these young people, with their hands, were among the most important people in Japan, that they healed the sick. And he commanded his students at Iwama to treat them gently. First class, one young medical student had his wrist shattered. Saito sensei, per my friend, was incandescent with rage. But the arm breaker was not made hamon.  
 Hamon in such circumstances as Saito sensei's dojo is tantamount to disowning a child. You "kill" that child in your heart. They no longer exist there. To find oneself required to do this is an experience of anguish.  
 For his own disciples to bring a hamon'd student back at a 10 year memorial seminar is, quite simply, spitting in Saito sensei's face. Given that no one is more helpless than the dead, it is up to the living to protest - if they happen to hold Saito sensei in any regard.  
 Ellis Amdur*

Thank you.



09-13-2011, 08:22 PM

#56

**Peter Goldsbury** ✨

Dojo: Hiroshima Kokusai Dojo  
 Location: Hiroshima, Japan

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Good morning Joe,

Join Date: Jul 2001

Posts: 1,782



Offline

I have a few comments on your post, for I do not want any misunderstanding about my present views concerning Mr Klickstein.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*Dear Peter, I read an earlier blog dated 2001[E budo-Klickstein /Tohei] wherein you asked the question ' what kind of sin would or should get someone banned from Aikido.' The answer as far as Klickstein is concerned, if he did molest under age students, he should not be allowed within a hundred miles of any dojo/demo.*

PAG. I checked the blog in question and the first question was 'What kind of 'sins' should lead to total ostracism from the world of aikido? As part of the answer I stated that, 'the only possible reason for ostracizing Mr Klickstein would be the possibility that the offences would be repeated and in a dojo this is a very important matter.'

I should add (in 2011) that you can look at the situation in two ways. One way is to look backwards, at the gravity of the alleged offence. In Japan, sanctions are usually applied as soon as the alleged offence has been committed, long before formal guilt has been apportioned. In Mr Klickstein's case, I understand that the alleged offences resulted in expulsion by Saito Sensei from his organization. If this is the case--and the expulsion has not been lifted, then Mr Klickstein's presence at an event like the event under discussion is a major issue.

The other way is to look forwards and the possibility of re-offending is a major issue here. This is one area where the usual conventions of punishing [you offend, are caught, prosecuted, sentenced, serve your punishment, and then the slate is wiped clean] do not apply and this is why convicted pedophiles are tagged and their names put on a register. Because of this added factor, I think that it is best that these kinds of cases are not left to 'self-policing'.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*You cannot compare the Tohei Sensei situation with the alleged acts of Klickstein. Tohei Sensei just pulled out of the Aikikai.*

PAG. This was the third question in the 2001 blog. My answer at the time was that they can be compared only in one respect, namely, that 'both persons have been erased from history, so to speak, and there is a general reluctance to have certain quarters to have any discussion.' To this day, the Aikikai has never commented on the matter of K Tohei Sensei. As for Mr Klickstein, well, we are having this discussion right now.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*Ok, he was good at aikido, could translate for Saito Sensei. I saw him doing so in London.*

PAG. Yes, I was there and also attended the party afterwards, at 38 Hillfield Road. On this occasion M Sekiya Sensei was also present. He and Saito S practiced shuriken in the garden the following morning.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*Jolly good for him, but if there was evidence that he did as has been suggested, he deserves to be named, shamed and banned [sine die]. If you were the father of a victim of this type of crime , would you make a passionate defence for anybody who was a paedophile?*

PAG. I have not made a passionate defence for Mr Klickstein in any of the posts I

have written (and I have checked all the relevant threads in E-Budo) and I am not doing so now. As for the naming, shaming and banning, I think it is the way you do it that is important.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*Just because Klickstein was not charged does not mean he is clean as a whistle, it just means the American version of the C.P.S decided not to prosecute.*

PAG. Of course, but what about the ethical principle of being innocent until proved guilty? I believe the fact that those involved did not take the case to court has some implications that have already been noted in this thread. (This is not a matter for praise and blame by the way. When it all happened, I am sure that those involved acted in the way they thought best.) With a court, the naming and shaming is public and I suspect that this might have had serious implications for Mr Klickstein's future career. As would an order from a judge banning him from going anywhere near a dojo.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*In Britain not all fiddling expenses M.P.s were hauled into court. Two who were jailed got off yesterday having served a quarter of their jail term. So much for justice and the rule of law.*

PAG. I believe that the Rule of Law is another ethical principle. The fact that in a particular instance the principle was instantiated in an unsatisfactory way does not nullify the principle. I think that in the UK, the CPS has to balance any decision to prosecute against the likelihood of securing a conviction. Of course, this can mean that people who actually committed offenses get off scot-free. On the other hand, with the system we have here in Japan, around 99% (I think) of prosecutions brought result in a guilty verdict and as a result some innocent people are jailed for a long time.

Quote:

**Joe Curran** wrote: 🗨️

*Sorry for putting two subjects in one blog. Hope you are well, Cheers, Joe.*

Best wishes,

PAG

P A Goldsbury,  
Professor Emeritus,  
Hiroshima University



🗨️ 09-13-2011, 10:24 PM

#57

**George S. Ledyard** ✨



Dojo: Aikido Eastside  
Location: Bellevue, WA  
Join Date: Jun 2000  
Posts: 2,407  
Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

*I believe the fact that those involved did not take the case to court has some implications that have already been noted in this thread. (This is not a matter for praise and blame by the way. When it all happened, I am sure that those involved acted in the way they thought best.)*

I think that, at the time, things were quite different for the victims in a case like this. Given the fact that the victims here were minors I think that it was felt that it would have inflicted more damage going through a trial. We are quite a bit more victim friendly now, although it is still a tough decision to go the distance in court. I think

that the scandals involving Priests and the Catholic Church have gone along way to sensitizing the public to this issue and there seems to be a special sensitivity towards minor victims that did not necessarily exist back when these events took place.

Also, I think that awareness of the "tip of the iceberg" phenomena is greater now. I heard that they feel that as many as 85% of the victims of clergy abuse have never revealed that it happened publicly. The average rapist has committed 14 rapes before he is caught. I think that victims now recognize a bit more how important it is to prosecute if possible and get these folks off the street. That's just my feeling, I have seen no statistics to back it up. But there has certainly been more discussion over the years recently about these issues.

I think that the issue of "rule of law" and guilty until proven innocent relates to ones human rights and depriving them of their freedom or property. In this case, Klickstein walked away. But I believe that we have the right to use our own judgment and freedom of choice when it comes to dealing with these people. OJ actually went to trial and was found innocent. Yet I know of no one who would willingly hang out with him or be seen at an event with him. Pretty much all of America thinks he did it and simply bought his way out of it. One never hears anyone lament the fact that he isn't on TV Ads or appearing at celebrity functions, or getting endorsements any more. The guy is a pariah. He may have gone free but the community is well within its own rights to use its common sense and judgment when dealing with him.

I believe it is the same here. I do not think we have the right to interfere with Klickstein's private life or or punish him in his professional life. That would be a matter for the courts. But we are all members of the Aikido community and are perfectly free to express our opinions about other people who are purporting to represent us. In fact, the leaders of our Aikido community have an obligation to do so in my opinion. Participation at a prestigious international event, honoring one of Aikido's most respected teachers, an event that has been publicly advertised, is certainly an issue that concerns all of the members of our community. Ensuring that the other teachers scheduled to appear at his event know the details of the abuse that took place is allowing them to make a more informed decision as to whether they would really like to appear alongside this man. People will decide for themselves once they have the information.

George S. Ledyard  
Aikido Eastside  
Bellevue, WA  
[Aikido Eastside](#)



09-13-2011, 11:31 PM

#58

**kewms**

Join Date: Aug 2002  
Posts: 262  
Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

**David Soroko** wrote: *Are you saying that generally speaking, teachers are skilful, charming and talented people? Are you saying that if one is such a person, it makes him or her a predator with high probability?*

Neither skill nor charm indicates whether a person is or is not a predator.

However, a certain degree of skill is useful if one intends to run a dojo, and a certain amount of charm is useful if one hopes to encourage parents to enroll their students. Therefore, I would expect the specific type of predator being discussed here -- one who specifically targets students at his own dojo -- to be both charming and skillful.

And for that reason, I don't see the quality of Mr. Klickstein's aikido as relevant to the question of whether he should teach at a memorial for the man who expelled him.

Katherine



09-13-2011, 11:40 PM

#59

**robin\_jet\_alt**

Join Date: Jun 2011

Posts: 98



Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

**Katherine Derbyshire** wrote: *Neither skill nor charm indicates whether a person is or is not a predator.**However, a certain degree of skill is useful if one intends to run a dojo, and a certain amount of charm is useful if one hopes to encourage parents to enroll their students. Therefore, I would expect the specific type of predator being discussed here -- one who specifically targets students at his own dojo -- to be both charming and skillful.**And for that reason, I don't see the quality of Mr. Klickstein's aikido as relevant to the question of whether he should teach at a memorial for the man who expelled him.**Katherine*

To David: Being skillful or charming does not make a person more likely to a predator. However, if someone is going to be a predator, they need to have a certain amount of skill and charm to be successful at it.



Yesterday, 01:13 AM

#60

**sorokod**

Join Date: Sep 2008

Posts: 298



Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

**Fred Little** wrote: 

...

*I have spoken with multiple individuals who were present at the meeting of senior practitioners where Bruce was publicly confronted, one of whom gave me a detailed contemporaneous account of the accusations presented that day...*

What year was that?

-- david



Yesterday, 03:06 AM

#61

**Peter Goldsbury** ✨

Dojo: Hiroshima Kokusai Dojo

Location: Hiroshima, Japan

Join Date: Jul 2001

Posts: 1,782



Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Hello George,

I have no wish to continue this discussion beyond necessity, but I think I need to respond to two points.

Quote:

**George S. Ledyard** wrote: *I think that the issue of "rule of law" and guilty until proven innocent relates to ones human rights and depriving them of their freedom or property.*

PAG. With respect to the 'rule of law', as I have used the term in Posts #34 and

#56, I am thinking of general ethical principles, such as are conveyed in legal maxims stated by A V Dicey in 1889:

"No one can be punished or made to suffer except for a breach of law proved in an ordinary court."  
 "No one is above the law and everyone is equal before the law regardless of social, economic, or political status."

Quote:

George S. Ledyard wrote: 📄

*OJ actually went to trial and was found innocent. Yet I know of no one who would willingly hang out with him or be seen at an event with him. Pretty much all of America thinks he did it and simply bought his way out of it. One never hears anyone lament the fact that he isn't on TV Ads or appearing at celebrity functions, or getting endorsements any more. The guy is a pariah. He may have gone free but the community is well within its own rights to use its common sense and judgment when dealing with him.*

Apologies, but I do not live in the USA and have no knowledge of OJ, beyond what was presented in the media many years ago. I will take your word for it that his case is similar to that of Mr Klickstein. In the US and the UK the court process is adversarial, based on a Greek rhetorical model. This imposes some limitations, as can be seen in two film classics: *Twelve Angry Men* and *Witness for the Prosecution*.

Best wishes,

PAG

P A Goldsbury,  
 Professor Emeritus,  
 Hiroshima University



📅 Yesterday, 04:09 AM

**Demetrio Cereijo**

Join Date: Nov 2004

Posts: 1,221



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Prof. Goldsbury

If we follow "rule of law" Saito's decision was void "ab initio".

Is there where are you going to?

"The defensive form of war is not a simple shield, but a shield made up of well-directed blows."  
 Clausewitz - On War.

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📅 Yesterday, 04:35 AM

**SeiserL**



Dojo: Tenshinkai Aikido (CA) Aikikai

Location: Roswell (GA) Budokan

Join Date: Jun 2000

Posts: 3,301



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

IMHO, as one with a professional expertise in the forensic investigation and clinical treatment of victims and offenders of predatory pedophilia, this is a crime/offense that cannot be undone, forgiven, or forgotten.

I would suggest if we are to practice Budo, we need to have the courage to say and stand for what we all know is wrong.

Lynn Seiser PhD

Sandan Tenshinkai Aikido & FMA/JKD

We do not rise to the level of our expectations, but fall to the level of our training. Train well. KWATZI!





Yesterday, 04:36 AM

#64

**Tim Ruijs**

Dojo: Makato/Netherlands  
 Location: Netherlands - Leusden  
 Join Date: Aug 2005  
 Posts: 261  
  
 Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Demetrio, not to interfere, but...

a dojo cho always has the right to take actions he seems fit for his dojo. Someone may not be legally guilty, but trust was severely damaged here. Unless the dojo cho can be convinced otherwise, such a decision seems valid to me. I myself have refused someone access to the dojo because of what I heard from different people. I had no trust in said person and therefore did not allow access. For all I know I was wrong, but the other party never consulted with me to make a case either...

In a real fight:

\* If you make a bad decision, you die.

\* If you don't decide anything, you die.

Aikido teaches you **how** to decide.

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Yesterday, 05:06 AM

#65

**Demetrio Cereijo**

Join Date: Nov 2004  
 Posts: 1,221



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

**Tim Ruijs** wrote: 

*Demetrio, not to interfere, but...*

*a dojo cho always has the right to take actions he seems fit for his dojo. .*

Exactly.

We're talking of a decision taken under an iemoto based/modelled organization, a neoconfucian master - instructor relationship.

Mr Klickstein's guilt or innocence is not relevant in this context: an iemoto model based/inspired hierarchichal organization, If Mr Klicksten received hamon then "So Let it Be Written... So Let it Be Done"

Amnesty can only be granted by current soke. Period.

*Last edited by Demetrio Cereijo : Yesterday at 05:10 AM.*

"The defensive form of war is not a simple shield, but a shield made up of well-directed blows."  
 Clausewitz - On War.

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Yesterday, 05:29 AM

#66

**Demetrio Cereijo**

Join Date: Nov 2004  
 Posts: 1,221



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

edit:

When I wrote "master - instructor relationship" I meant "master - student relationship".

Sorry

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 Clausewitz - On War.

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Yesterday, 05:50 AM

#67

**dps**

Join Date: Apr 2006  
Posts: 1,979  
Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

It is simple.  
Burn his books.  
Judge and convict him of crimes not yet committed.  
Mark with a scarlet letter.  
Declared him a nonperson.

Ok whose next.

dps

*Last edited by dps : Yesterday at 05:56 AM.*

Thanks to the current administration a wooden nickel is now **not worth the wood it is made of.**



Yesterday, 05:59 AM

#68

**Demetrio Cereijo**


Join Date: Nov 2004  
Posts: 1,221



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote:   
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Judge and convict him of crimes not yet committed.  
Mark with a scarlet letter.  
Declared him a nonperson.*

*Ok next.*

*dps*

It's how budo works. Being subjected to this is a risk to consider when you join.

If you don't want to take the risk of a OTH, don't join the army.

*Last edited by Demetrio Cereijo : Yesterday at 06:01 AM.*

"The defensive form of war is not a simple shield, but a shield made up of well-directed blows."  
Clausewitz - On War.

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Yesterday, 07:08 AM

#69

**Tim Ruijs**




Dojo: Makato/Netherlands  
Location: Netherlands - Leusden  
Join Date: Aug 2005  
Posts: 261



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

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*Ok whose next.*

*dps*

Yes it is simple, but not for the reasons you mention.

The late Saito sensei decided for reasons best known to him to exile BK. To allow BK to attend the memorial services of Saito Sensei would be very disrespectful. The actual reasons do not matter.

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Yesterday, 08:44 AM

#70

**Fred Little**

Dojo: NJIT Budokai

Location: State Line NJ/NY

Join Date: Apr 2001

Posts: 506



Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

David Soroko wrote: *What year was that?*

Those initial conversations occurred in 1987 or 1988, more likely the latter. I would have to have my files at hand to be more specific. If there's still an intact archive of aikido-I somewhere, some later public discussions would be found there as well.

Hope this helps,

FL

"Forget it Jake, it's the Kii Peninsula"



Yesterday, 09:27 AM

#71

**Mary Eastland** ✨



Dojo: Berkshire Hills Aikido

Join Date: Aug 2002

Posts: 601

Offline

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote: *It is simple.  
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*Ok whose next.*

*dps*

David, I understand what you are saying here. However, the behavior in question is not one that goes away. Offenders continue to offend. I applaud the conversation here. Often such behavior is denied and protected by organizations. No one will speak out.

Here, men are speaking out...good for them and good for the people that were victimized. They are not just victims. They are people that were hurt and are healing. (I hope.)



Yesterday, 09:34 AM

#72

**DH**

**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Quote:



Join Date: Aug 2005

Posts: 2,446



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**Peter A Goldsbury** wrote: *Hello George,**I have no wish to continue this discussion beyond necessity, but I think I need to respond to two points.**PAG. With respect to the 'rule of law', as I have used the term in Posts #34 and #56, I am thinking of general ethical principles, such as are conveyed in legal maxims stated by A V Dicey in 1889**"No one can be punished or made to suffer except for a breach of law proved in an ordinary court."**"No one is above the law and everyone is equal before the law regardless of social, economic, or political status."**Apologies, but I do not live in the USA and have no knowledge of OJ, beyond what was presented in the media many years ago. I will take your word for it that his case is similar to that of Mr Klickstein. In the US and the UK the court process is adversarial, based on a Greek rhetorical model. This imposes some limitations, as can be seen in two film classics: *Twelve Angry Men* and *Witness for the Prosecution*.**Best wishes,**PAG*

Rule of law is obfuscating the key point here. Convicted or no, guilty or no, Saito made a decision - perhaps made on better information the pundits here are aware of- and declared him Hammon. To have him reappear at a memorial strains the bounds of decency.

It states on the brochure that their intent is presenting the beautiful pedagogy of Saito!!

Ala Klickstein??

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It would be better for those who will not attend for that reason, to let them know in advance. If people here are offended make your "offense" mean something. Someone draft a petition and offer it in a form for electric signature, send it to the organizers well in advance.

To do nothing but belly ache is a hollow gesture. Petition, show up and picket, threaten to picket...do something to let them know it will not be tolerated. Let them know that every teacher who appears on that stage will be recorded and made known themselves. Send letters -well in advance-to those teachers individually. Call them. They may not know and may thank you for it.

We are the ones who hold people -otherwise unaware- accountable and can make change happen. FWIW, there was a well known case of a Judo teacher raping a 13 year old girl. It changed the rules of the USJF forever. The person who did it got off with a very light sentence, got out and raped again...and again.

That girl, was my adopted daughter. That guy...the repeat offender, lived right down the street from me till he was finally thrown in prison. Years later a new defense attorney showed up at my door trying to gather new evidence to use for his defense....again!. You don't want to know the nature of the short conversation we had before he left my property.

Dan

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Yesterday, 09:40 AM

#73

**Cliff Judge**

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**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Even if Klickstein was entirely innocent of the crimes he is accused of, and was the victim of some bizarre conspiracy, his honor is stained. His reputation is black.

Whenever I have seen a list of rules for training in a traditional martial art or I read the text of a kisshomon, there is some clause that abjures the practitioner to be morally upright, avoid disreputable acts or places, or to avoid association with dishonorable people. I am sure there are people on this thread who have put their name on documents that would preclude them from being in the same room as Klickstein, even if he were innocent. Because its not about his guilt or innocence, its about his reputation and honor. Enforcement of these things are entirely up to us as the Aikido community.

The thing about seeing him listed as a 5th dan instructor at this European seminar that disturbs me most of all is that it is clear he wants to flout the whole thing; I don't think a honorable man who was wrongly accused would act that way. If I were wrongly accused of doing horrible things and had my honor stripped from me publically by my Sensei, I would at least honor those wishes and stay out of Aikido.



Yesterday, 09:41 AM

#74

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**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

I'd be really, really interested to hear from any of the seminar organizers and the other instructors.



Yesterday, 09:51 AM

#75

**DH**

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**Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?**

Ask the organizers to respond and let them know their official response or notice of lack thereof, will be posted in public here.

Dan

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