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Editorial

Are You Talking Or Training?

FULLY 98% (LIKELY MORE) of that which appears in the endless proliferation of “forums” and “discussions” and “comments” that one may find online is worse than backyard female gossip. People who don’t like someone use the opportunity to criticize and condemn them — with no actual reasons save *personal malice*. People who have never even met a particular teacher feel totally justified in slamming him. People who know *nothing* about some particular method, course, or system, feel free to pontificate about the advantages, disadvantages, weaknesses, strengths, or what-have-you as pertains to that system. Malcontents with a few weeks or months of half-hearted training assume the standpoint of “knowledgeable commentators” regarding the school, course, or teacher under discussion. *And very often people who know absolutely nothing about the subject or individual in question proceed to*

offer their meaningless opinions, which regrettably are taken seriously by the gullible and the ignorant.

Look, if you are serious about acquiring solid skills and confidence, you will need to **TRAIN**, to work at it, to drill, to focus, to review, and to practice; not to snivel like a typically feminized **moman** (our term for the sort of typical “male” today who is neither fully male nor female!).

If you attend a school that is run by a professional who knows his business and who is a true expert and master of his craft (and you can tell this in part by how long he’s been teaching and by the ideas that he espouses and what he has been advocating over the years — schools run by jackasses normally close within a few years, if they last that long) then **don’t snivel and whine and bitch and moan like a little c—nt if you fail to put forth a proper effort, and simply drop out after a few months.**

Last week we got an email from someone who had just left a martial arts school in the Chicago area. It was a school of *kenpo-karate*, which we will not name, and whose Headmaster we will not identify. This “former student” decided after two months that the teacher didn’t know anything. Really? This school has been in operation for more than fifteen years. Its Headmaster has promoted two well-qualified black belts. But this wimp dares to evaluate this teacher’s and this school’s quality!

Now we can understand and agree completely with anyone who discovers after a couple of months training that what is being taught is *not what the student wants*. Okay . . . that’s legitimate (although we must wonder why it was so difficult for the student to ascertain who is and who isn’t teaching what he — the student — desires). In any case, not wanting what a particular school is offering is legitimate. It’s like not wanting to follow a particular major in college because your interests lie elsewhere. No one can fault that.

But please . . . don’t join the wimp-scum crowd who spend hours online yapping like schoolgirls about what they have mere ignorant opinions

about, but little or no actual factual knowledge. Or who bounce into a school or course every once in a while and then — ***due to their own weakness and shortcomings*** — drop out and blame the teacher! Good teachers do the teaching; the **students** are responsible for the *learning*. And when it comes to close combat and self-defense — or even classical or competitive martial arts — you learn by constant practice and drill and **effort**.

Some few “teachers” rely upon their attacks on other teachers, schools, and systems to attract students. And they do attract some; the most worthless living junk imaginable. **Anyone with the sense that God gave a pebble knows that you don’t preent a case for yourself by attacking others, and the merits of anyone are never determined or defined by the criticism of him by his opponents.**

Select your teacher and school, the system you pursue, according to objective merit and track record; according to readily discernable value in whatever that school and teacher presents and advocates. ***THEN KNUCKLE DOWN TO THE TASK OF TRAINING. AND STICK WITH IT! THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE RESULTS YOU'RE AFTER.*** No amount of yapping, however persistent, public, loud, impassioned, manipulative, crafty, or desperate, will turn opinions and mindless gossip into **facts**. Hard training and serious dedication to ongoing practice will materialize into ability, skill, confidence, and all of the great values that quality martial training offers.

Thirty minutes of serious, hard practice is worth an infinite amount of time sharing hot air online in a forum.

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— Greg Anderson,
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Ralph was, at the time of his retirement, the most decorated police officer in the history of the NYPD. He has received, among other awards, the coveted ‘Combat Cross’. Ralph was featured, along with his brother — an NYPD Transit Police Officer — on the TV Show Top Cops.

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— Maurice (“Maury”) Geier,
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“Your American Combato is a very good System”

— Charles (“Charlie”) Nelson,
WWII hand-to-hand combat judo instructor with whom we trained for nearly three years. It was from Nelson that we learned the O’Neill System, as well as what A.J. Drexel Biddle taught (Charlie was one of Biddle’s students).

“You are indeed a ‘Professor’ of combat arts! I quote you all of the time”

— Grandmaster Jim Harrison,

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“From you I learned the valuable lesson of ‘attacking’ instead of ‘defending’ when you have to defend yourself”

— Grandmaster John McSweeney,

The “Father of Irish Karate”, John was one of Ed Parker’s first Black Belts. John also studied boxing, judo, ju-jutsu, and kung fu. The quotation above is from a letter John sent to us after reading our Tactical Skills of Hand-to-Hand Combat. We maintained a correspondence and friendship until John’s passing.

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“[Y]our articles are read, studied, and saved whenever they are published. You have an understanding and command of the subject of fighting that very few people have”

**— George Kalishevich,
Former USMC Sergeant and combat veteran of Southeast Asia. Kalishevich was a multiple Black Belt holder, a boxer, weight trainee, and hand-to-hand combat teacher since the 1960's. He was also an experienced bouncer. He passed away several years ago.**

“As a law enforcement officer working dangerous assignments in the most violent parts of the New York metropolitan area in the 1970's, I found that Mr. Steiner's

advice was always on the money. The information contained in his articles in Combat Handguns, Handguns, American Handgunner, and Soldier of Fortune magazines was lifesaving. As a professional armed and unarmed combat trainer, I regularly referred to many of the concepts Mr. Steiner wrote about. He often went right to the source to discover how and why certain methodologies worked. Bradley Steiner is one of the few civilians actually certified by Col. Rex Applegate to teach close combat.

The late John McSweeney . . . dubbed the ‘Father of Karate in Ireland’ told me that he also was greatly influenced by Mr. Steiner’s writings, especially the idea of paring down close combat techniques to a few essential strikes, trained to perfection. Mr. McSweeney told me that he had a pet name for Brad Steiner. He called him ‘The Monk,’ in reference to Mr. Steiner’s vast knowledge of martial arts and mayhem. My own writing about martial realism was inspired by Brad Steiner’s”.

**— Grandmaster John Perkins,
The brilliant innovator of ‘Guided Chaos’, John Perkins’
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Learning From Books And DVDs

SOME people ask if learning self-defense and combat skills from books and DVD presentations is genuinely effective. The answer unquestionably is “**Yes!**” . . . assuming the following conditions:

1. The source of instruction itself — i.e. the book or DVD — is worthwhile. This exact same standard applies to *live* instruction. If the teacher is good, and if he is teaching quality skills and tactics, then you’ll learn effective techniques and acquire justifiable confidence. (**Note:** A teacher may be excellent and the skills may be first-rate, but if the skills are more classical/traditional or sporting/competitive than **combative** and suitable to modern realistic demands, then the person looking for **self-defense** training will not be getting what he’s looking for. This applies to books and to DVD programs just as it applies to live instruction).
2. You must *practice* and *drill seriously* in order to acquire good combat capabilities. Merely reading a book (even the best, like *Get Tough!* or *Cold Steel*, or *Kill Or Get Killed*) is not enough to impart **functional skills**. Nor is merely watching a DVD presentation (even several times) going to increase your personal proficiency in hand-to-hand combat. ***Serious practice on a regular schedule that continues over time*** is the only path to practical knowledge.

We have received glowing feedback from users of our DVD Course. Without exception, *these users **TRAIN***. They not only “watched” the DVDs . . . they committed to regular, serious *practice*. Several had been at their training for months. Two persons during the years since the DVD Course was offered have **defended themselves with outstanding success using their newly acquired skills**. So “whether or not one can

learn from *these* DVDs” is a meaningless question. People *ARE learning from them!* And they are learning authentic, practical combative skills.

Our other web site — www.seattlecombatives.com — provides a book review section in which those quality written sources of instruction that we especially recommend are listed and reviewed. Although out of print and expensive in some instances, *these books will do their job if you will do yours*; and that is **TRAIN** hard!

In point of fact a quality book can prove more helpful to the self-defense student than a school and a teacher who is teaching less practical methods than the book describes. We can provide an excellent example from our own early experience in training:

The first formal school that we attended, as a young boy, was *Judo, Inc.* in Manhattan, N.Y. The teachers were marvelous native Japanese Kodokan judo experts. Their instruction was impeccable, and *Judo, Inc.* did teach quality judo. However . . . our goal was serious combat training and self-defense, even at that young age, and grateful as we remain to those who taught us judo at *Judo, Inc.* we really did not receive the training that we wanted. In fact, our discovery of *Get Tough!* and then *Kill Or Get Killed* was the first revelation we finally found of what we wanted! Those books taught us much more than the live instruction at *Judo, Inc.* Those books (and about ten others that we came across) gave us more **real world, serious combative** instruction than not only *Judo, Inc.*, but also than we received in live training in *kenpo-karate, ju-jutsu, varmannie, and taekwon-do*. Until we met Charlie Nelson (our single really *great* teacher — until we left New York) books provided us more practical and relevant material than all of the

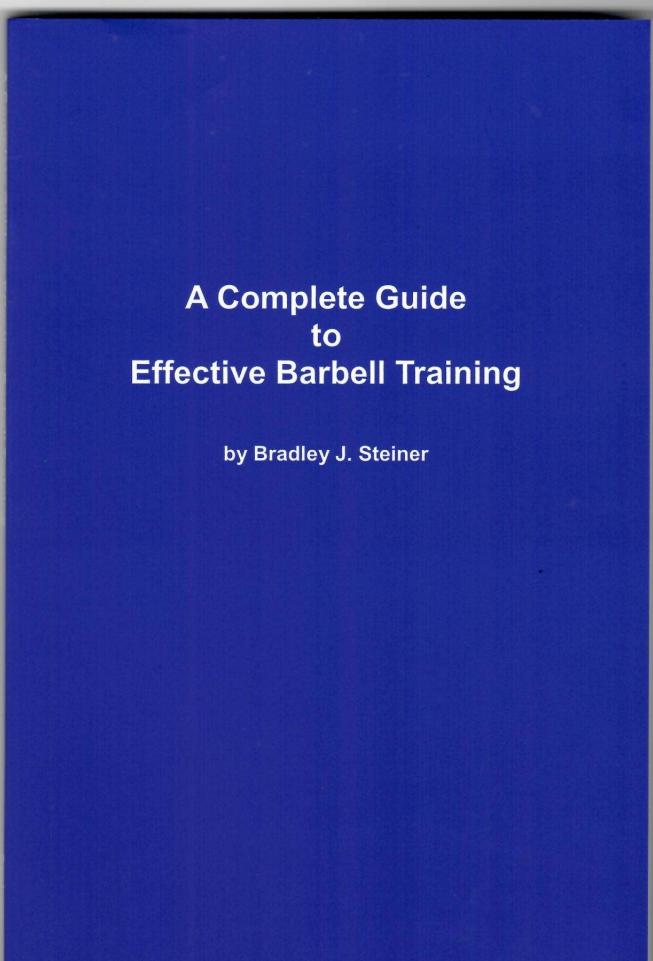
live training we took. Even courses in Sigward's excellent modern jujutsu method, and Sensei Bujosa's *Jakata* — although good — did not provide the real “down and dirty, kill or be killed” material that we always sought.

We certainly appreciate that what *we* were looking for might not be what others are looking for. However, if serious self-defense and no-nonsense war-proven combat skills is what you're after, **our DVD Course and a whole slew of books that can be searched out will undoubtedly give you what you want . . . providing you work hard and train on that which is presented in these learning materials.**

If serious combatives is what you're after just be careful that you don't take a wrong turn into the sporting/competitive or the classical/traditional venues. Nothing per se wrong with either of these areas of training, but they are not what you want if you want modern, reliable, practical self-defense for a lifetime.

Good books and quality DVD presentations can also supplement quality personal training if you're fortunate enough to find a professional who teaches the real stuff in your area.

There's no mystery or secret about what works. We who have spent our lives studying, training, researching, and teaching **what works** know this very well. And yes, you can find a great deal of that which works in good books and on good DVD programs. And yes, you can learn from them!



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**Here's More Proof That The *Real* Experts In
Martial Art Do Not Advocate Ground Fighting
For Combat And Actual Self-Defense!**

WE present the following which quotes Dr. Jigoro Kano himself, from an article by him in his own Publication, *Judo*, from 1918:

“As long as the fighting takes place in the gyms (dojo) the rules are necessarily those of the randori (our note: “randori” is a competitive match between judoka), while in self-defense

or in real combat (shinken shobu) — which remains the ultimate goal of training — one should be focused mainly on atemi and nage

. . . (our note: “striking/kicking methods” and “throwing”).

“In sports training, ne-waza only (our note: “ground fighting”) can be used grasping the body of the opponent and thus, remain grappling. In randori the atemiwaza is not allowed due to its dangerousness.

“However, if you want to achieve the benefits for self-defense, it is necessary for the body to be well developed with the ability to move quickly and with agility so that you are prepared to act using both, atemiwaza and nage waza . . .

“In addition, in the case of aggression by several people ne-waza (our note: “ground fighting”) loses its usefulness, since it is designed as a tactic to face a single adversary.”

There is doubtless nothing in even the words of judo’s Founder that will shake the pathetic resolve of the True Believers, *but ground work has always been recognized by experts as SPORT, and not for self-defense/combat!*

Note that Kano *recognizes* that sport and defense are *different*.

Note that Kano recognizes not only that multiple attackers are a possibility, but — unlike some “experts” who are driven by ego and by commercial interests to propagate fantasy to the gullible — **that defense against multiple attackers is possible — USING BLOWS OF THE HANDS AND FEET!**

We come back to this subject for the benefit of those seeking genuinely useful and reliable self-defense doctrine, not to debate the issue with the ignorant or with the dishonest (who have a particular axe to grind).

As a judo/ju-jutsu man we can understand that Kano stresses *throwing* in actual combat, as well as blows. So do we. So did Fairbairn. So did Sykes. So did O'Neill. Kano perhaps (being committed to **judo** per se) emphasized throwing somewhat more than combat purists (who give it a definite *second place* status); but **NO WAY** did he deny striking's supremacy in *real* combat. And, truth be told, Jigoro Kana, Founder of judo, was in fundamental agreement not only with us, but with every genuine close combat teacher and practitioner who ever knew his business!

In one last note we'd point out that there is one 20th century teacher whose basic background was judo, who focused on blows and throws *exactly as Kano counseled*, and who gave the world a good self-defense method: i.e. the late Bruce Tegnér. As a judo man we believe he gave too much emphasis to throwing when dealing with serious attackers . . . but he NEVER attempted to pull the con that "all fights go to the ground", to waste students' time teaching ne-waza (unless they were training for **sport**), or to foist the lie that competition was necessary in order to develop self-defense ability.

For the record, Tegnér's approach (i.e."Jukado") was not aggressive or formidable enough for us, and there are points that this excellent teacher made with which we definitely take exception. But we wanted to give credit where it is definitely due, and Bruce Tegnér was a judo man who understood clearly that even the most aggressive and hard fought sporting contests have **nothing** to do with combat.

Please . . . if you are training for self-defense, emphasize vicious, destructive blows of the hands, elbows, knees, feet, and head; gouges

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SELF-DEFENSE is only exceptionally studied by women and girls. And by this we mean *real self-defense*. Not the bullshitsu that most classes and programs instruct females in, but **real, serious, workable, reliable** self-defense. (We recall a young lady describing how she was taught — during a weekend seminar — to use a hip throw against an assailant who seized her in a frontal overarm bearhug! Must have looked and felt great during the seminar; but this kind of **CRAP** can get a woman killed if she attempts it for real against a determined, powerful male aggressor!).

Combat training, armed or unarmed, has *not* commonly found interest or passion amongst females. Yes, there may be some exceptions. But that is exactly what they are: **exceptions**. Unlike the statistically average male,

the statistically average female is not normally attracted to combative skills and weaponry.

Still . . . with things as they are in our cities today, every young lady should know something about how to defend herself. She needn't become a competitor in any martial sport, and she need not become a black belt in any classical art; but it is a very good idea that she acquire emergency skills that **work**, and that will give her at least a fighting chance to save herself, should she ever need to do so. And if you are a serious, reasonably long-term student of combat-proven combatives, you certainly can do a great service to your spouse, daughter, mother, or any female about whom you care, by spending just a few hours with her instructing her in a handful of reliable skills.

We in no sense intend to suggest that the techniques we propose you teach here in this brief article comprise either a “complete course” or even “most” of what a female ought to know and be able to do in defense of herself. But it’s a giant step in the right direction. It’s politically incorrect. Many will insist it is distasteful and foul. And at first some females might recoil at the thought of actually doing what we advise, should an emergency occur. *But this stuff works. It may not be “fun” to learn it; it won’t be as enjoyable as aerobics; it won’t tell females the crap they’d like to hear (i.e. that they can do whatever a man can do, and that they can slug it out with any male, ad nauseum)* — but spreading what we regard as feminist bullshit is not our purpose. Helping females to survive and escape danger **is** our purpose; and this stuff will do the job in most cases. Risk is inevitable, and we know of no way to guarantee success. But if it is possible in any given situation for a female to prevail against some scumbag who intends to harm her, that which we urge will likely do the job.

1. Use deceit and deception.

It is advisable *not* to mouth off “assertively” when confronting a serious threat. Such verbal crap as so many females appear to be fond of allowing themselves to utter today does a great favor to decent men (by warning them to steer clear of a dyed-in-the-wool bitch, and not bother

with her in the future), but a dangerous, violent predator will only be *provoked* by this.

When cornered and confronted by what is clearly a physically dangerous threatening man ***pretend to be friendly and to go along with him.*** Step in close, smile sweetly — then attack! **Attack his eyes or throat.** This is a basic strategy.

2. Thumb gouging the eyes is extremely effective.

Get your assailant set up by caressing his face and gently sliding your hands and thumbs into position. Give him a kiss if you really want to ham it up. ***Now ram your thumbs deep into his eyes while inserting your middle fingers into his ears. CLAW, GOUGE, AND DIG!*** With your hands well-embedded, start driving knee blows to his testicles. This will cause him to lurch forward and increase the gouging pressure. After four or five knee blows and some deep gouging, shove the bastard away by thrusting your hands forward, and pushing him head-first from you. Now escape!

3. Bite.

No nipping. Bite like an attack dog! Sink your teeth into the attacker's face and rip off a chunk of his flesh. He can be set up for this biting by gently caressing his face and pretending that you will go along with him. Suddenly seize his ears and bite hard into his nose, cheek, or lips. Now ***RIP FLESH! Tearing one or both of his ears off at the same time is easy and increases the shock. Tear off his flesh, do NOT release your hold until you spit out what is in your mouth.***

4. Ram fingers to eyes.

A simple, straightforward technique. Best followed up by a *low* sidekick that breaks the attacker's knee.

5. Sidekick.

The strongest and most important basic kick. Deliver to the knee, shinbone. Use in a scrape-stomping action down the shinbone and ending by crushing the instep when in very close.

6. Chop to the carotid artery, vegus nerve, throat area.

With no telegraphing suddenly whip a side-of-the-hand blow into the neck/throat area. Followup with a sidekick to the knee, and then escape.

7. Against forcible rape.

We will not be too graphic here, but we think the message will be conveyed.

First, *pretend* to be going along with the rapist.

Second, use your hands to assist his undressing and — at first — to let him believe that your intention is to encourage his arousal.

Third, **seize his testicles with every ounce of strength you can muster** and yank, crush, and twist; and while doing so bury your head into his chest and close your eyes (to protect yourself from desperate punching or other action he may try at first). Do not stop until the predator literally collapses. Then escape.

8. If possible and legal where she lives, a woman should be trained in the use of the handgun as a weapon, and **be legally armed** if possible when out and about, and when at home. **The law must be obeyed here.** **The stupid self-defense sprays are no good and merely provide false confidence.** If a woman is squeamish about shooting a predator **this must be overcome through correct training and mental conditioning.** When and where her life is at stake she should be ready, willing, and able to use armed, deadly force if possible to save her life.

9. Carry a utility knife.

These wonderful little knives are legal and *very* dangerous. The leverage that even a child can exert with one of these items can rip through the face to the bone! In places where carrying a firearm is illegal, this is an excellent weapon. **Squeamishness about ripping open a predator's face or carotid artery when necessary to save a life must be overcome.**

As we mentioned, there is much more that any female can profitably learn about self-defense, and we would encourage females to do so. But

this little orientation should prove a nice start in preparing a woman to save herself from an unavoidable violent attack.

Mental conditioning is **vital**. Women must be realistically advised that they **cannot** equal most male attackers in strength or prowess, and they should not try to do so. They must learn to be realists and to be ruthless. Any male who attacks a female and endangers her life and well-being deserves no mercy or consideration — and should receive none.

Regardless of what she would “like to do” or “prefer”, a woman needs to finally appreciate that in a violent emergency she must learn to react like a wild animal, and showing no forebearance, mercy, compassion, sympathy, restraint, or hesitation, ***ATTACK HER ASSAILANT WITH DEADLY FURY, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL SHE IS SAFE.***

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The Need For OVERWHELMING Force

**THE *Cambridge Dictionary* defines the word “overwhelm” as meaning:
“To be too much to deal with”. Think about that.**

There are low-level scumbags who amount to little more than petty pains-in-the-ass. Many, if told firmly to do so, will simply leave the person whom they are bothering alone. Others might require the application of a some physical persuasion . . . but the low-level nature and intention of their bothersome activity is more annoying than it is dangerous, and at the first touch of resisting force they are sent running. *We are not concerned with or about these types of worthless nuisance.*

Our sole concern in *American Combato* is the preparation of decent people — to include law enforcement officers, military persons, security and protection professionals, and private citizens of any and every persuasion — for dangerous encounters with violent, predatory enemies, be they enemy soldiers, criminals, terrorists, street punks, gang members, home invaders, abductors, rapists, thrill-killers, or what-have-you. And despite the rhetoric advanced by many who purposrt to be teaching self-defense and combative skills, *very, very few so-called “teachers” of the combat disciplines actually understand this serious level of violence, let alone prepare their charges to cope with it.*

Violent offenders of the kind about which we are speaking are extremely tenacious, resilient, dangerous, destructive, determined, often experienced, and never easy to stop. They do not discourage easily, and they often are capable of assimilating considerable punishment before succumbing, and ceasing to be a threat.

A considerable disservice was done many years ago (unwittingly, we must say) by a journalist to many who purchased and read a book that he wrote on *ju-jutsu*. The terrific judo experts known as The Judo Twins (i.e. Bernie and Bob Lepkofker) assisted in some of the book's illustrations. One photo showed one of the twins being held helpless in a wrist hold that was being applied by a diminutive young lady. **In reality even if the twin had allowed her to put that hold on him and crank on all of the force of which she was capable it is doubtful whether he would even have felt a mild annoyance!** Either of the twins was so huge, so powerful, and so well-conditioned, that it more than likely would have required a powerhouse of comparable size and strength and

skill to even stand a chance of applying the damn hold! But doubtless readers of that book (which we will not name) felt that what they were being shown was nothing short of miraculous.

This is (again we must say, **unintentional**) *bullshit*.

Many people actually believe that a small, relatively weak person can clamp a wrist or other type hold on a huge, powerful man and hold that man helpless. Perhaps if the big man allows it; *no way in hell* if he's determined to beat your head in and if he exerts his strength and aggression to thwart your efforts!

We've seen so-called self-defense demonstrations in which a defender deftly snatches a knife assailant's weapon away from him with little more than the effort it might take to open a package of twinkies. Come on, please! This kind of crap is *not* properly educating anyone about what actually *can* be done in self-defense emergencies, and what *must be done*, if in fact self-defense is to be effected!

And on it goes. Students are taught pain compliance tricks, control holds, methods of blocking and countering, etc. that seem to be doable fairly easily and by anyone — *against* anyone. This is misleading nonsense, and students of self-defense who really want to be able to defend themselves had better wake up to the reality of what hand-to-hand combat requires for victory.

"And just what does hand-to-hand combat require for victory?" Very simply, ***overwhelming an adversary physically and mentally, and rendering him unable and unwilling to be a further threat***. Dangerous, aroused and determined human aggressors are not turned off easily! And forget the nonsense, bullshit, and crap you may be told or you may have read regarding the incredible possibilities of martial arts. You would probably be surprised if you knew the degree of punishment some violent types are capable of assimilating. In severe pain, injured, even significantly incapacitated, a truly determined aggressor can still be a threat.

Our purpose here is not to discourage visitors but to **orient them to reality**. It is not by pretending and by playing that one can achieve truly viable capabilities. Understand the enemy. Realize that he is formidable. Strive mightily thereafter to make yourself **MORE** formidable! Determine to train so that in a crisis you do not merely “fight back”; instead be prepared to *carry the war right into the enemy’s camp!* Be determined to *devastate* any aggressor. When you undertake to defend yourself do so with an attitude that conveys rage, hatred, and the most vicious desire to **DESTROY**. Every instance of self-defense will not demand this . . . but some will. And there is no way to predict which specific one *you* are now confronting when, unfortunately, it comes to you.

No namby-pamby techniques. *Let your assailant have it!* Kick him in the testicles or break his knee. Inflict **injury**; and do so with all of your strength and with not the slightest hesitation. You want that extralegal scumbag who presumes to attack you as though it was some kind of “prerogative” of his to be flooded with shock, terror, and the agony and disability of **serious injuries**. You want that sewer rat **overwhelmed**.

Some tips to assist you:

- Practice serious, disabling blows that inflict real injury
- Learn to apply your blows the second you are attacked
- Do not stop attacking until the scumbag flees, is so badly injured that he loses the will and the capability of endangering you further, or you can escape safely
- Commit 100% once you realize that you need to stop an attacker
- Work in combinations, followup, and follow-through. No “one shot stops”. Attack like a wild animal

— Use anything at hand to assist your defense — and use it with all of your ability. No rules. No holding back. No fair play. No decency. Just win

— Use the element of surprise when possible, and yell, growl, grimace like an insane person, as you attack relentlessly

— Expect to assimilate some punishment. Let that drive you into a frenzy of rage and hatred and determination to destroy.

A violent offender delights in the torment, humiliation, fear, and confusion that his criminal acts impose upon the innocent. **Learn to delight in overwhelming such a lump of sh—t should doing so ever become necessary for self-defense.** Don't worry about sinking to a level "like the violent offender". Sink several levels *below* the violent offender, and convince him that he has made the most horrific error of his worthless damn life!

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