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School of Leadership Part 2

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LEADERSHIP I IN MARTIAL ARTS:

“What is martial? Martial is warlike and war was not invented in the twenty-first century, it has existed since beginning of humankind. So does that mean we have to be at war. Absolutely not!



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*"Fighters fight because they like to fight;
Warriors fight because we must."*

For us, a modern day warrior does not mean to be a soldier, but to live life as a warrior, with courage, honor, integrity, respect, loyalty as outlined in our "Hwa Rang Do Meng Sae" (code of ethics).

Hwa Rang Do Meng Sae (Code of Ethics)

Loyalty to one's country

Loyalty to one's parents and teachers

Trust and brotherhood amongst friends

Courage to never retreat in the face of the enemy.

Never to take a life (any life) without a cause.

Hwa Rang Do Kyo Hoon (Nine Virtues)

Humanity, Justice, Courtesy

Wisdom, Trust, Goodness

Virtue, Loyalty, Courage

To be a fighter or a soldier is not the end, only a means. We use the Hwarang Warrior Discipline as a means of becoming a better human being.

In the warrior mentality, one of the fundamental principles is strength. From this point of view, a martial art leader has to lead by example, which is the hardest



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yet most effective means of leadership. There are different types of leaders: there are leaders who don't lead by example but who lead by speech, motivating his followers telling them something, but never going out there and personally doing anything. We as martial artists cannot do that, we need to lead by example, living our lives and doing things in accordance to our martial way. We have to be able to perform and demonstrate the right path and show to our students what is possible, enlightening them to new experiences that they never thought was possible.

Furthermore, a leader to me is somebody who is unafraid and selfless. I know very well that everybody has fears, but a leader overcomes their personal fears, realizing that their mission is far greater and beyond the mere self, driven by altruism. If one were selfish then he/she would have to listen and answer to their own personal fears, but because they live for others they must be willing and possess the courage to sacrifice themselves for the betterment of others."

LEARNING TO BECOME A LEADER:

"Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked."

"You have to understand that you cannot gain strength by doing things that are easy. Just a simple example: you can't get stronger by lifting light things; in order to be physically stronger you must challenge yourself by lifting things that are heavier and harder to pick up. In the same way as your spirit, heart and mind, you must be challenged and do things that are difficult in order to truly get stronger.

STRENGTH AND UM-YANG:

"We believe that the interaction of two dialectic forces: UM and YANG (Chinese Yin Yang) created all things and all life in the universe. It is said that the symbol of UM-YANG is a representation of two dragons (or a dragon and phoenix) swallowing or chasing each other in constant rotation, never ending and without any beginning or end. Hwa Rang Do® absolutely follows this natural law of the universe and teaches to the students how to combine a soft and hard approach for their life style to receive extraordinary power. That's real strength! The capability to be both soft and hard when needed, to be adaptable and ready to change in accordance to the ebb and flow of nature as nothing is constant or absolute."

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