WAY

OF

THE

## SYMMETRICAL

**FIST** 

(The Art of fighting without fighting)

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#### **PREFACE**

You've heard that on order to build a house you must start out with a strong foundation. I started writing this book with a strong foundation. I took Martial Arts for twenty years. Not just in one style but in many different styles and in many different schools and with many different teachers. Some teachers were good and some teachers were bad.

This book explains what Tao is and why it is Symmetrical. Way of the Symmetrical Fist is not a fighting art. Way of the Symmetrical Fist is meant to help you find yourself. There is no enlightenment beyond the self. It can help you to lead a life without drugs and violence.

I founded this Art to teach you the same techniques that worked for me. Way of the Symmetrical Fist has three forms which I modified to being my own. There are other Martial Arts with more forms than mine but remember its quality not quantity.

I know more than what's printed in this book but I can't copyright it because its already copyrighted. Please, use this book as a teaching guide. That is the foundation upon which I wrote this book.

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

Tao is Symmetrical. Way of the Symmetrical Fist is a Martial Art with three forms from different styles of Martial Arts which I modified to being my own. This philosophy describes a Martial Art based on the fact that Tao is Symmetrical.

Way of The Symmetrical Fist is The Art of honestly expressing oneself. Way of the symmetrical Fist is not an organized school of thought or any other form of organization or as Bruce Lee put it organized despair. Rather it is based on the principal that the individual must live his/her own truth. I can only hope to help point the way.

#### **BASIC TECHNIQUES**

#### **BLOCKS**

right / left inside block right / left outside block right / left high block right / left low block right / left knife hand block / open hand defense right / left inward palm block right / left windmill block

#### **STANCES**

right / left back stance right / left front stance right / left cat stance right / left cross stance right / left fighting stance horse stance

#### **STRIKES**

right / left reverse punch right / left jab right / left elbow strike right / left vertical fist right / left spear hand right / left palm strike right / left bottom fist / hammer fist

#### **KICKS**

right / left inside / outside crescent kick right / left outside / inside crescent kick right / left front kick right / left side kick right / left back kick right / left heel kick / hook kick right / left inside / outside ax kick right / left outside / inside ax kick right / left stepping / spinning kicks

#### FORM I

#### **READY POSITION**

snap head to left left hand low block in a left front stance stepping forward with right foot into a right front stance right hand center punch in a right front stance 180 degree turn over the right shoulder right hand low block in a right front stance stepping forward with the left foot into a left front stance left hand center punch in a left front stance snap head to the left down the center right hand low block in a right front stance left leg front kick into a left fighting stance right leg side kick into a right fighting stance left round kick into a left fighting stance "ki-hap" 270 turn over the right shoulder left hand high block in a left front stance stepping forward with right foot into a right front stance right hand high punch in a right front stance 180 degree turn over the right shoulder right hand high block in a right front stance stepping forward with the left foot into a left front stance left hand high punch in a left front stance snap head to the left down the center left hand low block in a left front stance right leg front kick into a right fighting stance left leg side kick into a left fighting stance right leg round kick into a right fighting stance "ki-hap" 270 degree turn over the left shoulder left hand low block in a left front stance stepping forward with right foot into a right front stance right hand center punch in a right front stance 180 degree turn over the right shoulder right hand low block in a right front stance stepping forward with the left foot into a left front stance left hand center punch in a left front stance snap head to the left

#### RETURN TO READY POSITION

#### **FORM II**

#### READY POSITION

snap head to left

lunging back left knife hand defense into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

slide up with the right foot left hand lead jab

ball of the foot left leg round kick into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

stepping with the right foot left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

stepping with the left foot left knife hand defense into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

slide up with the right foot left hand lead jab

ball of the foot left leg round kick into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

stepping with right foot left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

snap head to right

lunge back right hand low block into a right back stance

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

slide up with the left foot right hand lead jab

stepping with the right foot right leg front kick into a right back stance

right knife hand defense

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

stepping with the left foot left leg front kick into a left back stance

left hand high block

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

stepping with the right foot right leg ball of the foot round kick landing into a right back stance

right back knuckle

left hand reverse punch into a left front stance

right forearm strike into a right back stance

right hand lunging forward chop

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance "ki-hap"

turning right into a right cat stance

right double block

stepping out with the right foot into a right back stance

left palm strike into a right front stance

right forearm strike into a right back stance

right knee

right bottom fist

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

looking to the right

right double block into a right cat stance

stepping out with the right foot into a right back stance

left hand palm strike into a front stance

right forearm strike into a right back stance right knee

right hand bottom fist

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

looking centerrestrain into a right cat stancestanding right leg front kick into a right back stance

left hand reverse punch with "ki-hap" into a right front stance

slide up with the left foot right hand lead jab

right leg side kick into a right back stance

right eye gouge

stepping with the left foot into a left hand center punch into a left front stance looking left

left hand outside block into a left back stance

right leg spinning back kick into a right fighting stance

looking right

right hand outside block into a right back stance

left leg spinning back kick into a left fighting stance

looking left

lunging back

left hand low block into a left back stance

lunging back left knife hand defense into a left back stance

slide up with right foot left lead hand jab

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

right leg stepping side kick into a right fighting stance

left leg spinning back kick into a left fighting stance

looking right

lunging back left hand low block into a left back stance lunge back left knife hand defense into a left back stance

slide up with the right foot left hand lead jab

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

right leg stepping side kick into a right fighting stance

left leg spinning back kick into a left fighting stance

looking left

left hand side straddle punch in a left fighting stance spinning right hand bottom fist into a right fighting stance left leg spinning back kick into a left fighting stance looking right

right hand side straddle punch in a right fighting stance spinning left hand bottom fist into a right fighting stance left leg spinning back kick into a left fighting stance looking left

lunge back

left hand low block into a left back stance

slide back with the left foot

right knife hand defense into a right back stance

stepping back with the right foot

left reverse punch with "ki-hap" into a right front stance

#### RETURN TO READY POSITION

#### **FORM III**

#### **READY POSITION**

right hand vertical fist in a right front stance

snap head to left

lunge back left hand low block into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

right hand inward palm block into a right back stance

left spear hand into a right front stance

stepping with the left foot left leg front kick recoil

lunging forward right back knuckle into a left cross stance

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

right hand jab into a right back stance

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

stepping with the left foot

left hand low block into a left back stance

right hand reverse punch into a left front stance

right hand inward palm block into a left back stance

left spear hand into a left front stance

stepping with the right foot

right let front kick into a right back stance

lunge forward right hand back knuckle

left hand reverse punch into aright front stance

right hand jab into a right back stance

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

as if you've been grabbed from behind

your arms will fold together making an 'x'

open hand sliding up breaking the hold right elbow strike into a left back stance

grab imaginary arm

stepping back with left

throwing

down on right knee

looking at the ground

head snapping up

lunge back into a right back stance strike

right knife hand defense

left hand reverse punch into a right front stance

stepping inside crescent kick with left leg into a left back stance

left leg inside crescent kick into a left back stance

landing in a right forearm strike into a left front stance

snapping head to the right into a left cross stance

right hand back knuckle strike to the bridge of the nose

grab, head butt into a right back stance

looking left 45 degrees

left fighting stance

left leg low round kick in a left fighting stance

left leg sidekick to center in a left fighting stance

right leg spinning high heel / hook kicklanding in a left fighting stancelooking to the right in a left fighting stance

left leg low round kick in a left fighting stance

left leg side kick to center in a left fighting stance

right leg high spinning heel / hook kick landing in a left fighting stance looking over the left shoulder lunge back left knife hand defense right hand reverse punch into a left front stance stepping with the right right leg inside crescent kick into a right back stance right leg inside crescent kick in a right back stance right hand forearm strike into a right front stance left hand turning to grasp opponent foot sweep with right leg throwing the opponent to the ground right reverse punch "ki-hap" looking up

#### RETURN TO READY POSITION

# **DUALISTIC** (DUALITY) EQUAL AND OPPOSITE

Start out by writing down all of the techniques in your form.

Then draw a Line of Symmetry down the center of the page.

Then reverse the order of the techniques from beginning to end one technique at a time and in order.

That is how to do Way of the Symmetrical Fist with your forms.

In all forms your opponent is imaginary.

Yin and Yang are mirror images of each other.

You see in Martial Arts you go up against yourself...that is you are your opponent!!!!

There is an equal and opposite amount of each one Yin and Yang in the other.

An accumulation of forms and techniques is not an accumulation of knowledge and skill.

You are the white (Yang) and your Equal and Opposite self is the black (Yin).

Yin and Yang is never static. You see that Yin is always becoming Yang and Yang is always becoming Yin. In fact each one Yin and Yang is always becoming the other.

This is what it is meant to be like water as Bruce Lee said. Put water into a teapot and it becomes the teapot. First you have to put water into the teapot..

In Way of the Symmetrical Fist for every form there is an Equal and Opposite form. And every technique (blocks and strikes and kicks) there is an Equal and Opposite technique (blocks and strikes and kicks).

When sparring break your opponents rhythm so they can't fight according to their Art or style. Destroy the image of your opponent and you have defeated your opponent thus finding yourself.

There are not two things here Yin and Yang. There is only one thing here and it is Equal and Opposite.

It is always changing else there is no justice.

In Way of the Symmetrical Fist, it is not a block and then a strike. They are not act to react as two separate techniques. The two are one technique in the same two movements. A block is a strike and a strike is a block.

In order to be in tune and have a full power output carrier Yin and Yang must be at a ratio of 1:1.

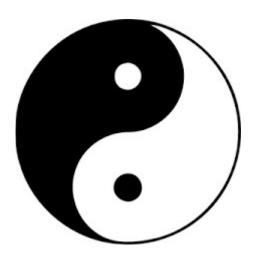
Martial Arts is not something you do...rather it is something you feel.

When sparring always adapt to your opponent. Never let your opponent go in on you.

And the martial Artist said, "I don't know how...it just did it."

I don't expect you to wear a uniform to class because no one wears a Kung Fu uniform out in the streets. Wear to class what you would normally wear out on the street.

## **SYMMETRY**



IT JUST IS **EQUAL AND OPPOSITE**(ALWAYS CHANGING)

## MONISTIC (UNITY) THE CIRCLE OF HEAVEN

First there was one.

From the one came two perfect circles.

The black circle is Yin and the white circle is Yang.

Yin and Yang are not only extreme opposites.

Yin and Yang are also the equal.

Yin is Yang and Yang is Yin.

When you see this you will know that there are no sides.

Yin and Yang are interchangeable opposites!!!!

There are no time clocks here day is night and night is day.

You start out by seeing Yin that is things in reverse. Then you reverse that by holding a mirror in front of it. Then you start seeing Yang that is reality as it should be.

You and your opponent are now one in the same...you are your opponent!!!! You are your own worst enemy.

The two equal and opposite halves become one whole unit.

The circle represents infinity and one.

We are one bread one body, in this one Lord of all.

It also represents Emptiness and therefore it is formless so it can assume all forms and is bound by none.

Circles are always continuous or forever because they never end.

It means training in Martial Arts never ends.

Circles also represent eternal life.

The circle is also void which is all-inclusive having no opposite. It excludes nothing and there is nothing that it opposes. It is living void because all forms come out of it. And whoever realizes the void is filled with life and power and the love of all beings.

Circles represent being whole and complete and connected.

The circle also represents one complete and whole cycle of energy.

All things are energy. Energy alternates from peak to peak creating an alternating current called chi.

Way of the Symmetrical Fist just is...infinite.

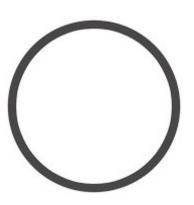
Way of the Symmetrical Fist goes beyond patterns and styles and duality.

In oneness no one is better or worse than anyone else that is there are no higher and lower ranks, rather we are all equal and all have free-will.

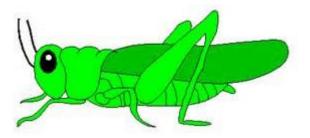
It's Art...It's not right or wrong it's just different.

You return to oneness.

## TAO



**ONE**THE CIRCLE OF HEAVEN
(ALWAYS CONTINUOUS)



GRASSHOPPER

## LIFE IS DEATH

The question that Bruce Lee asked which I am focusing on now is how do we arrive at life from something that is dead?

To me, the answer is simple.

Don't all things originate from their opposite Yin from Yang and Yang from Yin?

Life is death and death is life as good is evil and evil is good.

Yin is Yang and Yang is Yin.

You can't have one without the other.

To become one you should stop trying to choose one over the other for one is not better or worse than the other. When you should accept a delicate balance of both at the same time.

Way of Harmony is the Harmony of opposites.

Way of Symmetry is a balance of opposites.

Tao is the undifferentiated unity out of which all existence arises.

United we stand divided we fall.

Way of The Symmetrical Fist can be anything you may or may not want it to be.

That is it is not the Gospel Truth.

There will always be someone better than you or me.

Way of The Symmetrical Fist is not the only Way or the last Way.

There is always more than one Way to skin a cat.

The difference between me as a student and me as a Grandmaster

is that as a student I cut the wood against the grain.

As a Grandmaster, I cut the wood with the grain.

Train for the fight that you'll never have.

It is not the Art or uniform that makes the man.

It is the man that makes the Art or uniform.

Trust doesn't come with the Black Belt in fact nothing comes with it...it's just a belt.

Trust and everything else must be earned and it goes both ways.

Practice Martial Art the way you were taught it.

When it comes time for you to do it,

you'll do it the way you practiced it.

Your best defense is a good offense. It means get your opponent before he/she gets you.

Life and death just like with any other Yin and Yang in duality is a choice we make.

However, we should accept a delicate balance of both at the same time.

In living we die and in dying we live.

## **CONCLUSION**

I am a Black Belt for what I did. However, I am a Grand Master Black Belt for who I am.

I am a human being not a human doing.

Way Of The Symmetrical Fist is not about how many opponents you defeat, rather it is about conquering and Grand Mastering yourself.

The best Grand Masters never fight.

Teaching Martial Arts is not a job it is a way of life.

A Black Belt is not something you wear it is something you become.

These so called Masters and Grandmasters would rather get stuck on over 2,000 years of tradition and conditioning than adapt to and experience something new.

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery.

Don't be mechanical like a robot.

Instead, be spontaneous and simply react to what is without thought or rehearsal...be formless.

Nothing ever goes as planned always go with the flow.

Never go straight in on your opponent.

Always flow around him/her avoiding harm.

There is no past, present or future...forever is only now.

It is not a daily increase, rather it is a daily decrease.

In Way of The Symmetrical Fist the practitioner is meant to throw all of his/her training to the wind and forget everything he/she learned and start from scratch; to have no technique. To have no technique is to have all techniques.

Instead of knowing your Art or style and techniques only working from within the framework of your chosen Art or style I say it is better to know your opponent than to know your Art or style.

Instead of saying which Art or style is better I say which opponent is better?

To defeat the opponent is to know and respect the opponent not his/her Art or style.

To know and respect the opponent is to know and respect the self.

It is not to focus outward rather we must look inward to find ourselves.

Jesus Christ is the Eternal Tao. I am the truth, the light, the way says the Lord The Holy Spirit is Chi. Only God can fill the void.



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