

Please keep in mind that all religions outside of Christianity reject the Lordship of Christ. They deny a supreme God who saves mankind through His Son's redemptive work on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In false religions, Jesus Christ is not the way, truth, and life. The Martial Arts will rob us of true Christianity. According to **Col. 2:8**, "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" The yin/yang symbol is a dominant symbol in Martial Arts along with the dragon and serpent. The philosophy of yin/yang is totally contrary to the Bible. Please consider that Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Master (**Matt. 6:24; 23:8-9; John 13:13**). There is only freedom from these occult practices in Christ according to **John 8:36**, "*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*"

CONCLUSION

You have noticed in this article we have many statements and not given a lot of quotes or place for resources. We have given sufficient amount of Scriptures. I have researched the Martial Arts enough to back up the statements in this article. I have over a hundred quotes from Grand Masters. I also have many testimonies of those who were saved by the grace of God and denounced the Martial Arts. I also have studied the philosophy of false religions and the occult. But most of all, I know that Holy Scripture clearly speaks against the Martial Arts, Amen.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty"

2 Corinthians 6:17-18



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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
Acts 16:31

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

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Martial Arts

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

+ The Art of War +

This article will address the danger of Martial Arts and how it has become a Trojan Horse not only in America, but also in many churches across our land. Martial Arts or Mixed Martial Arts are diametrically opposed to the Lord Jesus Christ. They are not compatible with Christianity and their origin has no relation to the church. In the New Testament, there is no reference to the Lord Jesus Christ practicing or training His disciples in the Martial Arts. On the contrary, He teaches them to suffer for the Kingdom of God as they go forth to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. May we pay close attention to Jesus' teachings and the apostles letters, for we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Amen.

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. ."

I Peter 2:21-25

The philosophy of Martial Arts is to develop the body, mind, and spirit. These three types of training are to bring balance and harmony in the student so that eventually they can master the art. There is the physical, mental, and spiritual training that creates a whole person in the eyes of the teachers.

Please note, much of the material in this article is gleaned from other sources.

THE MARTIAL ARTS ARE BASED ON WAR AND VIOLENCE

In order to learn the art, one must prepare themselves physically. The term Martial Arts denotes the act of war and combative fighting and is supposed to be derived from “Mars”, the ancient god of war. The title itself shows the spirit behind the arts and presupposes war and violence. It speaks of a warrior spirit, the survival of the fittest, and some refer to themselves as human weapons.

There was the Greek Martial Arts of wrestling and boxing that marked the end of the Olympics in ancient times. In other words, Martial Arts are associated with fighting, hitting, and kicking.

I Peter 2:21-25, (which is quoted on the front of this article) refers to Jesus Christ as our example in faith and practice. The context speaks of suffering and submission (**vv. 17-25**), and in **vs. 23**, Jesus committed himself to the Father when he was reviled and threatened. We are called upon to follow His example. To trust the Lord is honorable, anyone can retaliate with violence, even little children know how to hit back. Jesus is my hero, with the apostles and martyrs who were bold and brave before their enemy and suffered for the kingdom of God.

In **Matthew 5:1-9**, the Lord’s teaching was to be peacemakers, merciful, and meek. In **vv. 10-12**, He spoke of rejoicing when reviled and persecuted. In **vv. 21 & 39**, He spoke against hatred and to turn the other cheek, and in **vv. 40-44**, to love your enemies. Our warfare is of a spiritual nature (**I Cor. 10:4-5; Eph. 6:10-18**), for our weapons are not carnal. We are to preach the gospel of peace (**Rom. 10:15**) for the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (**Rom. 14:17**). May we learn of Christ (**Mt. 11:28-29**), for He was meek and lowly, our power is in God alone and not in any ability of our own (**Rom. 1:16-17**). This truth will revolutionize our home, church, and nation. Remember, Martial Arts did not originate in the church of Jesus Christ, but in ancient pagan cultures.

THE MARTIAL ARTS CREATE A PRIDEFUL DISPOSITION

Mental training of the mind is to develop self-confidence and self-improvement in the student. This development is as essential as developing the body. Martial Arts center around the person, their abilities, discipline, and strength. The emphasis on self is seen in their concern of self-confidence, self-improvement, self-esteem, self-defense or self-protection, self-control, etc. There is much focus on abilities, performances, demonstrations, rankings, competitions, belts, trophies and awards. Again, Martial Arts produce an inflated view of self.

In **I John 2:16**, we are warned about pride and love of the world, “*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*” Everyone has to deal with pride and only the Scripture gives us a proper solution. The **pride of life** is one area of temptation in the world that we must guard against. They have their codes of conduct, tenets, oaths, and virtues, and so does every false religion in order to make themselves look good, and so the students will feel good about themselves. Many Martial Arts speak of loyalty, discipline, respect, courtesy, and integrity. The Martial Arts speak of mercy and yet show little; and speak of peace, and yet teach violence. Again, it inflates the ego of the student and makes them feel great about their accomplishments.

The apostle Paul said in **II Cor. 12:10**, “*when I am weak, then am I strong*”. In **Luke 14:26-31**, we are commanded to take up the cross (not sword) and follow Christ. This speaks of self-denial. According to **Phil. 2:1-8**, we are to have the mind of Christ which was one of sacrifice, humility, and obedience. There shall no flesh glory in His presence (**I Cor. 1:29**). The Martial Arts do not create a humble and meek spirit in the students, but a prideful disposition.

THE MARTIAL ARTS ARE ROOTED IN FALSE RELIGIONS

The spiritual training of the Martial Arts is very important in personal improvement of the student. Many speak of the Martial Arts as a way of life. All of Asian Martial Arts offer some from of enlightenment and spiritual illumination (Eastern mysticism). The origin of both Eastern and Western Martial Arts have pagan roots. All one needs to do is listen to the Grand Masters teaching on the issue.