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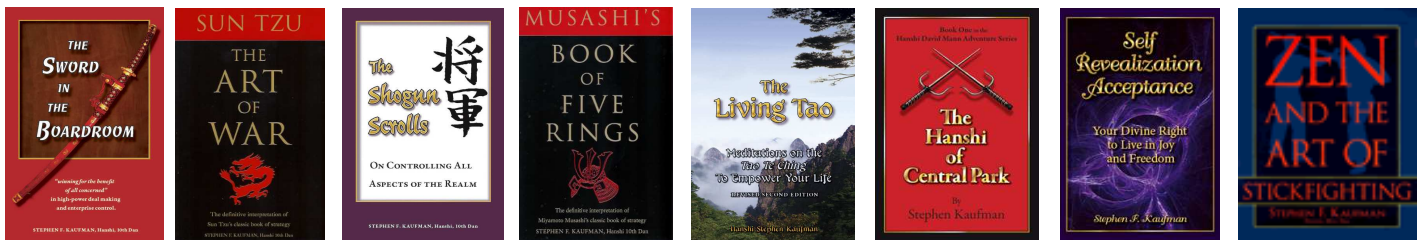
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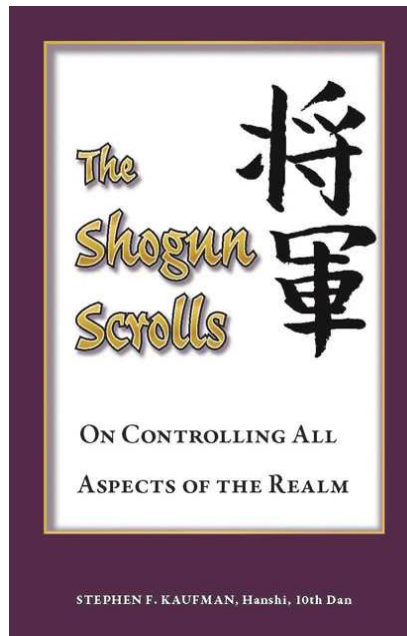
[This Week's Self-Revelization Acceptance](#)

How to use Self-Revelization Acceptance is explained on the last page of this newsletter.

I Am Organized

My life is orderly and focused. I maintain control of the events that enhance my experience in all that I do. By accepting responsibility to work in harmony with all people and projects that I desire to fulfill to completion, I maintain personal order and understand the importance of keeping matters scheduled and unscheduled for the benefit of all concerned with myself as the primary recipient of bountiful good. I properly and intelligently use my energy to my advantage by arriving on time for appointments and consciously making sure to be prepared with the necessary documents and tools required for productive results. This attitude empowers me to keep order in my personal and professional life and is reflected in all that I do. Things that are of importance to my security and well-being are in proper place and perspective; readily accessible at all times. My house is neat and in order, my finances balanced, my work schedules are timely, my personal relationships are harmonious. When I feel overwhelmed and have difficulty maintaining balance I immediately implore the *Spirit of the Thing Itself* by means of a powerful and authoritative *Self-Revelization Acceptance* to put things aright for the continuation of my pleasure. I do not suffer stress or anxiety and my desires are well-defined. I am thankful for the ability to recognize shortcomings in any aspect of organization in my life and demand and accept changes of chaos into harmony.

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Chapter 6

Controlling and Managing by Your Own Ability

When you attempt to accomplish something great, you must understand all of the aspects of truth in the accomplishment of these gains. Regardless of your ability and because you did not create the universe, imitation (to a degree) of the actions of great men who preceded you is essential. If it should happen that you do not have the intrinsic qualities of those who went before, you can still establish goals that will approach great accomplishments. If you do not ascend to the levels of your desires because of difficulties, natural or otherwise, ambitious dreams can still be realized. This is best done when a man uses his own talents and resources and does not rely on others. A man's personal desires become obvious to his enemies when they realize that he will have nothing to pay back to anyone. Outsiders will see the foolishness of interfering with him.

Shunko Zabayashi knew the importance of using his own resources when he effected a coup against his cousin in Tarama province. He carefully thought about his actions before moving into position to take control of the clan. Although his cousin was a man of wealth, he was a squanderer, always insulting others who had less than he had, he would throw lavish parties and cause dissension in his own court by inviting certain people and excluding others. Zabayashi observed that many members of the clan were beginning to resent his cousin. Slowly, he built up his resources of men and funds until he knew that his cousin would be hard pressed to stop any advance. Foregoing the pledged assistance of others, he moved when he knew the time was right, and because he did not rely on the aid of people who would follow him regardless, he maintained control of the clan for the rest of his life and was never indebted or obliged to anyone.

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Accomplishment is based on definition and redefinition of goals, which has to do with good fortune and good planning. Good fortune usually accompanies determination and desire. Good planning is always better. As much as is humanly possible, nothing should ever be left to chance. Careful examination of the works of great men will show that they did not rely on the inconstancy of fate. They saw opportunity and took it because they were emotionally and physically prepared for success. As a result of this mentality they accomplished great things and prospered. It may be necessary to strive hard, but once the goal is attained it is very rare that it will be lost. The man of merit understands that he will be surrounded by those of little faith, even among his most ardent supporters. This lack of faith will continue until the new order is established, at which time it is prudent to dispose of the nonbelievers.

It is also necessary to realize the need for material strength in the acquisition of a new domain. Without the proper armaments and supports failure is guaranteed because of the inherent or residual strength of those being taken over and the natural resistance of change. You cannot win with spirit alone and the hope of success in the future. You must be prepared to do serious battle and you must have the resources necessary to accomplish your ends. These resources must be your own or you will have to pay back in kind those that support you. They will be waiting and watching for your first indication of weakness.

Sometimes it is required that uncomfortable alliances be permitted to exist in order for the man of vision to attain to his accomplishments. When this time comes upon the builder of great things, he must know no limitation to his patience and the acceptance of aid, until he is in the position of eliminating those who would turn into detractors.

People must be shown without hesitation or restriction the advantage of accepting your authority. You must force unbelievers to believe in you by demonstrations of inner strength and managerial ability. With this there can be no hesitation on your part. You must act with total conviction and absolute authority. Anything else will permit a usurper to destroy you from within. Those who would seek, through words or actions, to undermine the new regime must be taken from their place of self-importance, regardless of how small their insolence may at first appear. If left unchecked they can grow into great encumbrances.

In an authoritarian society any demonstrated weakness will be aggressively sought out by pretenders to your office. This is another reason why you cannot rule from afar. You must have nothing else on your mind except your success, and you must make sure to stand apart from your underlings — their good wishes notwithstanding.

It should be realized that when a new order of things is introduced, enemies of all types will emerge from places known and unknown. Even those who are sympathetic towards your rule will be only half-hearted, until they see the new order enhancing their lives. It is sometimes easy to persuade others to your way of thinking because of the newness and novelty of the potential new order, but it is only with force and authority that their belief is sustained. It is foolish to think otherwise. Everyone is in accord with their own thoughts, and the ideas of the new leader may not wholly coincide with their personal desires. There are no friends in combat, and any form of personal development that will leave others behind is indeed an aspect of combat and a requirement of greatness. Even a lover may defect for reasons that are beyond ordinary comprehension. Beware of those you align with for any reason.

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How to use a Self-Revealization Acceptance

A Self-Revealization Acceptance is constructed for the simple purpose of bringing a specific result into a practitioner's life. Any of the ideas presented in my weekly example can be structured for your own desires. When the ideas of relationships, creativity, love, and finances are addressed you should use your own definitions to enhance the positive acceptance of an ever-growing good in your life. REMEMBER, Self-Revealization Acceptances are NOT affirmations. They are based on your positive acceptance of the good you want to experience in your life and therefore only YOUR words and YOUR authority activate the Spirit of the Thing Itself. Self-Revealization Acceptance is a philosophical approach to reality facilitation. Your reality and not the reality of someone else. Self-Revealization Acceptance absolutely is for an individual and personal manifestation REGARDLESS of what anyone outside of you thinks in relation to what you are accepting for. Fill the blanks with your own ideas and feel free to forward any questions or comments.

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