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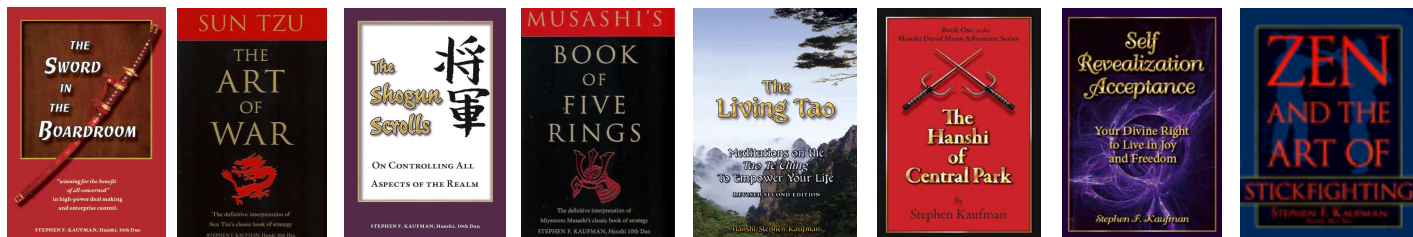
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News of Interest for Subscribers to the Hanshi Reader

Some new sites are up and running for you to peruse and perhaps add a comment or two. Peggy Thompson did a workmanlike job on the prestigious Redroom author's site and my hat is off to her. This is worth the trip <http://www.redroom.com/author/stephen-kaufman-0>

I have finally figured out how to upload a video to YouTube. Duh! It is part of the initial sequence for an Introduction to S.R.A. <http://www.youtube.com/user/hanshi422>

I have also added the link to the Sonshi.com interview about my take on the Art of War. Sonshi has ranked this interview as one of the most interesting they have ever had so you should enjoy it. <http://www.sonshi.com/kaufman.html>

I need feedback on these sites, so...

This Week's Self-Revelization Acceptance

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

I MEAN BUSINESS

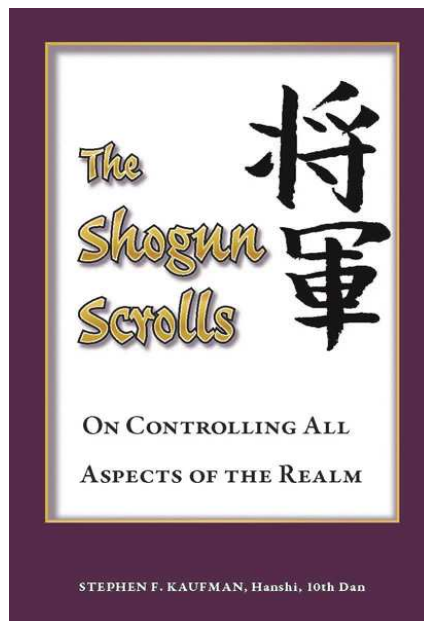
Everything I do, I do for the express purpose of being successful in all of my endeavors based on my own needs and desires, which are aimed at excellence of expression and execution. I refuse to waste my precious time and resources. I stay focused on productive outcomes with projects I am involved with and I do not permit myself to lose sight of my goals. I use the power of **Self-Revelization Acceptance** to keep myself aligned with the situations that I am working with and make sure that I do not become obsessed with outcomes of false and unreasonable self-promises to myself or to others. When I am working I am working and not playing. I permit social events and interventions to come into my life only when my immediate tasks are finished and I am relieving myself any any tension or stress that may have built up or occurred during my time of creative expression. In order to maintain my energy and perspective I physically exercise and find time for enjoying other things that give me pleasure so that I can live my life by my **Divine Right to Live in Joy and Freedom**. I read and listen to this **Self-Revelization Acceptance** as many times as is necessary to keep myself on my true path. I interject my own thoughts and ideas about whatever is important to me in my business world. I release these words to the creative aspect of the universe governed by the **Spirit of the Thing Itself** knowing that what it is that I desire is already in place and that I completely and totally accept the good bounty of It's outcome. I give thanks to the Creative Power of the universe as each of my goals manifest in full reality and as I continue to understand and accept more fully, my true desires. I mean business!

This week's excerpt from:

The Shogun Scrolls

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Chapter 14

The Shogun's Concern with Military Matters

Any attempt to gain anything brings with it the need for conflict. This must be completely understood because without proper planning a predisposed acceptance of defeat is cultivated. The only reason a man becomes a leader is because of his desire to see his dreams accomplished. This self-knowing attitude is always met with resistance from sources known and unknown.

The shogun must understand conflict and must have enough self-discipline to be successful in his mastery of it. The rewards of success in conflict bring with it the attitudes of fine living. If the shogun thinks little of additional gains after his initial successes, he will invariably experience defeat in one form or another. Instituting action requires the heart and mind to see it through to ultimate accomplishment. Any other thinking is a waste of time and resources.

If you become ignorant of the need for further military activity once you are in control, you are beckoning to the fates to take away your gains. Once the action is put out of play, others will seek to take it away from you. It is the natural order of things. If you become enamored of the easy life, you will find your winning spirit will never be a match for someone with many swords. Your men will also see this weakened condition and they will lose heart. They will not follow you with conviction when you issue orders, although they may do so out of fear. Men need authority in their lives regardless of appearances to the contrary. They must be told what to do and when to do it, even if they think they are their own persons.

The shogun must know the qualities of all the common men, including farmers and artisans as well as merchants. All embroider the soul of the land into the hearts of the people. Farmers must be cared for so there is an ample supply of food for troops when they are in combat or are training for it. Artisans are the craftsmen of fine weapons and will always have an attitude of insolence. They should be put up with but never given positions of authority. If they become an annoyance they are to be treated as any other subversive. Merchants keep the economy of the land flowing. Deal with them most carefully as they tend to be the most disingenuous.

There are two ways for the shogun to maintain the domain in times of peace and in times of conflict, and both are of equal importance. One is the physical exercise of going out into the field to examine the conditions of his men. By joining with them in lesser social activities he can determine his troops' resoluteness. Can they be depended on or are they getting soft? Are they enthused about protecting the domain and expanding it? The shogun can see the mentality of his men by observing them firsthand. The other is to study the accomplishments of great men who have come before him and learn how their empires were built. They will have left records of their accomplishments which will be easy to attain. Even by listening to the songs of the people much can be learned.

The first method permits the shogun to visit with his men in places that can maintain him in peak mental and physical condition. This also permits him to see flaws in his fortifications. He sees who is weak and who is strong. He sees who is maintaining the proper ideal of the domain and who is simply playing at it through superficial works. He will soon come to know those that are doing their jobs and those who are devoted to their work. There is a great difference between the two. Those who maintain the ideal are to be rewarded, and those that do not are to be deposed.

People who do their jobs well are usually not concerned with appearances. True work is not labor, it is joy. It is how one receives pleasure from within, knowing that the job is being done to perfection according to the man's abilities. Those who labor without sincerity always complain about their tasks and of never having enough supplies. The wise shogun knows that if men labor insincerely, they are not working for the benefit of all.

The shogun maintains his domain through continually studying the accomplishments of men who came before him. Common men and most nobles will not perceive what the shogun perceives.

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The shogun studies the entrapments and the successes of those who came before him. He studies the methods his predecessors employed to accomplish their ends. He studies the ways great men built their great works and he adopts many of their attitudes into his own mind. He becomes that much more effective as a ruler.

Minamoto Yoshiie, your great-grandfather who founded the Kamakura government knew of these things. He would constantly visit his troops in the field to see how they were holding up and at times even celebrated with them, of course, within the constraints of his office. He always carried a book with him and continually studied the ideas of strategy by the Chinese scholar and warlord, Sun Tzu. He never permitted himself to make an abrupt decision without first thinking carefully about the condition of his troops and he never gave himself the idea that he was above any further learning. This is why he was revered by all of his men and had their complete support when he founded the government.

The great shogun will accomplish great deeds because they are his work and not because he is doing his job to impress others. If he seeks to impress others he will certainly fall.

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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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