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We think of killing someone as using a gun or knife, or maybe a battle in war. We almost never think of killing someone using our Tongue with the words of our mouth. We may not kill someone with a Gun or Knife but we sure can do it with our words, we need to think that what words we say can be a very deadly weapon, and can cause someone damage or even kill them mentally and emotionally.

The words we say to someone can kill their spirit and trust, the slogan of our Dojo is "To Your Own Word Be True" say what you mean and mean what you say, stand by your words and let the words you say be the truth. Our words are who we are (Or should be). In the Martial Arts we have so many caught up with color of the belt around the waist or Certificates on our wall, they never understand that it is not these thing that make them a Martial Artiest or gives them knowledge, if we take the certificates down or take the Belt off we are still the same person we have the same knowledge, let's face it if we are attacked on the street we can not say wait a minute till I put my belt on? We had better have the knowledge or the out come may not be very good.

The words that they have used may have got them hurt or even killed by someone they have used the words on. We must use and say the right words to every one all the time not just part of the time, that is the Martial Arts Code to stand upright and speak the words that will not Kill or Hurt. Lies cannot replace the great feeling we get when we first put on that Black Belt that is earned, not bought in a store or from a Catalog, but not just the Black Belt Rank, but any Rank that we have fought hard to get, because it is earned. The words we use to boast great things with you can kill yourself with them every time a Lie is spoken. Before we can be truthful or honest with others we must first be that way with ourselves, The Martial Arts today is far from the way it was when I was growing up, it seems like there is a "Master" or even "Grandmaster" on every street corner, can all these be true Grandmasters? In a word NO! I can never think of a Grandmaster being 25 years old.

They are not old enough to be a Grandmaster of themselves must less be one of others and of a Martial Art, but they use the words of their mouth to say they are, and then you see them running away with the money of their students a month or so later. I did not want the Title / Rank of Grandmaster but it was put upon me, by



a great Man that I looked up to and loved. When people use these great words of the mouths to say they are a Black Belt, they miss something that is worth so much more than even

Gold, The Love and Respect of their students! Nothings can take the place of that student who look's at you when they first used a Technique and saw it works. Nothings can take the place that many more years later that not only is that student still with you (Maybe in another State or Country) they call you when they need your words of wisdom or encouragement. With the words of the mouth, they will never have or feel these things, and along the way, they have killed so many people. Therefore, like I said the words at our School (Dojo) is and lived by "To Your Own Word Be True"...

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