

THE MARTIALIST: TWO FULL YEARS!

A Note from Your Editor

By Phil Elmore

Thank you for subscribing to *The Martialist*! This is our concluding issue of YEAR TWO, the second season of our publication. Remember that this is only half of the magazine, too. The other half is our free content at **themartialist.com**. You may not always agree with what you read here, but we hope you will find it interesting and informative.

The exchange of ideas is vital to education – and education is part of what makes survival and success in self-defense possible. **You may read things here that strike you as wildly inadvisable** or as spectacularly good advice. You may read things you love and you may read things you hate. **If so, write your own article and tell us what you think** in a future issue of *The Martialist*. We will regularly feature point-counterpoint articles that look at both sides of issues. I will seriously consider any article that crosses my desk, though I cannot promise they will all make it in. This is your magazine and I welcome your feedback.

- Phil Elmore, phil@philelmore.com.

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Why You Should Hate *The Martialist*

By Phil Elmore

You should hate *The Martialist*. You should hate *The Martialist* because it is the work of ordinary people, of mere mortals, of average citizens, of “civilians.” If you are an elitist who believes self-defense is the purview and exclusive dominion of the military, of law enforcement, and of other “professionals,” you should hate this publication.

You should hate *The Martialist* because its publisher and contributors believe all human beings’ lives have value, that every person has a right to self-defense, and that every person has something to offer our readers. You should hate *The Martialist* if you believe the truth or falsehood of a person’s opinions is determined by the content of that person’s resume rather than by the content of that person’s ideas.

You should hate *The Martialist* because it is not a vehicle of traditionalist dogma. The publisher of and contributors to this magazine do not believe traditional martial arts are the *only way*. If you think they are, you should hate this publication.

You should hate *The Martialist* if you consider all traditional martial arts (and all aspects of them) to be out of date, ineffective, impractical, and otherwise problematic. *The Martialist* finds value in the traditional as often as in the contemporary. *The Martialist* is concerned only with what works, regardless of provenance. It is not traditional and it is not opposed to tradition.

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arts, or of some martial sport is a function of your *ego*. If you read *The Martialist* and you read into it some macho bravado, some pretense of power or prowess, your views on self-defense are intertwined with how tough you think you are – and how tough you want *others* to think you are. *The Martialist* cannot be concerned with your issues. You should hate *The Martialist* because it is devoted only to pragmatic self-defense and not to personal glory.

You should hate *The Martialist* if you have no sense of humor. Martialists enjoy their lives and don't see everything as doom and gloom and preparations for the End Times. If you can't laugh at yourself and laugh along with us, you should hate this publication.

You should hate *The Martialist* if you believe a product review is marketing copy. We will not soft-pedal a product's shortcomings. You should also hate *The Martialist* if you believe a product review can be trustworthy only if it is negative. We believe in publishing honest, objective, constructive product evaluations.

You should hate *The Martialist* if you are too cynical, too insecure, or too hostile to accept the idea of the honest, earnest exchange of information and ideas. If you cannot read these pages *in good faith*, you should hate this publication.

If you are one of society's predators, you should hate *The Martialist*. This magazine empowers countless everyday people. It makes your "job" much more difficult. If you want easy victims, you should hate this publication.

Do you hate *The Martialist*? If you do, that's not your biggest problem. ♠

The Unmolested Tourist

By Harvey Moul

I've traveled a good bit over the years – to most of the United States and to parts of Canada, Mexico, Europe, and the Philippines. In that time I have come across many dozens of bums, homeless people, beggars, street thugs, pickpockets, Gypsies, pimps, hookers, drooling idiots, hippies, and other assorted street trash most of us would rather avoid. During that time I've managed to get my public mannerisms down to the point that in recent years I have had very little – if any – interaction with the more unsavory types that frequent the streets of just about any large city on the planet.



Photo by Phil Elmore

To start with, I live in Seattle. Seattle may not have Gypsies, but it has just about every other type of street person you can imagine. In general, street people behave the same pretty much all over the world. Gypsies are a different matter, as they are nothing more than professional thieves – but they are still easily dealt with. When you learn how to deal with them in one town, you've got them figured out just about everywhere.