

# 5,000 Years of Martial Arts Trial and Error vs. the New Science of SCARS

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Before delving into what SCARS can do for students of self-defense, the underlying differences between it and the martial arts world must be discussed. The first order of business is definitions.

A martial art is a form of movement transferred by mental and physical rituals. Its intent is to expose the talents of the practitioner and/or entertain spectators. A martial artist lives in a world of mock battle in which his absorption in his art limits his ability to see the facts. That leads him to want to compete against practitioners of other styles to validate his beliefs and find his truth.

SCARS, on the other hand, is a system that teaches threat elimination using a foundation based in theory and proven in the real world. Devoid of emotional beliefs and mysticism, it is built upon three sciences: physics for power, geometry for the structure needed to support that power, and physiology for the control the practitioner needs over himself and his environment.

Many people have turned away from the truth of science, only to be condemned to a life of fear and control by people who prey on those who bow down to mysticism. SCARS offers the simple truth of empirical facts. It does not help students bond with the past; rather, it teaches them how to eliminate fear and save lives in the present.

Human beings do not fear the beginning or the end of anything; they fear the process of getting there. Jerry Peterson, the founder of the Phoenix-based SCARS Institute, used his expe-

periences in war to demystify hand-to-hand combat for the sake of students. The result of his efforts is a science of self-protection that covers every type of threat one may encounter in modern society.

The public was first allowed to study SCARS in 1993 so law-abiding citizens could be better prepared to resist the criminal element. Before that, the system was used exclusively by the U.S. Navy SEALs. For seven secretive years, no civilian was even aware that such an entity existed. Then Peterson revealed his straightforward approach and quick learning methods. People who

were exposed to SCARS realized it was the real deal. Combat is nothing more than a sequence of numbers that have only one answer, Peterson says; if you are right, you live, and if you are wrong, you die.

Peterson has been praised—and attacked—for being so blunt about the lethality of fighting. The reason is simple:

SCARS does not come from the martial arts' premise of self-defense. In fact, the philosophy of SCARS views the whole defensive thinking process

*Military and law-enforcement personnel flock to the SCARS Institute of Combat Sciences to learn Jerry Peterson's proven methods of threat elimination.*

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**SCARS practitioners learn physiology so they can more readily control themselves and their opponent. They are also educated in physics and geometry so they can develop power and the structure needed to support it.**

as an abomination to elite combat personnel. It holds that a defensive thinker is a philosopher, whereas an offensive or pro-active thinker is a leader. SCARS, which stands for Special Combat Aggressive Reactionary System, made naval history in the early 1990s when it set the standard in hand-to-weapon combat for the SEALs, and to date no system has equaled that accomplishment.

Today, the SCARS Institute stands alone in a very specialized arena of human-control sciences. It has maintained itself as the best of the best, both in live training and in educational support with its training videotapes.

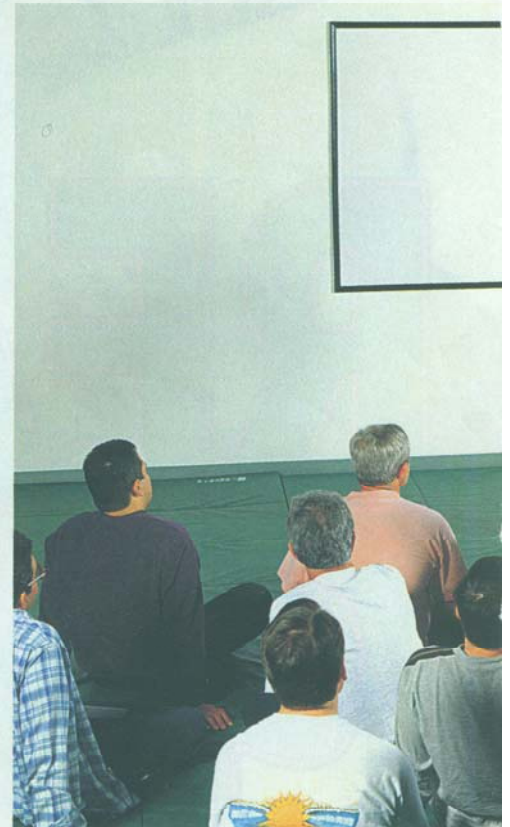
While to some, SCARS may not appear much different from its competitors in the business, it is important to point out that Peterson is possibly the highest-paid self-protection expert

*Jerry Peterson (standing) distilled his combat experiences into lessons that can easily be passed on to students of self-defense.*

## Ready for the Next Step?

If you make it to the end of this article without ripping it out of the magazine and burning it, you are obviously looking for effective self-defense training. The SCARS Institute has established a selection process that allows civilians like you to participate in its elite training. To be eligible, you must have studied the SCARS training tapes. You may then attend, by invitation, exclusive civilian seminars that cover survival fighting and combat-related topics. Courses include small-arms training, explosive entry, counter-terrorist response-team training, close-quarters combat, peace-keeping tactical training, tactical long-range rifle, explosives disposal, VIP protection-team training and other classes based on your aptitude and attitude.

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in the world. And this is not limited to his personal consultations; it also applies to the SCARS Institute of Combat Sciences (SICS), which has earned the title of "most expensive school in the world." It's impossible to explain what happens to attendees during the three-day course, but one thing is certain: There are major differences between the SCARS lethal-force system and the martial arts.

It is a New World with respect to self-defense. The new sciences exclusive to the SICS Research and Development Center have solved more in the arena of applied complex sciences than the public realizes, especially with regard to controlling the human psyche and its physical dynamics in any environment.

The strength of SCARS is illustrated by the following observations:

There is but one human species on the face of the earth, and all its members share the same biological makeup. The geometry and physics that move human beings are constant. Therefore, there is only one system of control that can be 100-percent effective 100 percent of the time on 100 percent of the subjects.

There can be no alternatives to a 100-percent system. Any alternative



*Because all human beings move the same way, only one combat system can be 100-percent right all the time. Jerry Peterson says SCARS is it and everything else is a compromise.*

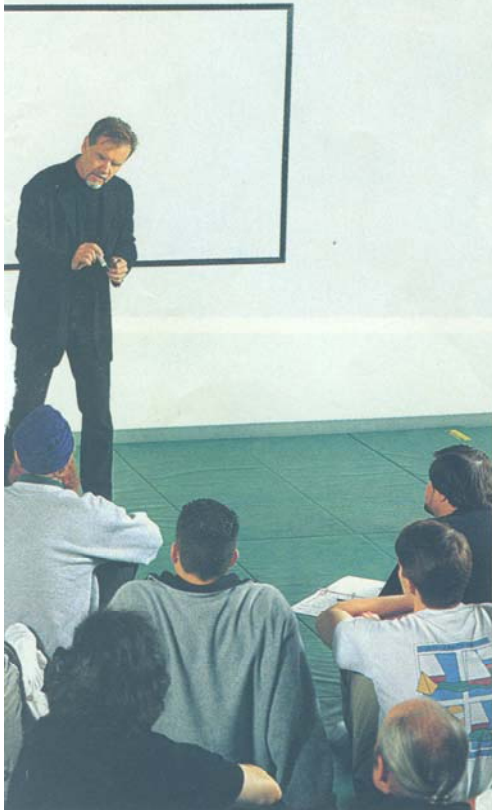
would be less effective than the 100-percent efficiency that existed in the first place. The best you can do is less than 100 percent, and that is the sad truth for which all martial arts have

had to settle.

In and of itself, each style will excel in some way because of the base-line geometry of the human body. Even though the practitioner is unaware of

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**SCARS is claimed to contain an efficient and effective response to any type of threat a person might encounter in modern society.**



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the science within, using his art he can achieve a reasonable ability to control an opponent until an alternative style comes into play and challenges the practitioner with a new geometry that the older one did not take into consideration.

Let's take this one step further: The two opposing styl-ists do battle, and one lives and one dies. The victor has proved his style is superior, right? Wrong. There is a 50-50 chance that the superior system was the loser's. He may have simply chosen not to kill his opponent. Why? It doesn't matter because the results are the same. A negative system has now entered the gene pool of experience, and the positive system is lost.

Every time a new style appears, a competition arises because it is less than 100-percent effective. Hundreds of years ago, competition lead to death, and the survivor received his riches and control over the people or village. Today, it's a softer, gentler world. Martial artists compete for titles, money, trophies and most of all egos. Men, women and children participate in the martial arts of the past that have been made up mostly by individuals more brutal than wise. The result is more than 3,500 styles of fighting, none of which is based on modern science.

Are the martial arts bad, then? No—as long as you understand the reality of their ability to protect you. Statistically, the top 10 percent of fighting arts follow the 60-40 rule: If 100 men attempt to use a particular style, 60 of them will come out on top and 40 will not. If you are not studying one of the top 10 percent, it may be closer to 40-60; you will be lucky if you are one of the surviving 40 percent.

The evolution of the martial arts continues because there will always be great fighters who rise to the top. They do so not because their style is superior but because they simply make fewer mistakes than their opponents. In the past, many champions have fallen in battle because on a particular day they made too many mistakes. The part that affects the history of the world is that when their followers are trained to make the same mistakes, the whole army collapses.

