

Etheric Sense

In my posting on “Offensive Intent” located at <http://senshido.savi.ca/viewtopic.php?t=4343> , I mentioned something called your “Etheric Sense”. Although some believe that one’s Etheric sense is nothing more than an esoterically based philosophy that is based upon pseudo science http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Etheric_body, I would argue that there is something to this phenomena that although not explainable by mainstream science, is something that is observable time and time again, especially in the Blindfold Stalking Drill that I conduct here at the school, and is something that that can be honed by students to heighten one’s level of awareness when it comes to self protection.

Now before you all say, “Darren has finally lost it and has gone Jedi”, let me explain what I have seen time and time again in the Blind Fold Stalking Drill:

- Even with the primary senses of sight and sound handicapped, students are still observed to move into the predatory mode (offensive Intent) and track their prey (defensive intent) throughout the school, often step for step.
- The observed predatory stalking is not random movement, but rather a fixed systemized movement pattern much like you see in an air to air dogfight once the enemy has been locked on by radar
- When one of the students throws a punch or kick, the other student responds to the attack even though the attack cannot be observed (due to both being blindfolded) or heard (due to the music being at an extreme volume). This even happens when the student throws a strike from a distance where physical contact will not be made.

The last point is the most amazing and intriguing to me, because if one cannot see or hear the attack, how can the other respond. There is no doubt that there is some other sense, which is being registered by the subconscious brain, which is picking up on the attack. It has also been my observation that the more inoculated you become to this drill, the better one becomes in trusting their Etheric sense. It has also been my observation that the Etheric sense in this drill has an average maximum range of about a ten foot circle around one’s centre line

To me, Etheric Sense is nothing more than one's sixth sense, intuition, or gut instinct, that although we cannot observe in a laboratory under scientific rigour, is something that allows us with to stay safe. I believe that our Etheric Sense is based upon a million years of evolution, and is a type of redundancy sensory mechanism that is embedded at the subconscious brain, and brought into action when our primary senses, such as sight and sound, are handicapped.

I do believe that modern science will one day quantify and qualify the Etheric sense, thus moving this combative attribute from realm of mysticism and esoteric philosophy, to mainstream study.

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