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According to the three axioms of hoplology, the paradigm which studies man's combative behavior, "the foundation of human combative behavior is rooted in our evolution (Armstrong, 2002). To gain a realistic understanding of human combative behavior, it is necessary to have a grasp of its evolutionary background." (p. 6) This evolutionary theory makes up the content of the first chapter called "The Combative Nature of Man." In this chapter, I explore the anatomical structures that are related to combative behavior and how the martial arts may effect these assemblages in a positive way.

In Chapter Two, I address the change making properties within the combative arts from a psychological perspective. By way of personal encounters, my preliminary research findings, and a literature review, I suggest that there are three experiences that propagate personal change through martial arts participation: psychosocial development, cognitive re-constructions, and emotional management.

The final chapter investigates ways to improve the martial arts experience. In this chapter, I discuss methods to increase peak experiences in the martial arts. Concepts from sports psychology are also explored to enhance performance in the combat arts. The final section in this last chapter investigates ways to improve teaching and leadership skills so students reap the fullest benefit from their martial journeys.

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