

Good morning Sifu,

Sifu, firstly I must apologise for the inappropriate way by which I concluded my training time with you some years ago.

I do still miss the kwoon and the camaraderie that I once enjoyed.

I have read with interest about the recent transitions that you have made to Browns Plains and to have more to do with Sigung Cheung. I was very glad to read this. I think that this is good for the art in Queensland. A few nights ago I searched for Kung Fu on Youtube and was saddened by the weak showings that I found. I found videos of kung fu sparring that was embarrassing and even worse, people claiming to be kung fu students getting slapped around by karateka and bogus demonstrations. There was also some very poor demonstrations of Chi Sao.

I didn't feel that there was any genuinely good kung fu around to inspire people to take up what I still believe is the only genuine martial (as opposed to a sport) art available. Finally I found some video of Grand Master giving demonstrations and even one of him performing Bil Jee as a young student. This gave me some heart and encouragement. While I was never able to see much of Sigung in the flesh, I did learn my Chi Sao, and a great many other valuable lessons, from you, and the principals have served me well during some of life's darker and more hazardous moments.

Sifu, there is little pure kung fu left, and a lot of people in martial arts believe that they have to augment their style with a myriad of others to be effective. I believe that this is because their core of teaching may not be as strong as it could be. In the rare occasions that I have had to, my Wing Chun training is all I have had to use and I am grateful to you for it. I commend you in the course that you have chosen. In fact there is little pure *anything* left in life. The world today is one big grey area filled with noise, artifice and indecision. There is no purity or direction anymore. I believe that as you stick with your convictions the referred students will come. I gave up my opportunity to continue learning Wing Chun under sound teaching and now I bitterly regret it.

Sifu, I sincerely wish you the very best in your journey over the next season. I would love to hear more of your story sometime. Please give my warmest regards to Simo, and to the little Sifu's.

I do talk to a lot of people in the course of my week and I will be referring them to your school whenever I have the opportunity.

With my best regards,

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