

Disclaimer

As this session was not preplanned, but an idea that came during the last day of shooting the material for the online course, I (Arttu) spoke from the heart. Joeli took a moment to invent questions he would ask to make me say reasonably relevant things and then we got going. After this discussion, it occurred to me that I had not asked if these people would want to publicly endorse my work, as private situations and conversations are a lot different than being publicly promoting something.

To my great happiness most people wanted to publicly endorse me and Collin Richards even wrote a long and beautiful endorsement. This now been said, as I contacted Rolf Warming (whom I mention multiple times during this interview) he said he does not remember well enough how he felt about the shields and our discussions so he can not endorse them just through message. I respect his honesty and believe he is sincere. I spoke from memory and from heart and did not mean to steal a credit undeserved.

I have a short video of our meeting which should share partly why I felt the endorsement was there: <https://youtu.be/kjIVgOQg2n4>

As the video features me and Mr. Warning testing how the composite construction of the shield takes sharp axe hits, and dialogue even suggests that the shield's structure at least has gained some respect, I hope no one believes I purposefully mislead anyone.

I have huge respect for Mr. Warning as a martial artist and as a researcher. Our discussions lead to the design of our simulated centergrip shields (shown on the online course) and his research is one of our main references when building iron age style shields. You can read more about his research during the online course.

Yours sincerely
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