

A DISTINCTION BETWEEN
3 TERMS AND OR METHODS

IN **Aiki** **JU-JUTSU**

HISTORY MANDATES THAT WE SYSTEMATICALLY EXAMINE ALL EVENTS AND PERSONS RELEVANT TO THE CREATION OF O-SENSEI'S AIKIDO.. [LEARNING ABOUT] DAITO-RYU HAS SERVED TO GREATLY ENRICH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AIKIDO'S TECHNICAL ROOTS..¹



JU-JUTSU 柔術

GENERAL	WITHIN DAITO-RYU
Umbrella term for Japanese grappling. The character 柔 means <i>yawara</i> , or 'soft' (as opposed to striking)	The 'hard' mode, involving <i>atemi</i> and joint-locking. Associated with basic <i>kata</i> training.

"Unlike older terms like *kumiuchi*, *torite*, *kogusoku*, *jujutsu* has the nuance of self-defense --responding to an attack." [2]



"*Daitoryu Jujutsu* is the method of relying primarily on..blows or kicks to any of the body's pressure points... [and] attack[ing] the joints..with simple, straightfoward vigor." [3]



"Joint locks or relying on physical strength to twist and turn without the action of *Aiki* .. is *Jujutsu*." [4]



AIKI-NO-JUTSU 合気之術

GENERAL	WITHIN DAITO-RYU
The technique or skill (ie, application) of <i>aiki</i> . Not a form or <i>kata</i> by itself.	The 'soft' mode, involving internal power and preemptive timing.

"We use the word '*Aiki*' because through it we can feel the mind of the enemy who comes to attack and are thus able to respond immediately .. In the old days it was called '*Aiki no Jutsu*'"⁶



"In the 1892 book '*Budo Hiketsu*', *Aiki no Jutsu* is defined as the highest level of Japanese *Budo* and explained as a mysterious technique where someone reads the opponent's murderous intent and by extending their own *ki* (intention) freezes the opponent and takes him down."⁵



The *Daito-ryu* concept of *aiki* implies an early neutralization of the attack.⁷



IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE YAWARA YOU HAVE DONE BEFORE!

THIS IS WHAT I LEARNED FROM HOSHINA-SAN.⁸



Aiki-no-jutsu is..the secret highly effective soft stuff you may or may not get taught. Some consider its effectiveness and..effortless nature..to be the ultimate expression of *Daitō-ryū*.⁹



"*Daitoryu Aiki no Jutsu* relies mainly on *aiki* timing and reduce[s] movement to a minimum and control[s] an opponent with spiritual rather than physical power."³



"We instantly intercept the power of the enemy through *Aiki-no-jutsu* render it powerless, stick to it and make it impossible to separate."⁴



AIKI-JUJUTSU 合気柔術

GENERAL	WITHIN DAITO-RYU
The martial system taught by Sokaku Takeda (1859-1943).	The mode in which <i>jujutsu</i> and <i>aiki-no-jutsu</i> are combined.

"The 'intermediate' level of skill within the *Daito-ryu* system, where *jujutsu* techniques are augmented with internal strength."²



"*Daitoryu Aiki Jujutsu* techniques combin[e] *atemi* and *aiki* timing..The emphasis is less on devastating control.. and more on complicated pins that stretch an opponents joints and limbs."³



The name "*Aiki-jujutsu*" first appears in 1922 on a *Daito-ryu* seminar attendance sheet and *Morihei Ueshiba* was the first person to receive a certificate for it. It's plausible that D. Onisaburo influenced *Ueshiba* about the spiritual implications of '*Aiki*', who then influenced *Takeda* to add it to the name.^[5; paraphrased]



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