

# The Egg Lady of Lampang

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In February of 2004, while studying Thai massage with Pichest Boonthumme in Hang Dong, I accompanied my colleagues and teacher on a field trip to visit the "Egg Lady." I knew she was a well known spiritual healer who lived in a small village near Lampang, about an hour from Chiang Mai, but I had no idea what I was about to witness.

What I experienced that afternoon opened my limited belief system to incorporate spiritual healing and black magic far beyond what I have ever known. We each had to bring her two duck eggs, which we purchased at a local market. We offered these eggs, along with other offerings of incense, fruit and some money. One by one we were called up and "cleaned" in various ways with the eggs. As she rubbed the eggs over my body, she instantly diagnosed my recent problems with mercury poisoning. (I had recently undergone extensive removal of mercury fillings from my teeth which had extreme side effects of full body rash, memory loss, fatigue and migraines, all common symptoms of lead poisoning). The Egg Lady told me I had poison in my body... then she rubbed the eggs firmly then cracked them. To my amazement, there was sand in my eggs.

The eggs of the others contained nails, string, screws, and other objects. She attributed most problems to our having been the recipients of magic spells while traveling in Thailand. She said many of the hill tribe people and others cast spells readily and without caution or discretion. In fact there was only one student in the group whose egg contained a normal yolk. That student was told that she was clean, and that she had no health problems.

I am so sorry to hear of her recent passing. The "egg lady" was very helpful to me at a time of need, and I pray that her spirit travels in peace.

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