

紙符案例探討

--回應李秀娥 2013/5/30 文「張天師平安符化解卡到靈之事」

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天師府很感謝李秀娥老師 2013/5/30 於其部落格為文「張天師平安符化解卡到靈之事」，表示天師平安符小卡確實有幫助。該文中有些關於紙符的觀念，天師府想做些探討與補充。也歡迎其他持符者寫出自身的經驗，共同探討神符的奧妙。(李秀娥 2013/5/30 文「張天師平安符化解卡到靈之事」全文

<http://tw.myblog.yahoo.com/jw!2b8iWhuaEx2bCiWwGQoE/article?mid=2331>)

前情提要：李秀娥老師與謝宗榮老師夫妻二人均從事民俗、宗教相關研究。謝宗榮老師為本府「2013 台灣燈會」法會顧問群之一，法會於3月已圓滿完成，本府很感謝顧問們的支持。4月16日謝宗榮老師與李秀娥老師至天師府拜訪，當日李秀娥老師提到她正在進行新北市「土城義塚大墓公園區墓塚調查研究計畫」，有卡到陰的狀況，故天師贈予三張紙卡平安符給李秀娥老師及該計畫另二位工作人員。李秀娥老師為佛教徒，但仍很感謝天師贈符。

據 2013/5/30 李秀娥老師在部落格中的文章言：

....我們要離開前，我笑著感謝張意將天師，還說我今天真的來對了，並說我回去好好感應看看。說來也奇怪，在張意將天師辦公室裡都沒事，但當我才走出他二樓的辦公室，步下樓梯間時，便已經馬上感覺到一陣的負面磁場瞬間盤繞在我的眉心，令我感到微微的暈，我趕緊心中祝福張意將天師及護持他的所

有道教徒。

等到我們返家後，我把這幾張紙卡平安符和其他布符平安符、平安天燈、文昌天燈、殷元帥天師符等拿出來感覺看看，其他符的磁場都是和諧的，只有這三張紙卡平安符上面沾染上濃濃的不和諧磁場，令我眉心感到微微的不舒服感。宗榮告訴我點個燻爐過一過香，祈請淨化一下。

所以我趕緊點上老山粉的燻爐，將平安符在燻爐上燻一燻，結果那不和諧的磁場仍在，所以我馬上當機立斷，手上拿起念珠修持當日的功課，並一手拿著這三張紙卡平安符，趕緊持著日常所誦念的所有佛號咒語，希望淨化掉這平安符上所沾染到的不和諧的負面磁場，恐怕這與被謠傳的「殺人符」等之誤解有關。

幸虧隨著修持當天的功課，「南無不動如來」、「南無月光如來」、……(省略)等各持 108 遍後，當我持咒念佛即將完成時，我也幾乎同時感覺到這三張的紙卡平安符已經完全被淨化了，其實我當時心中也同時為張意將天師辦公室裡同一批或已經送出去的紙卡平安符一起祈禱與淨化。

對於天師給予李秀娥老師的三張紙卡平安符有不和諧磁場，而同樣是天師給的其他符卻沒有不和諧磁場一事，天師府員工請教天師。天師表示那三張紙卡平安符會有不和諧磁場，是因為李秀娥老師當時卡著陰，紙符過她的手故有些沾染污穢，最快的處理方法是回天師府過爐立即淨化，如謝宗榮老師所建議者。或如緊急的話，可於日光中曝曬

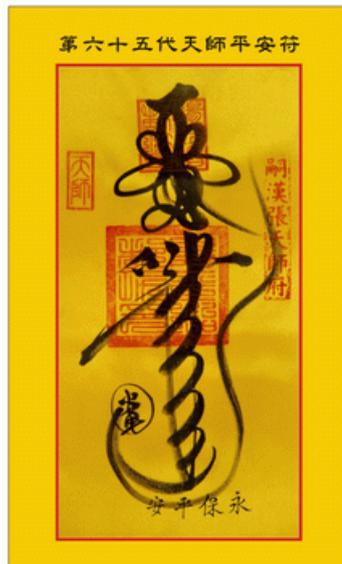
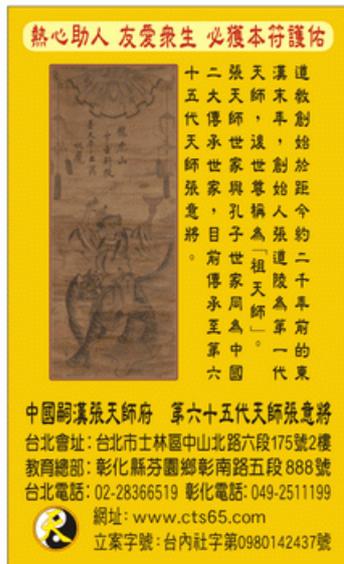
紙符約 10 分鐘，因為天師符特重陽氣，故藉日光消除不淨。李秀娥老師在家自行過爐之所以無效，可能是沒有祈請祖天師或當代天師，亦或是家中所供奉者非道教神明。後來李秀娥老師表示以佛教方式淨化了，由於天師府不熟悉佛教的方法，對此無法評論。但是，如果李秀娥老師沒有成功淨化該符，紙符也有自行淨化的能力，只是慢多了，因為紙的材質所能承載的能量較布為低，自行淨化的速度也較差一些。這是李秀娥老師拿到的其他布材質的符沒有感受到不和諧磁場，而紙符被發現有不和諧磁場的原因。

透過此事件天師府想補充幾個對於紙符的觀念：

(1) 求符最好自身為之，透過他人，多一手，若剛好該代求者有所不妥，則符多了一個污染的可能。古代有很多禁忌，就是考慮到各種複雜的狀況之故。索取天師府紙符方便易行，只要附貼足郵資之回郵信封即可，其實可以不必代替他人索取。

(2) 符並不會因為不正的意念、人們心裏或口頭不敬等意念思維上的原因而沾染污穢，最多是不產生效用而已。至於「殺人符」案例是該人有各種惡意、過激、汙辱的行為：公眾面前辱罵、撕毀紙符、再吐口水、踐踏撕破之符紙……，天師府認為他出事是神明的懲罰。對不要的紙符建議燒掉，不要丟垃圾桶。

(3) 李秀娥老師所拿到的平安符紙符是六十五代天師符式，可以有平安護身功能，但原則上天師府已不再對外贈送此符。目前天師府贈送的平安符為防護、阻隔外邪作用，對於已發生之卡陰事件，仍須另行處理。



(4)紙符因材質之故，難以長久有效，而隨身小卡又因紙符跟著持符者，所處環境經常改變，很難推估有效期長短，故天師府隨身小卡建議至少一年內回天師府過爐。如持符者經常出入不潔的地方，則建議一年多過爐幾次。有些民間宮廟會建議民眾平安符每三個月帶回去過爐一次，就是想確保其效力。屆時如不方便回府過爐，請將隨身小卡連同酌量金紙燒化，再索取新符。

(5)鎮宅的紙符：鎮宅的紙符貼在家中，一般狀況效力可以保持較久，但民俗喜除舊布新，則「玉華司鎮宅符」紙符建議每年農曆正月換新；「天師騎艾虎」紙符則建議每年農曆五月換新。

天師府很感動李秀娥老師為心胸開闊的佛教徒，能廣納他教，還願意表達對道符功效的感受。亦有基督徒求取天師符後，感受到功效，再臨天師府感謝天師的案例。道符傳授自神明，但有能量、磁場等客觀部分，故只要願意相信這符可以對持符者有益，持符者有心盡孝為善，則該符之力量都有機會顯現。他教者亦不妨一試。

天師府「平安符隨身小卡」索取辦法

「道法海涵—李豐楙教授暨師門道教文物收藏展」展覽期間，宗博館現場可以面費索取，或民眾可附貼好郵票的回郵信封向天師府索取。請寄至「111 台北市中山北路六段 175 號 2 樓 中國嗣漢張天師府道教會收」。

回郵信封寬度建議應大於 10.5 cm x23.5 cm(比一般市售標準信封再稍微寬一點點。若不方便，標準信封也可接受)，上面請填妥收件人姓名、地址、郵遞區號，並貼足郵資(印刷品平信郵資為 3.5 元；印刷品掛號郵資 23.5 元)，並註明索取紙符的名稱及索取張數(以不超過所貼郵資為限)，以上如有缺漏，則恕不處理，亦不退還郵資。

如果您喜歡天師府紙符，歡迎贊助印刷。

郵政劃撥捐款資料如下：

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收款帳號：50237084

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展覽展期：2013.05.01～06.30

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館址：新北市永和區中山路一段 236 號 (太平洋百貨雙和店旁)

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Discussion on the paper talismans

In response to the 2013 article by Lee Shiow-er, “How Celestial Master Chang’s ‘Talisman Ensuring Peace and Safety’ handled the problem of spirit possession.”

2013/6/4 The Taoist Association of Celestial Master Chang

The Taoist Association wants to thank professor Lee Shiow-er for sharing her insights regarding the power of one of our pocket talismans by publishing a post, “How Celestial Master Chang’s ‘Talisman Ensuring Peace and Safety’ handled the problem of spirit possession,” on her blog on 2013/5/30. In the following paragraphs, we would like to respond to the description given by professor Lee and correct some misinformation. We also want to encourage other talisman holders to share their thoughts and experiences. Professor Lee’s post is available under the link:

<http://tw.myblog.yahoo.com/jw!2b8iWhuaEx2bCiWwGQoE/article?mid=2331>

Short Summary: Lee Shiow-Er and her husband, Hsieh Chung-Jung, are researchers of Taiwanese folk and religious traditions. Professor Hsieh was an official consultant during the 2013 Taiwan Lantern Festival organized by our association (the assembly finished by the end of March, and we would like to express our gratitude for all the help provided by the consultants’ team). On April 16th same year, professor Hsieh with his wife, professor Lee came to visit our headquarters. That day, professor Lee mentioned that she had just started fieldwork research in New Taipei City under the title “The research on tombs in Tucheng District’s Temple of Wandering and Homeless Spirits.” Since the research ground is filled with ghostly *yin* energy, Celestial Master Chang gave her and two other researchers working on this project a pocket version of “Talisman Ensuring Peace and Safety.” Although professor Lee is a practicing Buddhist, she was pleased with the gift and promised to keep the talisman close to her.

Professor Lee recorded her experience with the talisman and shared it in her blog on 2013/5/30:

.... Before our departure, I thanked Master Chang for his sincere care, smiling from amusement. I said to him that I did right coming there on that day and promised I would do my best to resonate with the positive energy of the talisman he gave me. It might seem awkward when put into words, nevertheless, I want to share what I experienced: in Chang Ei-Chang’s office, I didn’t sense anything unusual, but after leaving his place and walking down the staircase, I was instantly hit with a field of negative energy that concentrated around the space between my eyebrows. This strange sensation made me feel lightheaded. I said a quick prayer in my mind, wishing happiness and prosperity to Master Chang and all the Taoists supporting his spiritual mission.

Back home, I looked at the gifts from Master Chang: a bunch of cards with the Talisman Ensuring Peace and Prosperity, a peace talisman written on a piece of cloth, a Celestial Lamp Ensuring Peace, a Celestial Lamp with Lord Wenchang, a talisman with the Taisui deity and others. Almost all these artifacts emanated a harmonious type of energy. Only three paper cards with the Talisman Ensuring Peace and Prosperity were corrupted with a thick and chaotic magnetic field that resonated with the point between my eyebrows, making me feel unwell. My husband advised me to light incense and purify the cards' magnetic fields with the smoke.

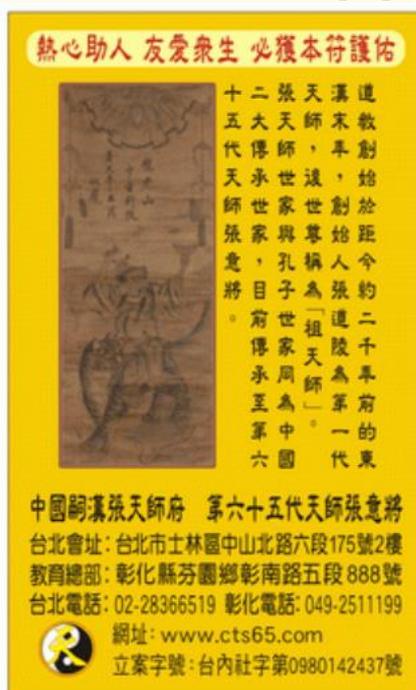
Although I did exactly as I'd been told, the unharmonious magnetic field did not disappear. I promptly decided to take my rosary and practice my daily prayer while still holding the three cards in my other hand. Standing like this, I closed my eyes and started to recite my usual Buddhist chants and mantras, hoping it would purify those talismans. I feared that this was the case of the so-called "Deadly Talisman".

Fortunately, as I recited "Akshobhya," "Moonlight Boddhisatva Mantra," and others of my daily incantations about 108 times, I felt the energy beaming from these three card-talismans come back to normal. While saying my prayers, I was also concentrating on other pocket talismans lying in the office of Celestial Master Chang or those already given to people. Holding all good thoughts in my head, I wished for their purification.

After reading this blog entry, the staff member at the Taoist Association asked Master Chang about the possibility of cards with the "Talisman Ensuring Peace and Prosperity" being charged with the negative energy field while other amulets remained intact. Master Chang said that the *yin* energy accumulated by professor Lee affected the energy field of these three protective talismans. Like professor Hsieh advised his wife, the fastest way to purify them is to unwind them with incense smoke. But if time is of the essence, one should sunbathe the contaminated artifact for about 10 minutes. All talismans made in the Taoist Association react to the *yang* energy, which is why direct sunlight can restore their original energy field more efficiently. The purification ritual done by professor Lee at home in front of burning incense did not work because she did not request the help of the Ancestral Celestial Master or because, in her home, none of the Taoist deities is venerated. The fact that the incantation of Buddhist mantras helped to purify the energetic fields of the talismans cannot be explained by Master Chang since he is not an expert in Buddhist religious practices. If, however, professor Lee wouldn't successfully purify those talismans, they would cleanse themselves eventually, but it would take quite a long time. The paper material used to make those talismans has a low absorption level which impacts the speed of the self-purifying process of the talismans. Other talismans that professor Lee received were made from a different material. Hence they could purify themselves faster.

As a response to the story described above, Celestial Master Chang would like to share some information about the workings of the paper talismans:

- (1) Whenever you need a protective talisman, it is better to ask for it yourself. Suppose you request a talisman with the help of an intermediary. In that case, there is always a risk that this person is loaded with unbalanced energy, which can contaminate the amulet's protective power. Some taboos were built a long time ago based on experience gained by our ancestors. It would be unwise to disrespect them. If you cannot come to the Taoist Association in person, we can send you the talisman through the mail by sending us first a self-addressed stamped envelope with a sufficient amount of postage.
- (2) Although devious thoughts and disrespectful, harmful words cannot contaminate the talisman, they can still reduce its protective powers. The so-called cases of a "Deadly Talisman" involved people with bad intentions who showed extremely disrespectful and humiliating behavior towards the sacred artifacts, like tearing apart the talisman in public, spitting on it, throwing it on the ground, and crushing it with their feet... In the Taoist Association, we believe that someone who acts and thinks this way brings the wrath of the deities on himself. If you do not want the talisman given to you anymore, you must burn it with spirit money. Never throw it away like a piece of garbage.
- (3) The "Talisman Ensuring Peace and Safety" professor Lee Shiow-er received a type of talisman card created by the XLV Celestial Master Chang. Originally it was made to bring peace and protect people. Today, however, the "Talisman Ensuring Peace and Safety" issued by the Taoist Association works differently: it can protect its holder from pernicious foreign influences, but it cannot purify the negative energy one already is affected with. For this purpose, a specific purification ritual is required.



- (4) Paper talismans usually do not last long since the material they are made with can quickly wear off. Moreover, because paper talismans in a pocket version work best when kept close to one's body, they are more prone to the harmful effects of external factors. That is why it is hard to measure their exact lifespan. We advise you to come to our association and unwind your pocket talisman with incense at least once a year. If the talisman holder often visits places with negative energy (like cemeteries or yin-temples), they should incense their talismans several times a year. Some folk temples encourage believers to incense the peace-bringing amulets once every three months to restore their protective powers to the fullest. If it is not convenient for you to come to our headquarters on the appointed occasion, we advise you to burn the card talisman with some gold spirit money. After that, you can go anytime and request a new talisman.
- (5) Paper talismans for household protection offered by Taoist Association: after obtaining a talisman for household protection, please hang it inside your home to make it work effectively for a longer time. Still, people like to replace the old with the new. The best time to replace the "Yuhua Ministry Talisman" is the first month of the lunar year. If you want to change your "Talisman with Ancestral Celestial Master Riding a Mugwort Tiger," it is best to wait till the fifth month of the lunar year.

The Taoist Association would like to thank professor Lee Shiow-er for being an open-minded and open-hearted person. Although she is a Buddhist, she can embrace and respect other religions. She does not hide her opinions and prefers to write about her experiences, just like she did after obtaining taoist protective talismans. We also have some Christian friends who felt a positive effect after receiving talismans from Taoist Association. Talismans are unique artifacts given by the gods, charged with spiritual energy. They strongly resonate with the energy of their holder, so as long as you believe in their power, they will bring you good fortune. If you are a good person with a compassionate and respectful heart, the talisman's power will only grow stronger.

How to obtain the „Talisman Ensuring Safety and Peace” from Taoist Association

During the exhibition "The Magnanimity of the Taoist Law: a collection of cultural artifacts owned by scholar and Taoist master Lee Fong Mao," we will prepare a stand in the museum where you can obtain talismans for free.

You can also send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the necessary stamps to the following:

Taipei City 111, Shilin District, Zhongshan North Rd. Section 6, No. 175, 2nd Floor, The Taoist Association of Celestial Master Chang.

The self-addressed stamped envelope should be bigger than 10.5 cm x 23.5 cm (slightly broader than the standard envelope available on the market). If obtaining such an envelope would be a problem, you can use the standard size. Please write down the receiver's name, surname, and exact address on the envelope, including the postal code. Don't forget to add a sufficient amount of postage (the standard postage for mail service in case of a letter is 3.5 NTD, and the registered postage for mail service in case of a letter is 23.5 NTD). Please indicate the name and amount of chosen talismans in your letter (To not exceed the postage limits for 8 NTD. We can provide you with ten talismans, but if you want to order more, you should add more stamps, but be aware that we won't send you back the excessive amount of stamps).

If you like the paper talismans made by Taoist Association, you are welcome to contribute to the imprint process. Necessary contribution data demarcated for postal service are:

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Bank account of the receiver: 50237084

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