



Antique Burmese Tattooing Needle, Bronze & Brass, 19th Century, Myanmar, 42 Cm

350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Length : 42 cm



Description

An unusual antique Burmese (Myanmar) tattooing implement, dating from the late 19th or early 20th century. Measuring an impressive 42 cm in length, this traditional tattooing instrument is constructed in two detachable sections, with a long copper-alloy shaft, a decorative weighted terminal surmounted by a finely detailed lotus-bud finial, and a sharply pointed tattooing stylus. Of particular interest is the unusual working point, which is formed with numerous fine longitudinal channels, creating a distinctive comb-like appearance. These channels appear to have been designed to retain and deliver tattoo pigment during use. Traces of old dark pigment remain within the channels and around the working end, providing interesting evidence of the instrument's original function. Tattooing has a

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long history in Burma, where elaborate tattoos were associated with protection, spiritual beliefs, personal identity and traditional cultural practices. The instrument retains an attractive aged patina, with the different copper alloys displaying warm tones acquired over many years. A fascinating and unusual piece of Southeast Asian ethnographic art, of interest to collectors of Burmese antiques, traditional tattooing equipment and Asian tribal art. Origin: Burma (Myanmar), possibly Shan. Period: Late 19th to early 20th century. Length: 42 cm. Condition: Good antique condition, with age-related patina and traces of old pigment. **SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY** It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français. Any questions will be answered promptly. **MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.** I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing - I have a proven track record of selling high-value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.