

CHAPTER 12

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Huge Audiences

AFTER RECEIVING VALIDATION from the scientific testing in Beijing and recognition from group after group, Master Zhang had become quite famous. The public torment she'd endured through so much of her life was finally behind her. She began traveling a great deal and giving public lectures on the "Chinese Divine Powers" that her white-mustached Master in spirit had taught her. At these lectures, she often gave demonstrations of her healing techniques as well, but since she could not help every individual who wanted a healing, she continued to give out Lucky Cards in a random fashion to the audience. Those who drew a Lucky Card were able to come up on stage and be treated by her. Participants loved this, and more and more people attended Master Zhang's lectures.

At these public lectures, she not only demonstrated her x-ray vision and ability to manifest medicine out of the air but was also able to send healing energy (chi) to large numbers of people at once. This

is an ability that highly skilled qigong masters generally have, so it is historically accepted in China. For instance, in one lecture, Master Zhang sent healing energy to an entire audience of 5,000 people!

Between 1991 and 1998, Master Zhang gave more than 400 public lectures. Over eight years, it was estimated that she lectured to between 300,000 and 400,000 people in approximately ten provinces of China, in more than forty cities, counties, and towns. She also lectured in Hong Kong, Japan, and other countries. The talented village girl from poor roots had certainly come a long way.

For a while after 1993, as can be seen in many of her photos, Master Zhang dressed in men's clothing and wore her hair like a man. This was because the types of things she was doing and the types of responsibilities she was taking on were not typical things women did in her culture. Her upbringing made it clear that a woman was *not* supposed to be seen outside the home or listened to on matters of importance. So, dressing like a man made her feel more confident. When asked if she believed that everyone really thought she was a man, she answered that she thought some did, and others did not know for sure. Looking back, Master Zhang later explained that she felt more powerful and free to do her work when she dressed like a man.

Girl with BB Bullet in Her Eye

Some especially interesting cases and events occurred in 1993 and 1994, which were particularly active lecture years. For instance, at a public lecture on November 20, 1993, Master Zhang was about to give her presentation on the Chinese Divine Powers in Zengzhou,

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Henan (North Central China), where the venue was set to hold up to 8,500 people. Amazingly, more than 10,000 people swarmed into the huge auditorium!

The reason so many people were eager to attend her lecture that day was because word had spread quickly of something special that had happened the week before. Master Zhang had been invited to give a public lecture by the Henan People's Congress and the Provincial Qigong Association. At the event, an eight-year-old girl received a Lucky Card and, accompanied by her parents onto the stage, was able to receive an individual healing session.

In front of the large gathering, the mother tearfully explained that one of the girl's eyes had been injured while playing with her friends. An air gun had accidentally gone off and a BB bullet was accidentally shot into the girl's eye. Unfortunately, the doctors said it was impossible to do surgery because an operation would be too risky. The girl looked on silently and Master Zhang said to her, "Poor girl. What a pity to have such a pretty girl with one eye. Is it painful?"

"The swelling is painful and I am always in tears," the little girl answered. Master Zhang looked at her eye and said, "I will try to take the bullet out. Is that okay?"

"Yes, please!" the little girl answered.

Thousands of eyes in the audience were staring at the stage, waiting to see how the bullet was going to be removed, and all was silent. After a moment or so of concentrated attention, Master Zhang raised her right hand and pointed a finger at the girl's injured eye. At the same time, she said some prayers and started her psychic powers. One minute, two minutes, three minutes passed, and everyone in the audience was holding their breath. Those sitting near the stage

could see that the little girl was perspiring heavily, with huge drops of sweat sliding down her face. Master Zhang's face was also hot and her right hand was extended as if she were about to pull something out of the girl's eye. Suddenly, she said to the girl's family, "Quick—bring a bowl!"

Immediately, the girl's father was able to grab a teacup and everyone heard the sound "*clink, clink*" as the air-gun bullet dropped down into the cup. Instantly, the entire audience was applauding and shouting! The girl and her mother knelt down before Master Zhang to express their deepest thanks, and she quickly had them stand back up. The entire audience was on their feet now and, as the thunderous applause continued, some tried to get a glimpse of the BB in the cup.

Boy with Myasthenia Gravis

Another fascinating case started out as a private session. Though it was not in front of an audience, the case ended up being publicized nevertheless. A fifteen-year-old boy who lived in Chaoyang City suffered from myasthenia gravis, a rare autoimmune neuromuscular disease. The boy's muscles lacked white ligaments, and he could not stand or walk. Of course, his parents had taken him to many hospitals and specialists over the years, but to no avail. Finally, they brought him to see Master Zhang.

When Master Zhang first saw the boy, she felt great sympathy for him but honestly admitted her concerns to his parents. "Let me try," she said, "but I am not sure that I can cure him." She then went through her process of manifesting medicine out of the air for the boy. It was an herbal powder. After taking the powder, the boy

tried his best to stretch his arms up, but couldn't. His parents knelt down before Master Zhang and encouraged her by saying, "Please do not hurry. The boy has been immobile for so many years that it is impossible to cure him in an instant. Please try again!"

Master Zhang was moved but also felt uneasy. She replied, "Okay, let me try again. After three days, carry the boy here once more and I will make up medicine for him a second time. After that, if there is no significant change, then you should not come to me again."

After three days, the parents brought the boy back, and the pressure to succeed could not have been greater because the Liaoning television station had sent a film crew to record the event. When Master Zhang saw the boy, she could tell there had been a slight improvement. She thought, *Maybe the medicine I produced was a little weak. This time, I should make up some liquid medicine for him. The liquid medicine is stronger and more effective.* So, she started her psychic powers and, after some effort, manifested liquid medicine from the air. Miraculously, after drinking the liquid medicine, the boy could move by himself!

This astonishing event was aired on both local and international television news stations and caused such a stir that Master Zhang was inundated with letters from the public.

Soon afterward, the boy started to walk slowly and gingerly and his parents visited Master Zhang to thank her again. Their son continued to improve and, at the age of twenty, was able to graduate from middle school. He could not walk smoothly like most people, but he was able to walk and take care of himself nevertheless—something he could never do before. No longer completely paralyzed, he had bright prospects for the rest of his life.