Yantra Tattoos

are one of the most popular forms of tattooing worldwide. Yantra is an ancient form of tattooing that is now practiced mostly by Buddhists and other artists in Thailand. In the past it was popular in Cambodia, Laos, parts of Vietnam and Southern China. There are many practitioners of this ancient form of tattooing. The tattoo instruments are bamboo sticks filed to a fine point or a long metal instrument. The tattoo is given by tapping the ink into the skin.

People and artists from around the world have come to Buddhist temples in Thailand to learn the art of and to get a tattoo. It has become so popular that the Thai government has proposed a ban on foreigners getting a Yantra tattoo citing that it has cultural and religious meaning for Buddhists and that foreigners should not be allowed to get a tattoo just because it's fashionable, or because they like the design.

Traditionally, Buddhist monks, specialized tattoo artists, and shamans practice this form of tattooing. The practice dates back some 2,000 years ago. It has been used differently by diverse cultures for different meanings. The symbolism and writings are tied to the Buddhist religion. The tattoo is meant to signify many ideas—magic, protection from harm, certain incantations for the person receiving the tattoo. The script can be Sanskrit or a regional script. Sanskrit is an ancient form of writing and speech found in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain writing.

Different tattoos have different meanings. If you are thinking about getting a tattoo be sure to do your research first to make sure that you are honoring the original meaning of the tattoo. Some people might think that a tattoo that you have is simply beautiful, but it could be a sign of disrespect for their religion or culture. This is even more important if you get a tattoo with script that you may not realize has a certain meaning or that has a different translation than you were told.