

**Part 359 for Cathy's blog**

**Monday May 25, 2026**

**Temple Day : the Baphuon (part two)**



**These big trees have grown in the grounds at the back (west) of the Baphuon.**



**You can just make out the reclining Buddha along this back wall.**

**There is a small western gopura in the outer wall. Here are some of the carvings in the frames of the doorways.**



**A horse and rider.**



**Prancing horses.**



**A warrior.**



**Wrestling or wrangling?**



**Is he riding this horse?**



**This is wrestling, surely. Is that a lion?**



**At least this fellow has a sword.**

**And I think he must be holding a shield (not a piglet).**



**Perhaps the top carving is wrestling a cow.**

**Next is another lion and human fight.**

**Followed by another horse and rider.**



**The pediment above the doorway is patterned. It does not tell a religious story.**

From here we headed back through the stacked blocks and found more carving treasures.



**A bird and a deer?**



**Brahman bulls.**



**These are “just” people. They are not Apsaras, nor warriors.**



**A sleeping bird and a boar.**



**A warrior with a bow.**



**People wrestling.**



**Boars. These carvings are quite worn.**

There is still so much to see.

