

Wedjat eyes



Wedjat eyes/ eyes of Horus are an

Ancient Egyptian symbol that can be found presented in multiple different shapes and sizes depending on the intended purpose of such amulets. These amulets are all versions of the eye of Horus and are made of faience, all in a similar shade of a grey blue. Some have been found with intended holes to be used as a bead that is to be worn during everyday life, as it was considered as a form of protection to ward off evil spirits. Others, however were found intact and placed within the wrappings of the dead when prepared for their tombs or graves, placed over the heart to keep true and give good health and rebirth into the afterlife.

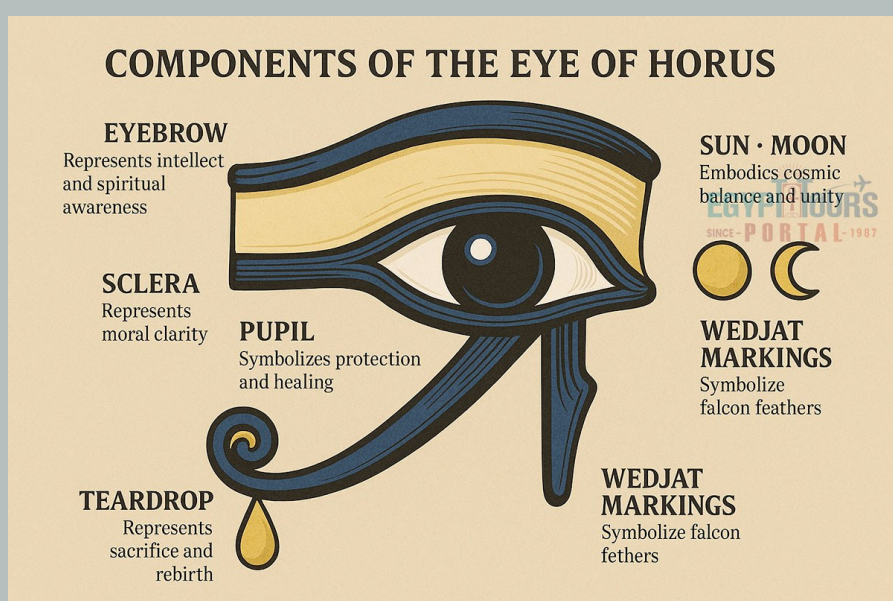


The story of the eye of Horus:

During conflicts with the deity Set the left eye of Horus was stolen, and later restored by Thoth. (Zinn, 2025.) The Wedjat eyes represent the healed eye of the deity Horus; a human and falcon eye, symbolising rebirth and protection against harm and evil both on earth and in the afterlife. (Hajar, 2008.)



The name Wedjat (Wd3t) derives from the goddess Wedjat, who is the goddess of protection. The Wedjat term in Ancient Egyptian means 'the one that is sound' (met museum), and also has connotations of 'unbroken', 'strong' and 'healing power'.



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