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LITERATURE

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AMULETS IN ANCIENT EGYPT, THE 'WEDJAT EYE' REPRESENTS THE HEALED EYE OF THE GOD, HORUS. DEPICTING A COMBINATION OF A HUMAN AND A FALCON EYE, AS HORUS WAS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH A FALCON. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN NAME, 'WEDJAT', MEANS 'THE ONE THAT IS SOUND'. IN EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY HORUS' EYE WAS INJURED OR STOLEN BY THE GOD SETH AND THEN RESTORED BY THOTH. THE 'WEDJAT EYE' EMBODIES HEALING POWERS AND SYMBOLISES REBIRTH.

AMULETS OF THIS SHAPE WERE THOUGHT TO PROTECT ITS WEARER AND TO TRANSFER THE POWER OF REGENERATION ONTO HIM OR HER. IT WAS USED BY BOTH THE LIVING AS WELL AS THE DEAD.

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