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Egyptian Wedjat Eye Necklace



An ancient Egyptian necklace comprised of mummy and wedjat eye beads, the large central bead in the form of a wedjat eye, restrung with a modern gold clasp.

Late Period,
Ca. 700-30 BC.
Length of necklace: 17 3/4 in. (45 cm).

The Wedjat eye represents the eye of the falcon god Horus which was plucked out by Seth and then later restored by Thoth. As an amulet it was thought to bring protection and reconstitution. The Wedjat is found on mummies more often than any other amulet, though it was also worn in life.

cf.: C. Andrews, Amulets of Ancient Egypt, (Texas, 1994), p. 44 ff.

Formerly in an Israeli private collection.

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