



Stuck in your house all alone? Bored to tears? Ready for something to divert your attention? Great! Here it is!

## How Might They Have Handled the Coronavirus 3,000 Years Ago?

**In ancient times, superstitions abounded and the cures for some maladies were, to say the least, bizarre. The Coronavirus--in those times--might have been considered the result of an "evil eye" having been cast.**

Italians are very superstitious. One of the more popular superstitions is the "malocchio" or the evil eye. It's the look that one person gives to another if they are jealous or envious. According to Italian folklore, those giving the malocchio can cause harm to someone else. Legend says it's just another way of putting a curse on others that can cause physical pain such as head or stomach aches or even cause misfortune (Coronavirus, maybe?).

What can you do to prevent the malocchio?



You can wear a cornetto (a horn, also “corno”) which resembles a chili pepper.

You see some Italians still wearing a cornetto around their neck along with a cross. The horns are usually made of coral, gold, or silver and are either worn as a necklace or hung in one’s home to ward off evil spirits. This horn tradition evolved in Old Europe when the horned animal (the moon goddess) was considered sacred.

Besides wearing the corno, an old wives' tale says that to diagnose someone with the evil eye, have them drop three drops of olive oil in a bowl filled with water. If the oil forms the shape of an eye, the victim has indeed received the malocchio. As the oil separates from the water, make the sign of the cross and say, “In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Then make the sign of the cross on both of your hands. As you do this, place your hands on the other person and say: “Father this prayer is being said for (insert name of victim) and I pray it works in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

You must repeat this prayer three times. After that is done, both people must say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one “Glory Be To the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and forever shall be.” Sometimes this part is done by holding hands. This prayer is the most effective on Christmas Eve, but, of

course, it will still work during any time of the year!

Here's a short video that shows how the younger generation deals with this age-old superstition. Make sure your volume is on. You can watch full screen or not and skip the ad, too. [Click here.](#)

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