

# SUPERSTITIONS



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Signs of the Kazakh people have a long history. Due to the deep meaning inherent in various kinds (omen, belief), they are believed to this day.

Many people are superstitious. They believe in unproven and mysterious facts. Moreover, they are afraid of them. For example, when a black cat crosses their path, they say it's for bad luck. Or, when they walk under the ladder, it also brings bad luck.



It goes without saying that number 13 is an unlucky and evil number. In Britain people avoid having houses or flats of number 13. They don't even have the 13th floor or room number in hotels. The unluckiest day is considered to be Friday the 13th, although some people simply have fun on this day, turning the superstition into an amusing game.



There are millions of superstitions in the world. Each country has its own examples. For instance, Russians believe that carrying an empty bucket is not good or bumping into a person with an empty bucket in the street. Taking out anything from home at night, especially the trash is also not good. Empty bottles on the table are a bad sign. Other forbidden acts are giving watches and knives as presents. Watches are believed to lead to parting, while knives lead to conflicts and quarrels.





we do not accept buying clothes, toys and other accessories for a child before birth. It is considered a bad omen to see a child before the expiration of forty days, and after forty days, if you are invited to the baby's viewing, it is not customary to loudly admire the child and praise his appearance. And to prevent the child from being accidentally jinxed, soot is smeared on his forehead or a small pin is attached to his clothes.

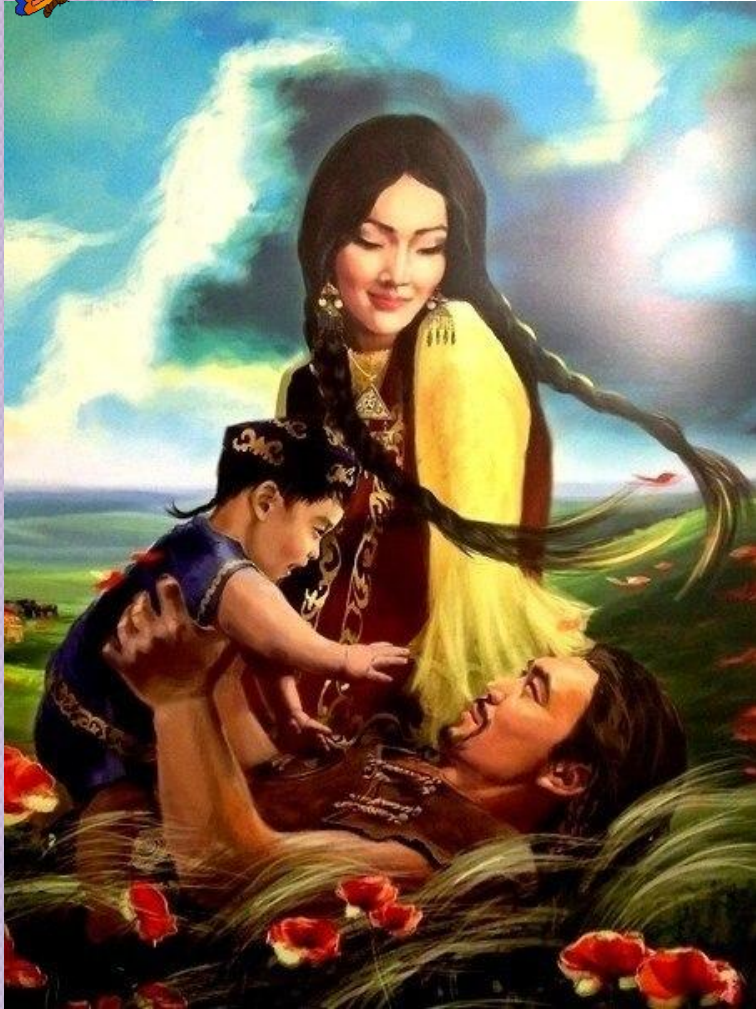




Other superstitions associated with the birth of only girls: if this happened several times in a row, the last of the girls was named with a male name - for example, Ulbolsyn (let it be a boy) or Ultuar (let it be a boy). If women were born after that, the girls continued to be called by male names.

There are many other omens and superstitions in the world, but they all depend on the degree of your belief. Some people refuse to believe in such things unless there is a scientific reasoning behind it.





- A woman expecting a child was not recommended to step over the stretched ropes, otherwise the umbilical cord could entangle the child's neck during childbirth. To prevent the birth from suddenly becoming premature, pregnant women were not allowed to hold anything sharp, cutting or stabbing, or to cut their hair, sew or knit. During childbirth, in order for the woman in labor to be quickly resolved from the burden, all the lids of the chests were opened in the house.
- Also, you can not cross the road to an older or a man, otherwise wait for trouble. I went into someone else's house and found people at work - help, otherwise your son will become a hunchback.
- It was forbidden for a woman to wash clothes on Fridays and during Muslim holidays.



Kazakhs scolded children for running into the house. They thought they were full of bad news

The traveler was never asked - "where are you going?", but it is considered mandatory to wish the traveler a good road, to say good words and to bless him with a kind word. It is not customary to return from the middle of the road.

You couldn't say or think bad things: "a Good word is half the luck."





You can not turn the bread, step on it and leave food in the plate. It was forbidden to leave food uncovered at night, otherwise Shaitan might try it. According to the laws of the steppe hospitality, the newly settled nearby neighbors, it was decided to call for a visit to eroc. If you don't call for yerulik, you will deny yourself and your family prosperity.



Entering the Kazakh house, any guest had to break a piece of bread and drink a Cup of tea. And tea could be followed by a more serious treat. It was not customary to serve food in cracked dishes - this meant that the food could be applied to the Shaitan himself. It was not customary to rattle empty dishes in the house, so prosperity and happiness could leave the house. You can't ask a person if they want to eat, either.





- never laugh at the poor, the sick, the poor, or the crippled. You could not speak arrogantly about someone's misfortunes-it was believed that the person who laughed or mocked at someone else's grief would be drowned in the lake or buried in the ashes. Or, having lived a hard life, will die under the fence.
- You couldn't start business on a Tuesday - it could take a long time. Wednesday was considered the most successful day of the week for Kazakhs. Any beginnings, as well as meals, had to be done with the right hand.
- You could not cut your nails at night - this was done only for the dead, since it was customary to bury the deceased before sunset.
- It was impossible to step over a person - the child might not grow up, and such an attitude towards an adult was considered disrespectful.





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