

Goat Eyes: Satanic ploy, or merely horrific crime against nature?

A Serial Treatise on the Unnatural Pupils of Those Beasts of the Genus Capra

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Goats: Fact or Fiction?

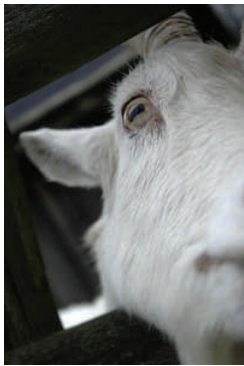
Goats, as a whole, have a reputation for rambunctious behavior, playful attitudes, and insatiable appetites. Their cute little beards (or 'goatees'), their agile yet spindly legs, and the general insouciance displayed by all ruminants have earned goats and their kin a place in the hearts of Americans. But do these cheerful antics belie a caprine malice? Do the disgusting, cephalopodan eyes of the goat indicate a Satanic influence? Or is it merely one of the cruel tricks Mother Nature is so often credited with playing?

In this essay, I will first outline the most common symptoms of Goat Eye Syndrome (GES), a condition affecting all of the caprine (as well as many of the ovine) beasts. I will then examine the implications of GES, focusing on the three most probable scenarios:

1. Goats are minions of the Devil;
2. Goats are naturally evil, but not specifically under the influence of the Devil;
3. Goats are just regular animals, with disgusting, nauseating, unnatural eyes.

Goat Eye Syndrome

Goat Eye Syndrome is characterized by eyes afflicted with horrific horizontal pupils similar to those of cephalopods such as octopi, squid, or cuttlefish. Goat Eye Syndrome is typical of beasts such as goats, mountain goats, billy goats, scape goats, gityur goats, silly goats, sheep, mountain sheep, alpacas, and possibly llamas¹.



Typical Goat Eye. Note the creepiness and abject alien monstrosity.

The pupils of these beasts are approximately the shape of a kidney bean, but instead of dividing the eye vertically, in the manner of noble, trustworthy beasts such as tigers, bobcats, and snakes, the GES pupils transfix the eye horizontally. This is disgusting. The only other type of animal to display such disgusting, vomit-inducing eyes are the previously mentioned cephalopods (which have a long association with death from the murky depths and Cthulhu) and Kermit the Frog, who is a felt puppet created by Jim Henson², and should not be considered an example of an accurate representation of frog physiology.



Typical Cephalopod Eye. Feel your sense of self and your human identity slipping away? That's pretty typical.

1. The llama's association with GES is still disputed by experts. Many claim that it is difficult to ascertain if the llama's eyes are unnatural, because the llama's heavy eyelids and long eyelashes obscure researchers' view. Others, like this one dude I know named Greg, claim that they do have creepy eyes, but the creepiness is negated by the cuteness of the said heavy eyelids and long lashes. Personally, I think that llamas are cute despite their eyes, and would diagnose them with remissive GES.

2. Jim Henson himself notoriously mistrusted science, which led to his eventual death by pneumonia. I'm not kidding. I totally heard that he wouldn't take antibiotics. The whole thing is very depressing. Do not read this footnote. Really. It's a bummer.

Identifying Goat Eye Syndrome

If a researcher is unsure about whether or not a subject has GES, follow this simple test:

1. Stare in the animal's eyes. Do you feel as though you are looking at a completely alien life form, one that cannot be influenced by reason or any known persuasion or impetus? Do you feel as though you are staring into the cold, infinite depths of the void, and the void, in turn, is marking you for its own? Do you think it probable Nietzsche was driven mad not by syphilis but by the unrelenting horror captured in this gaze? If so, the beast in question probably has GES.
2. Does the gaze of the animal make you sweat blood and speak in backwards Latin? If so, the beast in question probably has GES.
3. Does the gaze of the creature cause stroke, cardiac arrest, or other vascular distress? If so, the creature probably has GES.
4. Do the creature's eyes give a feeling of drowning, strangulation, or cold and clammy death? If so, the creature is probably an octopus, and is wrapping you in its tentacles. In this case, grab the tail of a passing swordfish and use it to cut your way loose.

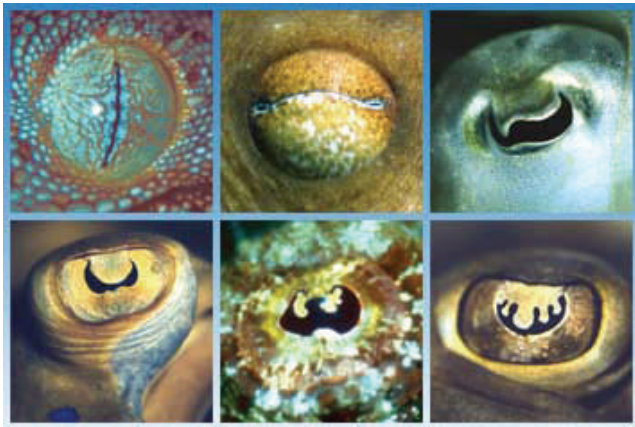
It should be noted that these animals can live a long and happy life (according to goat standards) even though they have been diagnosed with GES. These animals do not suffer from GES; the rest of us, who have to look at their eyes, are the ones who suffer.



Eaten Alive by an Octopus: As horrible a fate as this is to contemplate, it is preferable to prolonged exposure to a goat's abominable gaze.

Dude, Check This Out

To truly relate how gross and messed up goats are, the following pages are completely devoted to pictures about octopuses and/or goats.



Pop Quiz: Which of these eyes are goat eyes? Trick Question! They are all, in fact, the eyes of cephalopods, an animal nearly as weird and creepy as the goat.



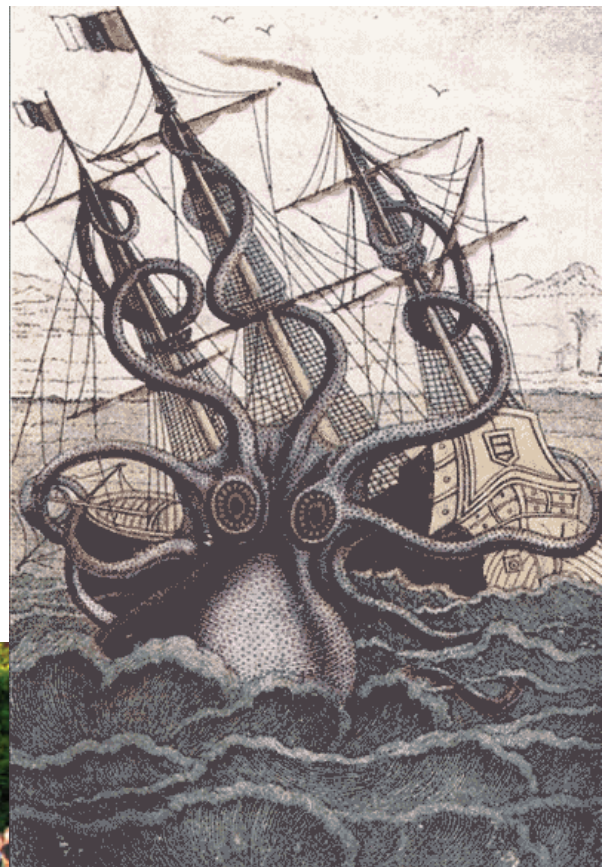
Believe it or not, this creature is called the Tennessee Meat Goat, probably because it eats meat, mainly in the form of living, breathing people with families who love them.



Unfortunately, this woman is about to die.



Do you know why these goats are fighting so damn hard? Because they are totally pretending they are fighting humans. This is a fact, a fact of science.



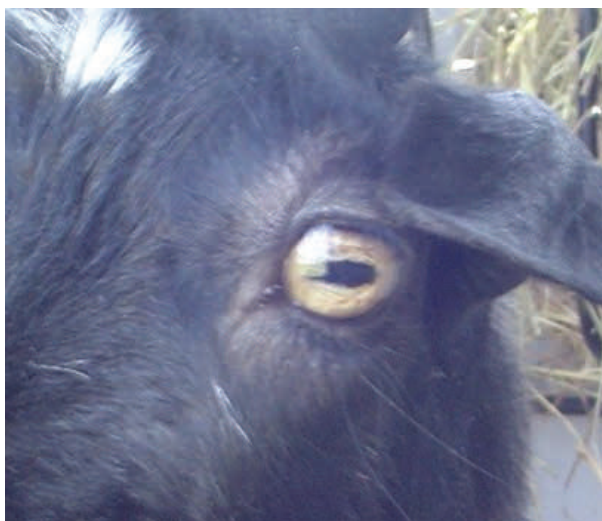
This is what goats and cephalopods want to do to the whole of humanity. It is up to us to stop them.



This is a TOTALLY AWESOME picture of a samurai fighting an octopus. I wish it was bigger so you could see the detail, because it depicts what may be humanity's second-finest hour, right after pirates fighting goats.



We are watching a man in the last moments of his life. He is about to shuffle off his mortal coil, within the deadly coils of an octopus's embrace.



Do not look directly at the gateway to madness.



This lobster is getting its ass handed to it by an octopus. The lobster is a tough animal, but they cannot hold a candle to the supernatural horrors of octopuses.



THIS IS WRONG.



This device cannot save you. The goat's eyes are still visible.

The Implications of Goat Eye Syndrome

1) Goats are minions of the Devil

Much evidence has been collected to suggest that goats are minions of the Devil. They are frequently associated with the occult. There is even a death metal band that has the word 'goat' right in its name. I know this because this one dude lived in my old apartment building and had this name on his sweat shirt. His sweat shirt was black and he wore it all the time, even in the summer. The name of the band was 'Goatwhore.' I am not making that up, I swear. He was a weird dude. My roommate and I used to refer to him as 'Goatwhore.'

"Dave," I'd say, "Goatwhore parked in my spot again, dang it!"



The actual logo of the real-life band Goatwhore. Clearly, these guys are total losers.

You may also recall an episode of TV's *Quantum Leap*, where Sam had to fight the devil and the devil showed up as a goat most of the time. The goat even killed somebody. This was not written into the script; rather, the goat, working on its primal alien instincts, behaved in the manner of all goats, and cold-heartedly murdered the innocent actress right on camera. The producers, recognizing a threat to the integrity of Earth and Time, decided to use the footage anyway in a bid to raise goat-evil awareness.

Needless to say, goats have a checkered reputation. As previously mentioned, goats have similar eyes to octopi, and the Ancient Evil Cthulhu from H.P Lovecraft is commonly described as having the head of an octopus, and so you know that ain't right, either. Cthulhu was also described as being an 'unimaginable horror' and what Lovecraft was actually imagining was, of course, a goat, truly an unimaginable horror. Don't imagine it! Stop it!



Artist renderings of Cthulhu:

I am a little bummed out that people actually drew these, and that I am legally bound to refer to them as 'artists.'

2) Goats are naturally evil, but not specifically under the influence of the Devil

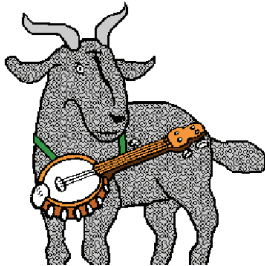
Another possible scenario is that goats are naturally evil, but not specifically under the influence of the Devil. This is the explanation of scientists and slovenly atheists who do not believe in the Devil. Placing their historical/heavy metal association with the Devil aside, goats exhibit generally evil behavior. They eat metal. They ram abusive farmers to death. They have creepy eyes and, if you've ever really looked at it, a sly smile. What the heck are they smiling about? They're goats! They eat metal! What else would smile about eating tin cans? Ladies and gentlemen, I submit that something evil would smile in such a way.



The preferred diet of goats, after *Homo Sapiens Sapiens*.



Note the seductive, maddening gaze, the insouciant slouch, and the wry, evil smile.



This goat has compounded its crimes of otherness by dabbling in the black arts of bluegrass.



This goat is introducing young candidates for the priesthood to the evils of drink.



This man is performing his civic duty. This is a real man!



This girl will never be the same after the horrifying, unfathomable gaze of the goat.



These goats roam the streets of our communities, looking for the crack cocaine.

3) Goats are just regular animals, with disgusting, nauseating, unnatural eyes

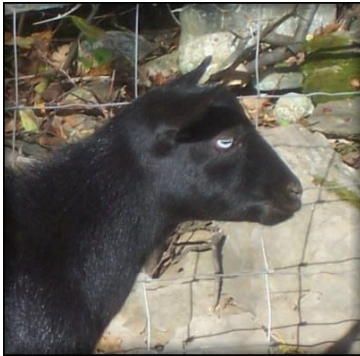
It is possible that goats themselves do not serve or embody a specter of evil, and that it is only their eyes that are disgusting and inhuman. If this is the case, we are all made to suffer from their ungodly gaze.



Since time in memoriam, humans have feared and loathed the gaze of the goat.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I can only conclude that goat eyes are nasty and gross.



WRONG.



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RIGHT.



**Stay Vigilant!
Stay Alert!
Stay Alive!**

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