Filipino Traits, Traditions & Beliefs: Beliefs on Bad Luck and Good Luck

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- A black cat crossing your path is a bad omen. A black cat is a demon in disguise.

- Encountering a yellow butterfly will bring you good luck.

- If a brown butterfly enters your house, you will lose money.

- If chirping birds awaken you at dawn, luck awaits you.

- Dreaming of fish, trees, or snakes means good fortune, money, or happiness.

- Lying down with your feet facing the door will bring you an early death.

- Adorning your dress with pearls means you will shed many tears.

- Do not mend your clothes while wearing them, or harm will befall you.

- Stepping on a pillow brings misfortune.

- A person who is headed somewhere should not proceed with her journey if she trips on something after leaving the house. Otherwise, something terrible will happen to her.

- If you sit on your bag while traveling, you will not reach your destination.

- A person who breaks mirrors faces seven years of bad luck.

- At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, eat twelve grapes, which represent the twelve months of the year. This will ensure money and good luck throughout the year.

- Whistling at night invites evil spirits.

- Wearing a diamond protects the bearer from evil-minded people.

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