

An idea concerning funerals in ancient Egypt*

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Abstract

The opus contains a speculative thought on funerals in ancient Egypt.

to my Teachers

Well-known that in ancient Egypt it was a very prestigious to have a thick stone coffin and to become a mummy after your death. A way to show the social status. We learn it in school, we read it in the books, we google it in the Internet, but let us think instead. To use the common sense, not the common knowledge. What about more modern examples of the funerals? What type of associations cause this thick stone staff?



A nuclear burial ground? The Chernobyl sarcophagus? The lead coffin of Marie Curie? Or maybe a Mafiosi killed by mafiya and putted into the liquid concrete? Not very prestigious, right? Good place to put something dangerous, is not it? Just look at him.

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He is hog-tied. With the removed viscera. To be saved for the future life or to make the people sure that he never come back? The procedure was not cheap. This unknown man indeed had a high social status. Is it possible that the VIP-persons were not beloved in ancient Egypt but caused an animal horror? There are nobody alive to answer this question.

We deal with the material history only, created for such VIP-persons. Is it possible that somebody, probably a priest, joked with VIPs and suggested that it is a good idea to remove viscera after the death?¹ What if the religion related sources just provided them the way to save their faces? May be, we never understood these old jokes or euphemisms.

¹An administrative humour in the spirit of Russian Olga of Kiev. She suggested to ambassadors ask about transportation in the boat, as passed away persons, before kill them as a surprise. To grant them responsibility for their death?