An Introduction to Ancient Egyptian

OFFERING FORMULAE

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Foreward by <someone>

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For my father Ptah, who is South of His wall...

... and for Mut, the mother of all of my mothers.

May Seshat and Thoth be satisfied.

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Foreword

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Preface

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Notation

The transliteration and transcription notation used in this book is a variant of the *Manuel de Codage* (MdC), referring to an extended version of *Gardiner's sign list*.

MdC is an Egyptological standard for computer encoding of hieroglyphic text based on the phonectic values. It was first published in 1988 and continues to be revised.

It uses only a subset of the latin alphabet, with capitalisation and Gardiner sign codes for greater specificity. It also includes markup characters to encode positioning and arrangement of hieroglyphs.

In this book a variation is used which prefers phonetic values to sign codes.

The Gardiner sign list categorises hieroglyphs into types, and assigns each one a unique code. Although a given hieroglyph my fit into multiple categories, they occur only once, and usually in the first applicable category. It was first published in 1927, although the discovery of new glyphs and variants has required its extension since then.

For example, the hieroglyph G10 portrays a falcon, representing the god Sokar, standing on a barque on top of a sled.

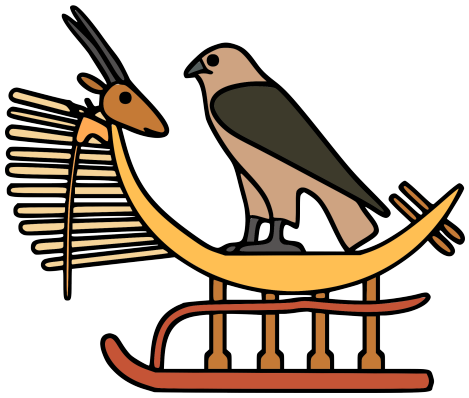

Figure 1: Hieroglyph G10

It could reasonably fit into the categories G (Birds), P (Ships and parts of ships), R (Temple furniture or sacred emblems) or U (Agriculture, crafts, and professions). It appears only once in the G category.

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