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Episode #25: Family in Ancient Egypt
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From the cradle to the tomb, Kara and Jordan explore families and kinship in ancient Egypt in this week's episode. What do we know about childhood, marriage, divorce, and how family bonds were formed? Are we unique in our modern desire to understand our family origins and genealogy?

- wrw is the Middle Egyptian word for "great one" or "elder"
  - Note: If you are interested in learning more about the Middle Egyptian words
    mentioned in these notes, you can check out the <u>Thesaurus Linguae Aegyptiae</u>,
    which is the resource that Jordan refers to as the "TLA" in this episode.
- Middle Egyptian words that could possibly be translated as "generation" are whty, hr, hnw, dnit, ht, wndt, d3mu
- *d³mu* references:
  - o pBerlin- "The damu it is said young men of the temple have grown up..."
  - o PT (Pyramid Text) 519 "And they go those four "d³mu" who are standing on the eastern side of heaven..."
  - Stela of Montuhotep "I was, after all, the first of his generation (*d³mu*), a leader of his troops..."
  - o Stela of Nesmontu "...the troops (d3mu) of Thebes loved me"
- "Heganakht papyri" or "Heganakht Letters"
- Paneb
  - o Paneb is discussed in both the McDowell and Vernus books listed below.
    - Vernus, Pascal 2003. Affairs and scandals in ancient Egypt. Translated by David Lorton. Ithaca, NY; London: Cornell University Press.
    - McDowell, A. G. 1999. Village life in ancient Egypt: laundry lists and love songs. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
  - For the two Late Ramesside Letters that talk about the plot to kill 2 Medjay (P. Berlin 10487 and 10488) see: Thorpe, Susan 2018. <u>Military duties and an assassination plot: the extra dimension found in ancient Egyptian letters</u>. *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt* 54, 175-185.
  - P. Salt 124: lists 'crimes' by Paneb addressed to the vizier by a man who wanted Paneb's job
- Episode 7: "True Crime: Ancient Egypt Edition" *Afterlives with Kara Cooney*
- For more on the Hyksos, see <u>this article by Dr. Danielle Candelora</u>. Further reading on the Hyksos:
  - Bader, B. 2011. "Traces of Foreign Settlers in the Archaeological Record of Tell El-Dab'a/Egypt." In *Intercultural Contacts in the Ancient Mediterranean*, edited by K.
     Duistermaat and I. Regulski, 127–48. Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 202. Leuven.
  - o Bietak, M. 1996. *Avaris, the Capital of the Hyksos: Recent Excavations at Tell El-Dab'a.* London: British Museum Press.
  - Bietak, M. 2010. "Where Did the Hyksos Come from and Where Did They Go?" In *The Second Intermediate Period (Thirteenth-Seventeenth Dynasties): Current Research, Future Prospects*, edited by Marcel Marée, 139–81. Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 192. Leuven: Peeters.



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- Oren, E. (Ed.) The Hyksos: New Historical and Archaeological Perspectives. University Museum Monograph 96. Philadelphia: University Museum, University of Pennsylvania.
- Pater familias
- <u>"Other countries have social safety nets. The U.S. has women."</u> by Anne Helen Petersen, November 2020, *Culture Study*.
- Loprieno, A. (2012). <u>Slavery and Servitude</u>. *UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology*, 1(1). Retrieved from https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8mx2073f
- "father" 'Ity or 'It.f, "mother" mwt, "child" hrd
- "son" s3, "daughter" s3t, "brother" sn, "sister" snt
- On childhood mortality in the past:
  - Lewis, Mary E. and Rebecca Gowland, <u>Brief and Precarious Lives: Infant Mortality in Contrasting Sites from Medieval and Post-Medieval England (AD 850–1859)</u>,
     September 2007, <u>American Journal of Physical Anthropology</u> 134(1):117-29.
- Joshua J. Mark on the Seven Hathors in the World History Encyclopedia:
  - "Hathor's popularity is attested to by the number of minor goddesses who shared her attributes and were considered aspects of the Mother Goddess. The most important of these were the Seven Hathors who were present at the birth of a human being and decreed their fate. Hathor was, in early times, worshipped in the form of a cow or as a cow with stars above her. Later she was pictured as a woman with the head of a cow and, later still, as a woman complete with a human face but sometimes with the ears or horns of a cow.
  - "The Seven Hathors shared these attributes but also had a red ribbon which they used to bind evil forces and dark demons. The Seven Hathors were venerated highly in life for their ability to assist in matters of love and protection from harm and, after death, for their protective abilities against the forces of darkness."
- On names in ancient Egypt
  - o Vittmann, G. (2013). Personal Names: Function and Significance. *UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology*, 1(1). Retrieved from <a href="https://escholarship.org/uc/item/7t12z11t">https://escholarship.org/uc/item/7t12z11t</a>
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