



HORUS IN THE NEW KINGDOM BOOKS OF THE NETHERWORLD



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The presence of the god Horus in funerary literature is based primarily on his character of Osiris's successor. The formula Horus (ritualistic heir) succeeds Osiris (dead king) supposes an ontological contiguity that guarantees the continuity of the royal institution, ensures cosmic survival and favors the transfiguration of the deceased/Osiris. Although this relationship can be traced in the Pyramid Texts, Coffin Texts, Book of the Dead, in the case of the New Kingdom Books of the Netherworld, a series of concomitant processes assign Horus a multifaceted role

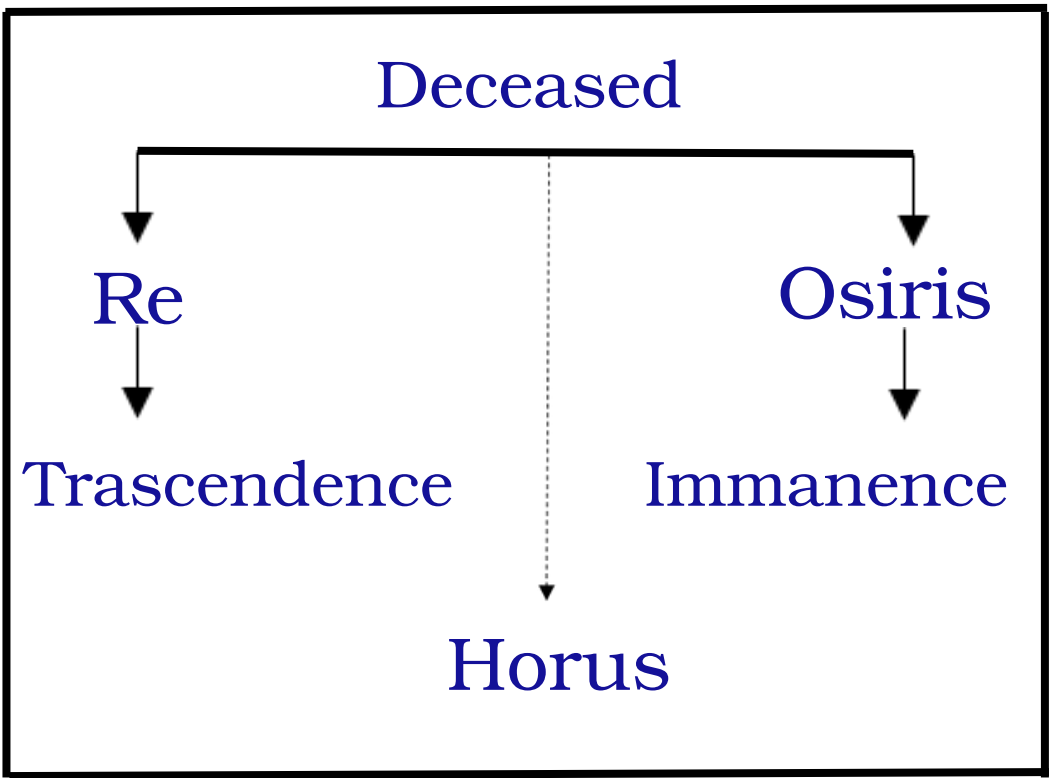
Research Context

The king's status as the most distinguished inhabitant of the Duat is a direct result of his integration with Horus, Osiris and Re. He is Horus by virtue of his inherited royal lineage; he becomes Osiris as he traverses the realms of the dead, both deceased and potentially regenerated, and he manifests as Re through his continual triumph over chaos via perpetual renewal

Results

The functions of Horus in the Duat, as depicted in the New Kingdom funerary texts, are both diverse and intricate. His active role in the protection of his father, Osiris, is complemented by his function as the presiding force over the annihilation of enemies –whether his own or those of Re. This multifaceted divine activity is underpinned, firstly, by his role as ritualist on behalf of Osiris, and secondly, by the nature of the relationship established between Re and Osiris in the Duat

Theological analysis



Texts analysis

Oh Horus heir of Osiris whose ba take care of the affairs of this decomposition
Caverns, fifth cavern, second part, middle register, second scene

...what Horus did for father Osiris: These enemies are of this kind: Horus blames them for their evil deed. Horus says to them: "Shackles shall be on your arms, enemies of my father; your arms shall be bound to your heads, rebels"
Amduat, ninth hour, first register

This Great God in this form in his egg which is in the Duat. Horus he emerges from the corpse of his father, rejoicing on behalf of this one who begat him. His two sisters, they unite with his corpse. This Great God speaks to him, when he sees the light of his disc
Earth, section D, second register, third scene

Iconographic analysis

