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Country EGYPT

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Locality SAKKARA

People Sarcophagus of Pefthaukhonsu.

Stock

Name Black granite sarcophagus. Much of surface covered

with incised scenes and inscriptions. On top of lid

the sun god Khepri as a beetle occupies a sun disk, beside

which Isis and Nephthys each lead four apes in worship.

human-headed bird below, symbolizing the soul, is accom-

panied by a spell (No. 89) from the Book of the Dead, entitled

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(thru E. E. Ayer)

Notes

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Width 60" Length 110" Height 78" Price

approx.

"Spell for causing that the soul of a man unite with his corpse in the cemetery." Near the foot occur two figures of Pefthaukhonsu, ~~once as prince with baton, and again as priest and scribe~~ above the winged sky goddess Nut. On the ends of the lid the coffin of Osiris is pictured under a starry sky, protected by goddess (at head) and worshiped by apes (at foot). On the sides are rough patches where handles used for setting the lid in place were dressed off after the burial. Body lacking. Inside of lid slightly recessed. The sky goddess (Nut) bends above the earth, while the texts offer protection in her name and recount the many titles of the owner.

Box is decorated outside at head and foot only. Khepri and Osiris respectively are most prominent above, each accompanied by numerous other deities, while the mummy on lion-couch appears below. Bottom inside contains a full-length representation of the goddess of the West. The feet and sides within are inscribed with the Denial of Sins, spell No. 125, from the Book of the Dead.