

Transcription of 35/3/418 Neil L. Block Papers Box 1, Folder "Ancient Egypt – Notes on"  
*The document has been scanned and is available in PDF format, but for the purpose of this project I have transcribed it below. Note that I have indicated page breaks and spelling/grammatical errors in the document using the notations [page x] and [sic].*

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Tutenkhamon, a king of Egypt in the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty, 1358-1349 B.C. He ascended the throne at the age of 9 and died probably in 1349 B.C. at the age of eighteen. His name was Tutenkhaton, but he changed it to Tutenkhamon when the priests of Amen rose in influence as the expense of the throne of Aton. His tomb was discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter at the north corner of the tomb of Ramses VI in the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings near Luxor. Within the tomb lay the mummy of Tutenkhamon in a solid gold coffin having an estimated value of \$250,000. The inner coffin was inclosed in two others, the outer one bearing the likeness of the dead king; both were covered with gold, rare stones, and glazes. The three coffins lay in a decorated stone sarcophagus under four huge canopies ablaze with beaten gold and precious stones. These and other treasures found in the tomb, including four chariots richly ornamented with gold, were removed to the Cairo Museum.

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(1) Ouija, will you please tell be [sic] about the trip which you said I would make to Egypt.

You will have an adventure.

(2) How will I go to Egypt?

On a liner. It is in Europe at the present time.

(3) What is its name?

"Bonvalle."

(4) When will I go.

In good time.

(5) Who will go with me?

Friends.

(6) Please try again.

People.

(7) Please give me proper names.

Ask not!

(8) Tell me more about my trip.

Adventures!

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In 1,000 B.C. a block of clay was enscribed [sic].

(9) Where is the block of clay located now.

In the tomb of the black latch.

(10) Where is the tomb of the black latch located?

In Nile, under a shallow side, by two crossed palm trees. Under trees is the entrance. The tomb is East of Nile.

(11) Where is the town located on the map in which the "Tomb of the Black Latch" will be found?

19 from first name top paper.

(12) Which map do you mean?

That map at your right.

(13) What is the name of this town?

Thebes. Across from this name.

(14) Do you mean that the town on the map is across from Thebes on the map?

That's right.

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(15) Where is the entrance to the "Tomb of the Black latch"?

Entrance is in Abu Haraz.

(16) How shall I find the entrance to the tomb?

Buy the ruby ring that you admire in shop. Old hide maps.

(17) Do you mean that the ring has a secret compartment that the old hide map is hidden in?

Yes.

(18) What will I find in the tomb?

Clay and a fabric which is as sheer as moon-beams.

(19) What else will I find in the tomb?

I am not great enough to say.

(20) In what town is the "Tomb of the Black Latch" located?

Abu Haraz. Town on map.

(21) Where, on the map, is the town located?

Crook in Nile.

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(22) In what town in the shop where I shall get the ring?

H. "H" is the first letter.

(23) How is the tomb sealed?

Wax.

(24) Where is the tomb located?

40 feet below trees?

(25) How will I know when I have the correct ring?

It will come natural.

(26) What is the proprietor's name?

(The [sic] was no response.)

(27) Please give me his name.

No! Woman.

(28) Then please give me her name.

No! She is without a name. That is a valuable clue.

(29) How will I recognize the ring?

It is covered in "paste gold." It is an undiscovered formula. It has two serpents on both sides.

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(30) Who made the ring?

A very artful Egyptian.

(31) When was it made?

Time of Tut.

(32) How will I purchase such a valuable ring?

It will be in a box. You will receive it for two American dollars. There is a temple on top of box. You will find it in the box before you leave the shop. Do not tell the woman. It is willed that way. She does not know of the ring.

(33) Why does she not know of the ring?

It was consealed [sic] in the hollow temple.

(34) How will I remove the ring from the temple.

It falls out of the trap door before you leave the shop.  
Everybody in this room will be with you. (Mrs. Brody, Joyce Brody, Linda Brody, and myself).

(35) After we have the ring what should we do.

You look for the trees.

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(36) Where is the tomb located?

All I can tell you is that it is under the trees in the town of Abu Haraz.

(37) Where is the town in which I shall purchase the ring?

Below the word "pyramids." Below Abu Haraz.

(38) Is Old Dongola the town?

Yes.

(39) Why is this map so important?

It is a map of lost tombs.

(40) When we open the tomb what will we find?

The princess of the tomb will be still as young and beautiful as when she died. Do not be afraid. She will seem to be alive. She is not a mummy. She wasn't embalmed. But just try to find a wrinkle in her face. She is in as good shape as you.

A coating of clear liquid was painted over her, clothes and all, by her heart-broken lover.

Her lover is resting in – Take down the following. I will only tell you once. – in the map is the directions to his tomb.

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(cont.) Have you got it so far?

Yes.

Take his tomb to hers. That is what she wants in turn for the things that you find in the tomb. That is her will.

The direction in which he lies is two hundred miles directly across. One hundred miles west then one hundred miles north.

(41) Is there a curse on the tomb?

Yes, but she has taken it away because "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

(42) Does she mean for us to bring first his body to her tomb?

Yes. Whatever you do, don't take her out of the tomb!

(43) Are she and her lover to be reincarnated?

Yes. That is why the tomb must be left open.

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(44) What is the princess's name?

Manaton.

(45) What is her father's name?

Naton.

(46) Will the princess tell us about her life?

Yes. She was born to King Naton and Queen Manaton in Abu Haraz in the year LMX (960 B.C.) She was 18 years old when she died. She was murdered by her betrothed. She did not love him. He was jealous of Lanly. He killed them both by the consent of her father. He (the father) was infuriated by her romance with Lanly.

I see this through the dust of the ages. It is hard for her to tell me the story.

She will meet you in the last year of her life. Her life will be short. She will live again.

(47) Why did the princess choose us to preform [sic] this task?

Joyce was her sister in 1,000 years B.C. She is a medium.

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(48) What sort of things will we find in the tomb?

Beautiful. Her animal is on the wall, painted. She put it there in 190 when Nanton died.

(49) What type of animal is it?

It's a water-ox. Some things will be of interest to Neil.

(50) What are they?

That is a surprise.

(51) How long will it be before we go to Egypt?

4 years.

(52) How will we get the money to go to Egypt?

Stage a dance. Write ballet music.

(53) But Joyce is going to be a professional artist.

That is minor to her dancing. I mean that she will dance for money but her art will be just as important.

(54) Why did you state that her art would be minor to her dancing?

Because she will be a better dancer.

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(55) Please tell me more about the "tomb of the black latch."

Black a..., no, earth, no, clay

There is a man who wants to say something. There is a tall blue wall around his house. He lives in Egypt. He will help you find the tomb. His name is Abu Haraz.

(56) His name is the same as the town in which princess Manaton was form [sic].

I know. He was named after it. He lives in Thebes.

(57) Please give us his address so that we may contact him.

No contacts! Don't try to contact him!

(58) Why did Abu Haraz choose to contact us.

Joyce was easy to contact.

(59) How will Abu Haraz know us if we do not contact each other.

This man will know when you show him the ring.

(60) What is his religion, Ouija?

Hindu.

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(61) By what sign are we to know him?

Only by name.

(62) How did he instruct you to get in touch with us?

That is a secret. He is a prophet. I will let him speak now.

(63) Just a moment please, Ouija! Why should we not try to contact him?

Because it is not wise. There are explorers who are looking for that tomb right now.

(64) Is there any specific time when we can expect to receive messages from you, Abu Haraz?

No.

(65) Then how may we reach you?

You can reach me by spelling this on the board: "The bluebird flies south."

(66) Is there any way of knowing when you will want to speak to us?

There is none. But when I wish to speak to you when you are working the board, I will spell out: "the white gull lies dead."

(67) What do these cryptic quotations mean?

You are not supposed to know.