
THE PHARAOH PASSAGE TO AFTERLIFE

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In the last century, precisely, in 1922, an archaeologist discovered the coffin of a pharaoh that today is among the most known all over the world. What really captured the attention worldwide was not the pharaoh itself, but, rather, the massive quantity of gold and jewels stored inside its coffin. Indeed, according to Kleiner, "The public remembers him (Tutankhamen) today solely because Howard Carter (...) discovered the boy-king's tomb with its fabulously rich treasure of sculpture, furniture, and Jewelry largely intact." It was an epochal discovery, and, likewise, it helped to better understand what kind of items were used to accompany the kings to the afterlife.

The pharaoh was found in the innermost of three coffins nested one within the other, each of which containing treasures and gold. However, the most considering amount of jewelry and valuable items was stored together with the mummy in the inner coffin. The most iconic treasure buried with the mummy was, of course, the pharaoh mask. Kleiner maintains that it was "made of gold with inlaid semiprecious stones." Seemingly, also the tomb was made of beaten gold full of embedded stones. Nevertheless, as reported by B. Rattini, inside the coffin were discovered a variety of items such as "a leopard-skin cloak, four-game boards, six chariots, 30 wine jars, and 46 bows". This is to say that ancient Egyptians were much scrupulous with

their leaders' fate, and to grant pharaohs a safe passage to the other side, they made sure that everything could be needed was inside the tomb in order to facilitate the kings' new lives. Nowadays, if communities living in developed countries had to continue this practice to send monarchs to afterlife, they would probably bury their leaders with national gem stones, personal jewelry, trophies, and their best suits as to allow their impeccable immortal presence forever.

Conclusion

Tutankhamen's tomb discovery was a significant event that helped academics and archaeologists to better comprehend this mystical ancient civilization. Egyptians used to bury with the mummies everything that the pharaohs necessitated to start and live a new life in the afterlife. Likewise, thinking of a developed society still bond to a sort of practice such as the Egyptian, it would probably see presidents or politicians buried with national jewelry, medals, and everything could help them to keep their authority and power also in the other life.

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