

Mummification

I. Isis starts an Egyptian tradition

- A. Isis brought Osiris back to life and he awaits the dead in the Underworld.
- B. There are 3 spirits that survive in the afterlife
 - 1. ka- a person's life force
 - 2. ba- spirit of a person's personality
 - 3. akh- the glorified soul
- C. After the spirit (ba) is judged "good" by Anubis on the scales of truth, it could live forever providing it had a body to use as a home.

II. The process of mummification (approx. 80 days)

- A. The body is taken to a "tent of purification" (ibu) where it is cleansed
- B. It is then taken to the "place of embalming" (wabet)
 - 1. There is a chief embalmer (a priest with a jackal mask)
 - 2. The left side is sliced, organs are removed
 - 3. The slice is sealed up and the "eye of Horus" is placed upon the wound
 - 4. Brains are taken out with a hook through the nose and discarded
 - 5. Organs are washed with palm wine and placed in natron to remove moisture.
They are then stored in canopic jars. Each jar is protected by one of the 4 sons of Horus.
 - a. Liver- Imsety (human)
 - b. Lungs- Hapy (baboon)
 - c. Stomach- Duamutet (jackal)
 - d. Intestines Qebehsenuf (falcon)
 - e. Heart- left in the body for later judgement
- C. The body is placed on an inclined table for 40 days, covered in natron to remove moisture.
- D. It is then taken to the "beautiful house" (per nefer)
 - 1. The skin is rubbed with oils
 - 2. The inside is stuffed with sawdust, chaff and rags of natron and frankincense.
- E. The body is wrapped with 20 layers of resin soaked linen with amulets tucked in for protection, a mask placed over the head and a shroud wrapped around it. (approx. 15 days.)