Personification of Cities in Greco-Roman Temples

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[Personification represents a phenomenon in Egyptian civilization. Some famous cities have a great influence in texts of its major temple. In Ptolemaic texts some cities like Edfou, Dendara, and Thebes have their avatars. Ptolemaic temples are rich with texts of cities' avatars. At the temple of Edfou some texts make Edfou as the counterpart of Isis. Some complete offerings scenes were dedicated for an avatar of a city. The main purpose of this paper is to shed light on cities' avatars and its personification. Trying to show the relation of each city to the gods and king, and the common features which those cities share.]

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1. Documents

1- Edfou IV 293(12-17)-294(1-8) [Complete scene]

The scene represents the king raising his hands hand and donates the adoration for Edfou city. The city personified as a goddess wearing Hathoric crown topped with the symbol of Edfou. Texts mentioned the goddess as Isis in the title of the scene. Then she appears as an avatar of Edfou.

1.1 The title: Edfou IV 293,12-15

Dw3-ntr, Dd mdw: ind hr.t 3st, s^cnh t3i.s, Mrt st.s, Swd3 s3.s, Mwt n Inpw, Mkt ndm^-cnh , Ndtyt n ndty it.f, i3w n.t, s3-t3 h3.t, Hnmt nt c3-m3c-hrw.

Adoring the god, Utterance: salute upon you Isis, who make her child ^(a) live, who love her place, who makes well her son, mother of Anubis, who protect Horus (sweet of life) ^(b), the female avenger of the avenger for his father, Praising for you and adoration ^(c) behind you, O the Nurse of great triumph (Horus).

1.2 The king: Edfou IV 293(16-17)-294(1-2)

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Nswt-bity (Iw^c -ntrwy-prwy, stp-n-Pth, ir- $m3^c$ t- R^c , shm- c nh-Imn)| ntr mnh, s3- R^c (Ptwlmys, c nh dt, mry-Pth)| ntr mnh, s3 nb psdt nw... n hwy.tw ... n... dd mdw ... hr.t ... r k3t nt pt, m c 3 3hw n hrw.i, twt Hddt tw3t Bik-n-nbwt, Mn^c t s3.s hnt St-wrt.

King of upper and lower Egypt (The heir of the Manifest Gods, the chosen one of Ptah, who brings forth the order of Re, living image of Amun)| the beneficent god, son of Re, (Ptolemy, living forever, beloved of Ptah)| (d), the beneficent god, son of lord of the ennead ... who protect ... Words spoken ... for you ... to the height of the sky, with great efficient of my voice, O Hededyt (Isis) (e) who rises up falcon of the golden One, the Nurse of her son inside Edfou (great place).

1.3 The city of Edfou: Edfou IV 294,4-8

Swt3.n(.i) tw.k ḥry-tp sbkw.i, ḥnm.i ḥm.k mi Rḫ-t3wy, Dd mdw in Wtst-Ḥr, sndmt hwyt ḥry-ḫt ... drt dw ḥ3 drty, St-wrt pw nt Ḥr-3ḫty, Wtst nt ndty it.f; Dd mdw: iw.tw m ḥtp imt n ... 'nḫ ... ii m ḥnt Ḥwt-isbt, šsp.n.i snsi.k, ḥ^{cc}.i m kd.k hntš.i ḥr ndb d3is.k, mk.i ḥ^cw.k m wd3w r^c-nb, wd.i hh r ḥ3kw-ibw.k

I raised up you upon my legs (thighs), I suckled your majesty like He who knows the two lands ^(f); Utterance by throne of Horus (Edfou) the settled one ^(g), who protect the Club Bearer (i.e. Horus) ^(h),, who drive away evil behind the falcon, she is Edfou of Horakhty; Utterance: come in peace child of ... life ... come from inside the mansion of the throne (Edfou), I receive your praising, I rejoice of your form, I rejoice of hearing your spells, I protect your limbs with amulets every day, I order flame against your rebels (disaffected persons).

2- Edfou VI 277(13-17)-278(1-6) [complete scene]

The scene represents the king loosens his hands \widehat{A} and donates the salute for Edfou city. She personified as a goddess wearing Hathoric crown topped with \widehat{A} the symbol of Edfou. Texts mentioned the goddess as Isis in the title of the scene. Then she appears as an avatar of Edfou.

2.1 The title: Edfou VI 277,13-15

Ind hr.t spst hnt P-n-R^c, nbty rhyt spdt hnwty, hk3t hnwt ntrwt, n kt hr hw.s, wsrt hnt St-wrt.

Salute upon you the noble One inside Edfou, mistress of humankind sharp of horns, the female ruler mistress of the goddesses, without another except for her, the powerful One inside Edfou.

2.2 The King: Edfou VI 277(17-18)-278(1-2)

Nswt-bity nb-t3wy (Tw^c-nt̞rw-mnḫw, stp-n-Ptḥ, ir-m3^ct-R^c, sḥm-^cnḫ-n-Imn)| s3-R^c nb-ḫ^cw (Ptwlmys, ^cnḥ dt, mry-3st)| wnn s3-R^c (Ptwlmys, ^cnḥ dt, mry-3st)| ḥr tm3.f m ^c3 šfyt ḥnt t3(wy) nb(w) ḥr sw3š Wtɜt, ḥr sk3 ḥmt.s, ḥr sḥ^c ib.s m snsi.f, Sw mi Tsdn ḥnt Ķ3yt-ķ3, nb sš ḥk3 b3w-R^c

King of Upper and Lower Egypt, lord of the two lands (The heir of the Beneficent Gods, the chosen one of Ptah, who brings forth the order of Re, living image of Amun) Son of Re, lord of the diadems (Ptolemy, living forever, beloved of Isis) Son of Re (Ptolemy, living forever, beloved of Isis) is upon his throne, great of awe in all of the two lands, Who praise Edfou (the throne), to lift up her majesty, to rejoice her heart with his spells, He is like *Isden* (Thoth) inside the primordial mound k, lord of writing, ruler of sacred books.

2.3 The city of Edfou: Edfou VI 278,3-6

Dd mdw in Wtst-Hr, Hddt hnwt niwwt, hwyt Hr.s, swd3 s3.s, St-wrt pw ndty $R^c-Hr-3hty$, dr-b3h r-mn min; wnn Hddt h^{cc} .tw hnt Bhdt, nbty rhyt m st nt 3b.s hr b3k B3kt, hr swd3 Msn, hr ndb dw3w nfrw nw s3.s, Sy m Ss^ct wrt hnwt Pr-md3t, sfht bwy [......].

Utterance by Edfou, Hededyt mistress of cities, who protect her Horus, who make well her son, she is the great throne (Edfou) that protects Re-Horakhty, formerly until today, Hededyt is rejoiced inside Edfou, mistress of humankind in the place she desire, to make Egypt bright, who affirms Mesen, who hear the beautiful hymns of her son, she is Seshat the great, mistress of the house of book, the One with seven horns [.....].

3- Edfou VI 304,8-9

<u>D</u>d mdw in W<u>t</u>st-Ḥr wsrt, ḥnty niwwt, 3st wrt ḥwyt s3.s, wnn.tw ḥ3.k m inb n bi3, s3 ḥm.k m p<u>h</u>r.k nbw.

Utterance by Edfou, the powerful One, the foremost of cities, Isis the great who protect her son, She exists behind you as a wall of copper to protect your majesty from all what around you.

4- Edfou VI 314,16-17

Dd mdw in Wtst-Hr hwyt Bik-n-nbwt, 3st pw wts s3.s, St-wrt pw nt R^c-Hr-3hty, wts ndty it.f

Utterance by Edfou, who protect falcon of the golden One, she is Isis who rises up her son; she is Edfou (i.e. the great place) of Re-Horakhty, who rises up the avenger for his father.

5- Edfou VI 319,3-5

Dd mdw in R^c-Ḥr-3hty ntr '3 nb pt s3b-swt pr m 3ht, m dw3 St-wrt m rnw.s nfrw, (hr) sk3 b3w.s m sp3wt, St wnp $\Im pp \ m$ -hnt.t, $\Im h \ n.i \ K3$ -n-t3, iri.n.i $tn \ (m) \ pr$ -h $\Im w \ m \ Hwt$ -bhdty.

Utterance by Re-Horakhty, the great god, him of the dappled plumage, who comes forth from the horizon, in praising of Edfou in all her beautiful names, who exalting her power in nomes, O Place of piercing Apophis inside you, the Ka-of-land live for me, I have formed you^(m) (as) the house of appearance, as the mansion of Behdety.

6- Edfou VII 31,11

Wnn Wist m hnwt niwwt, hr wis s3.s, s3 Wsir nb hrt, m ddt n R^c ds.f nirw dmd n sp.

Edfou is the mistress of cities, who raise her son, son of Osiris lord of the sky, according to what Re himself and all the gods have said together.

7- Edfou VII 39,5-6

Wnn St-wrt r hpr m hb, dr psd R^{ϵ} im.s hr mnbit.f, m ddt n R^{ϵ} ds.f ntrw dmd n sp.

Edfou is in festival since Re shine inside her upon his throne (n), according to what Re himself and all the gods have said together.

8- Edfou VII 39,7-8

Edfou is filled with joy since Horus appears inside her upon his throne, according to what Re himself and all the gods have said together.

9- Edfou VII 122,4-5

Dd mdw in Wtst-Hr hnwt niwwt [3st] wrt, hwyt s3.s, ityt hnwt t3wy, wts Hr.s m Wtst, 'k.n.f 3ht nt pt.

Utterance by Edfou, mistress of cities [Isis] (o) the great, who protect (p) her son, the female sovereign, mistress of the two lands, who rises up her Horus in Edfou, that he may enter the horizon of the sky.

10- Edfou VII 138,11

Dd mdw in Wtst-Hr 3st hwyt s3.s, spst wrt hnwt niwwt.

Utterance by Edfou, Isis who protect her son, the noble and great lady, mistress of cities.

11- Edfou VII 283,11-14

Dd mdw in Wtst-Hr sndmt hr s3.s, nbty rhyt, hwyt t3i.s, ntrt wrt tw3 Hr hr wpt.s, shy, f r 3ht mi 3hty.

Utterance by Edfou, the settled one who carries her son, mistress of humankind, who protect her child, the great goddess, who rises up Horus with her horns, that he may raise up to the horizon like the horizon God.

12- Dendara XII 231,9-12

Dd mdw in Tst-di niwt nt Nbwt, niwt nfrt tn s3t Gb, sp3t tn nt nbw Twnt, mkt tit.sn m-\kappa3b.s; Wnn h-\spst mi di-mrt ntrwt \htp.tw m \htp.tw m \htp.tw nt.s, \hr \htp m \htp.tw \htp.tw m \htp.tw

Utterance by Iatdi (Dendara) city of the golden One, this beautiful city daughter of Geb, this nome of masters of Iunet (Dendara), protects their image within her. The palace of the noble One like the sky, the goddesses rests inside her, to be born on earth, to protect their children, to preserve their majesty in the mansion of birth couch, whose breasts are perfect, lady of milk among noble ladies.

13- Dendara XIII 111.12-13

Dd mdw in I3t-di Sp3t tn nt Nbwt, Niwt nfrt nt mwt-ntr, ind hr.t m htp, hk3t hnwt t3wy, dit r t3 m I3t-di.

Utterance by Dendara, this nome of the golden One, the beautiful city of the god's mother (Isis), Salute upon you in peace, the female sovereign, mistress of the two lands, who was born on the earth within Dendara.

14- Dendara XIV 102,1-2

13t-di ḥnwt niwwt, 'k.k Pr-Rpyt, n dw h3w iwf.k, s3-t3 pw hr k3.k.

Dendara mistress of cities, May you enter Dendara (sanctuary of the lady), without badness near your flesh, this adoration for your Ka.

15- Dendara XIV 156,1-2

13t-di ḥnwt niwwt, Ḥ3yt.k m ḥb, 'k.k Ḥwt-mnit, 13t-di ḥr ḥḥi ḥm.k.

Dendara mistress and lady of cities, your chapel is in feast, while you enter the mansion of *menat*-necklace, Dendara conduct your majesty.

16- Dendara XV 64,12-15

Dd mdw in T3t-di sp3t dsrt nt nbw Twnt, 3st wrt mwt-ntr, dit r t3 m T3t-di, di.i n.t cnh m t3w ndm, 3st wrt mwt-ntr nbt cnh hnt Pr-Rpyt, ind hr.t T3t-di, h cyt hnt Hprt, niwt nfrt hpr m h3t, bk3t pw n Nbwt ntrw ntrwt, St-mshnt nt hk3t mwt-ntr.

Utterance by Dendara, the sacred nome of masters of Dendara, Isis the great, the god's mother, who was born on the earth in Dendara, I give to you the life with sweet breath, Isis the great, the god's mother, lady of life inside Dendara (i.e. house of lady), Salute upon you Dendara, the primordial mound (r) inside Dendara (creation), the beautiful city which was created in the beginning, she is the birthplace of the golden One of gods and goddesses, the place of nativity of the female ruler, the god's mother.

17- Dendara XV 293,1-6

Dd mdw in T3t-di Sp3t ḥnwt niwwt, mwt nfrt nt Nbwt nt̞rw, k̞3yt-nt-^cnḫ n ḥk̞3t, mwt-nt̞r wbn.s m ḫnt.s, ḥ3t sp3wt, nbt sp3t d̞srt, ḫwyt šspw nw Ḥprt, mkt tit.sn m-k̞3b.s; Wnn Twnt niwt nt Nbwt T3t-di ḫ^cyt nt mwt-nt̞r, ^cḥ-Špst n Špst mi ḥrt ḥr ifdw.s, irt-R^c s3t R^c snd̞m m-k̞3b.s, swt m rpywt nt̞rywt, nfrw mnd̞wy (ḥr) wd̞t ^cnḫ m ^{cc}wy.sn.

Utterance by Dendara the nome, mistress of cities, beautiful mother of the golden one of the gods, the primordial mound of life^(s) of the female ruler, the god's mother, who was born inside it, premiere of nomes, mistress of the divine nome, who protect the divine beings of Dendara (creation), who preserve their images inside her. Dendara is the city of the golden One, *Iatdi* the primordial mound of the god's mother, the palace of the noble One, like the sky upon its pillars, eye of Re, daughter of Re, the settled One inside it, they are like the two divine ladies, whose breasts are perfect, they give life from their hands.

18- Dendara XV 337,4-7

Dendara of lady of Dendara is in joy and rejoicing, *latdi* is to be called for her name, the place of nativity for Isis the goddess is performs ballet and dancing every day, Dendara (= Osiris, Horus, Isis) ^(t) is to be called for her name, the nome is conduct to resemble as for her, those statues of the temples of Egypt are resting inside Dendara (the land of Atoum), (with) the golden One of gods, the eye of Re, mistress of gods, she praise Re for her city, her heart is in rejoicing from eternity forever.

19- Dendara XV 337,10-14

W^crt-\hpr-\h3t pw, k3.tw r sp3t tn, \Bt-di \hr.tw r.f, st-ms\hn tn \Bt3st, pr-mswt pw n \Nwt, \di.tw mwt-n\ht r t3 m st tn \hrw gr\h n\hn m s\hat{s}f m st \kmt \hat{s}ny, \hnmt-\capsa\hn, n\ht mrwt, \hnwt n\ht rwt n\ht rwt, \dd in mwt.s r.s m-\ht m33.s: is n.i r mwt.t, \hpr rn.s pw n \Bst, \tau\ht ni sy \hat{S}3y \hr ms\ht nts pw n\ht gsw-prw \B3\kt \hr s3.s \ht r \hn^c sn.s \Wsir m \dr hrw pn n\hh r \km \dt.

This is Dendara (leg created from corpse) (u), who is to be called for this nome, *Iatdi* is to be called for her, the place of nativity of Isis, this is the house of birth of Nut, the god's mother was born on the earth within this place, in the day of the night of the child in his nest, as a woman with black hair, full of life, lady of love, mistress of gods and goddesses, Saying by her mother for her after seeing her: *Behold, this is me your mother*, create her name this of Isis, Shai (destiny) create her upon the birth brick, this is you the lady of temples of Egypt with her son Horus and with her brother Osiris from this day forever to the end of eternity.

20- Dendara XV 372(10-11)-373(1-2)

Twnt n nbt Twnt $n\underline{t}ry.tw$ hr st.s $[\underline{d}srt]$, Nbwt nbt Twnt htp.tw [m]-k3b.s, Hwt-mnit mn.tw hr mnit wrt s3t $[R^c]$ $irt-R^c$, di $h\underline{d}dwt$ m-hnt st-mshnt.

Tst-di n mwt-ntr pr-mswt pw nt Nwt, dd in R^c n s3t.f wrt: Tw n.t sp3t tn ntry.t im.s, dd.tw n.s Twnt-nt-ntrt.

Dendara (*Iunet*) of lady of Dendara, divinized upon her [sacred]^(v) place, the golden One lady of Dendara rests [inside] ^(w) her, the mansion of *menat*-necklace is affirmed and carrying the great *menat*-necklace (i.e. Hathor), daughter of [Re] ^(x), eye of Re, she gives beams inside the place of nativity.

Dendara (*Iatdi*) of the god's mother is house of birth of Nut, Saying by Re to his great daughter: This nome is for you, as you are divine inside it, it is called Dendara of the goddess.

21- Le Temple d'Isis I 273,9-10

 W^crt -hpr-h3t pw, k3.tw r T3-rr, Twnt t3 ntrt, hnwt nw niwwt, niwt pw nt Nbwt ntrw, Ht-hr wrt nbt Twnt, rdi n.s it.s Twnt m db3w n Twnw, r shtp ib.s m 3bt.s.

She is Dendara (leg created from corpse), who called *Ta-rer*, *Iunet* of goddess, mistress of cities, she is the city of golden One of the gods, Hathor the great lady of Dendara, Her father (Re) makes for her Dendara to replace Heliopolis, to appease her heart by what she desires.

22- Le Temple d'Isis I 327,5-6

^cnh Tst-di, Twnt t3 ntrt hr.tw r.f, ms.tw 3st im m st kmt šny, hnmt-^cnh mr ins, nbt mrwt hnwt ntrwt hmwt.

May *Iatdi* live, who called *Iunet* of the goddess, Isis was born there as a woman with black hair, full of life, who love red cloth, lady of love, mistress of goddesses and women.

23- Le Temple d'Isis I 327,9-10

^cnh Twnt n nbt Twnt m hy hnw, st-mshnt m 3wt-ib, hwt-ntr 3t nt 3st ntrt hr hbi ib3 r^c-nb, dr hb sy s3t R^c iw ib.s 3w. Ht-hr wrt nbt Twnt.

May *Iunet* of lady of Dendara live in joy and rejoice, the place of nativity in gladness, the great temple of Isis the goddess, performs ballet and dancing every day, since she enters, daughter of Re her heart is wide of joy, Hathor the great lady of Dendara.

24- Aufrère, S. H., Le Propylône d'Amon-Rê-Montou, n°.75

Dd mdw in W3st nht, nbt hpš, hnwt t3wy h3swt mnty, ndtyt n R^c , nhyt n H^c , nht n H^c , nh

Utterance by Thebes the triumphant, lady of force, mistress of the two lands, desert lands and the two mountains, avenger for Re, protector of Horus, the triumphant of the gods, my form is in you, your power is for me, and your mace for strike the heads of your enemies, the sistrum is in my right hand for pacifying your ka, I seize the weapons (y) to drive away your adversaries.

25- Aufrère, S. H., Le Propylône d'Amon-Rê-Montou, n°.76

Dd mdw in Niwt, mwt msw Hr, hpr hprw nbw im.s, dmi.tw s3-t3.s r grg t3wy, dd.tw Niwt r.sn hr.s, ihy.i n hr.k, p3y ssp nfr, m^cn , nhy ntrw, twt sdty.i n.i, n.k ir dt.k, hpr st3t.k hnt $s^cw.i$.

Utterance by the City (i.e. Thebes), mother of the children of Horus, and of all forms who were formed in it, whose land is established to found the two lands, that which is called the city for them because of it, I make music for your face, O perfect image, the defender, the protector of the gods, you are my child who belongs to me, for you I make your body, I create your hidden image inside my sand beads (2).

2. Comments

- (a) The word here read as t3i meant $child^1$ the bird that gives this phonetic value can appear in various shapes such as in Doc.1 and also in Doc.11; the word child in Ptolemaic texts have a lot of synonyms such as hrd, hwn, f, id, hy, nhn, sfy, wtt, and etc.
- (b) The term $\{ (1)^4 \}$ $ndm^{-c}nh$ meant *sweet of life* refer to the god Horus, as a divine epithet.² In some texts of Edfou the name take the determinative of Horus himself as in this orthography $\{ (1)^4 \}^3$. The name could also refer to the temple of Edfou in the writing $\{ (1)^4 \}^4 \}$. The term as a name for the temple of Edfou is not included in the official name list of Edfou temple.⁵
- (c) The term $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{A}} \overset{\circ}{\mathbb{A}} : s3-t3$ meant *adoration, to adore*. The reading of the term comes from that the sign $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{A}}$ read as $s3^7$, and the sign $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{A}}$ read as t3. The term appears in the texts of Edfou with the orthography.
 - (d) The cartouches protocol here belongs to the king Ptolemy VIII Euergetes Tryphon.¹⁰
- (e) The term $\lceil rh-t \rceil$ $rh-t \rceil$ wy meant He who knows the two lands and it refers to the god Thoth as an epithet, the term can compare with $\lceil rh-t \rceil$ wy with the same meaning. In the same context Thoth has another epithet rh-sw One who knows himself. In
- (f) The term $\frac{\partial \mathcal{D}}{\partial \mathcal{D}}$ sndmt is an epithet for Hathor at Dendara and also at Edfou; it is applied to the goddess in different aspects. The verb ndm in origin mean be sweet and it also can mean to sit down/settle. The title here is causative of ndm with the nuance to be comfortable, the S-

^{1.} Daumas, F., Valeurs phonétiques des signes hiéroglyphiques d'époque gréco-romaine, Vol. II, Montpellier 1988, p. 308; Kurth, D., A Ptolemaic Sign-List: Hieroglyphs Used in the Temples of the Graeco-Roman Period of Egypt and their Meanings, Hützel, 2010, p. 90, n°. 41a.; Leitz, Chr., Quellentexte zur ägyptischen Religion I, Münster 2004, p. 163.

^{2.} Leitz, Chr., Lexikon der ägyptischen Götter und Götterbezeichnungen, IV (OLA 113), Leuven 2002, p. 599.

^{3.} Edfou, VI, 58, 15.

^{4.} Gauthier, H., DG, III, p. 111; Leitz, Chr., LGG, IV, p. 599.

^{5.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon. A Lexicographical Study of the Texts in the Temple of Edfu (OLA 78), Leuven 1997, p. 567; Edfou, V, 396.

^{6.} Wb. III 416(4-10); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 785.

^{7.} Daumas, F., Valeurs Phonétiques, I, p. 224; Kurth, D., A Ptolemaic Sign-List, p. 67, n°. 96.

^{8.} Daumas, F., Valeurs Phonétiques, II, p. 389; Kurth, D., A Ptolemaic Sign-List, p. 118, n°. 1.

^{9.} Edfou, VI, 281, 16.

^{10.} Von Beckerath, J., Handbuch der Ägyptischen Königsnamen (MÄS 20) Berlin, 1984, p. 291.

^{11.} Boylan P., Thoth the Hermes of Egypt, Oxford 1922, p. 183.

^{12.} Wb. II, p. 445(8-10); Boylan P., Thoth, p. 99.

^{13.} Wb. IV 188(1); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 880; Leitz, Chr., LGG, VI, p. 409-410.

^{14.} Wb. II 378(9); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 566.

^{15.} Wb. II 381(13); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 567.

causative makes the meaning to make comfortable as it sit or settle upon something. ¹⁶ So the term could be translated as the settled One. The term here is an epithet for Edfou, may be to refer to her stability and firmness.

- (g) The term $\begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabular}{l$
 - (h) The cartouches protocol here belongs to the king Ptolemy IX Philometor Soter.²¹
- (i) The name $\sqrt[3]{6}$ is an epithet of Thoth and it is assimilated with another name isds and both of them refer to Thoth.²² In Edfou at the Chapel of throne of Re a scene represented eight monkeys and one of them $[n^{\circ}.6]$ called isdn.²³
- (j) The term $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$
- (k) Originally $b = b + R^c$ was the manifestation of the power of Re which could be expressed in sacred books and in this way came to apply to the books themselves. ²⁶

^{16.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 879; Kuhlmann, K. P., Der Thron im Alten Agypten: Untersuchungen zu Semantik, Ikonographie und Symbolik eines Herrschaftszeichens, Kairo 1958, p. 44, n. 5.; Tillier, A., "Notes sur l'icherou", in ENIM 3, 2010, p. 168-169, n. (13). Gutbub, A., Textes fondamentaux de la théologie de Kom Ombo I, (BdE 47/1), Le Caire 1973, p. 16, n. (bc).

^{17.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 753.

^{18.} Borghouts, J. F., "The evil eye of Apopis", *JEA* 59 (1973) 135, n° 5.

^{19.} Wb. III 395(12); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 753.

^{20.} Edfou, IV, 150, 5.

^{21.} Von Beckerath, J., Handbuch der Ägyptischen Königsnamen, p. 292.

^{22.} Boylan P., *Thoth*, pp. 201- 204; Alliot, M., "Le Culte d'Horus à Edfou au temps des Ptolémées" (BdÉ 20, I-II, IFAO), Le Caire 1979, pp. 53-54, n° 1.

^{23.} Edfou, I, 286, 12, pl. XXIX b; Ibrahim, M., The Chapel of the Throne of Re at Edfu (Bibliotheca Aegyptiaca, XVI), Bruxelles 1975, p. 38, 61, n° 55

^{24.} Wb.V 6(6); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, 1044-45; Gauthier, H., DG, V, 153-154.

^{25.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p.1044-45.

^{26.} Wb. I 414(1); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, 299-3; Zabkar, L. V., A Study of the Ba Concept in Ancient Egyptian Texts (SAOC 34), Chicago 1968, p. 49-50.

The term is used in Ptolemaic texts in passim. In the Satrap stela, Alexander II restored to their proper places, all the $b3w-R^c$ of the temples of I.²⁷ Thoth has the title hk3 $b3w-R^c$ ruler of sacred books frequently in the offering of the palette, as the text mentioned:

Twt nb mḥ, šbšb t3 pn, ity ḥķ3 b3w-R^c

You are lord of palette, who divided this land, the sovereign, ruler of sacred books.²⁸

(1) $\stackrel{\smile}{}$ $\stackrel{}$ $\stackrel{\smile}{}$ $\stackrel{\smile}{}$



 $(3st wrt, \cancel{H}\underline{d}\underline{d}t nt B\cancel{h}dt)$ | (Isis the great, Hededyt of Edfou)|31

The association between Isis and Hededyt is that as the Great of Magic, Isis has power over scorpions. ³² The liturgical calendar mentions the feast day of Hededyt on the 2nd day of the 4th month of Shemu. ³³ Hededyt occupies a privileged place in the entourage of Horus Behdety. Her epithets are usually Heliopolitan for she is a daughter of Re. When her Isis attributes are emphasized she is the mother and protector of Horus which probably accounts for her relative importance at Edfu. Her name appears in many orthography in the examined documents 2.3 : 2.

(m) $\stackrel{\frown}{\circ}$ read as $\underline{t}n$, the 2nd singular femmine dependent pronoun.³⁴ This pronoun is used as pronominal object and after imperative.³⁵ The pronoun written in various orthographies $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$; $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$; $\stackrel{\frown}{\circ}$ in some texts of Dendara the pronoun is written as $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$ twt:

^{27.} *Urk*. II 14,9 ff.; Blackman, A. M. & Fairman, H. W., "The Myth of Horus at Edfu: II. C. The Triumph of Horus over His Enemies a Sacred Drama", *JEA* 29 (1943) p. 22-23.

^{28.} Edfou, V, 91, 2.

^{29.} Wb. III 206 (6-7); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 693; Leitz, Chr., LGG, V, p. 597-8.

^{30.} Goyon, J. C., "Hededyt: Isis-scorpion et Isis au scorpion. En marge du Papyrus de Brooklyn 47.218.50-III", BIFAO 78 (1978) p. 439-441, Fig.3

^{31.} *Dendara*, XIII, 428, 8 n° 16; Cauville, S., *Dendara*, XIII, *Traduction*, Le pronaos du temple d'Hathor: Façade et colonnes, *OLA*, 196, Peeters Publisher & Department of Oriental Studies, Leuven, Belgium, 2011, p. 516.

^{32.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 693.

^{33.} Edfou, V, 394, 14.

^{34.} Kurth, D., Einführung ins Ptolemäische, Band,II, eine Grammatik mit Zeichenliste und Übungsstücken, Backe-Verlag, 2008, p. 602, §51; Junker, H., Grammatik der Denderatexte, Leipzig 1906, p. 40, §52.

^{35.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, 1165.

^{36.} Kurth, D., Einführung ins Ptolemäische, II, p. 602, §51.

[Ii.n (Pr-3)] hr.t sw3š.f twt m rn.t pfy n nbt sššt(Pharaoh) came for you, he praises you with your name, this of lady of sistrum.³⁷

Sw3š.f twt Shmt hnwt.f He praises you, Sekhmet his mistress.³⁸

(n) The word mnbit refer to birth couch or throne.³⁹ The word attested from the 18 dynasty and the bed with which the term is associated in the Graeco-Roman texts is the lion bed. which is known from the old kingdom at least and primarily associated with funerary symbolism. The power of the lion was thought to carry the king through death and back to the life. 40 Kuhlm nn suggested that mnbit derived from mnmwt 'bed', which came in turn from nmw 'to sleep' which supposed that *mnbit* was something upon which to rest. 41 *Mnbit* is used in texts at Edfu as a word for "throne" and as a symbol of strong kingship, upon which the king or gods sit as mentioned in Doc.7 42 The determinative of *mnbit* appear in various writing: Mnbit also appear as a personified goddess, in Edfou texts she appears in a list of divinities of the temple 44, where she is shown as a lion headed goddess wearing the Lower Egyptian crown 45.45 The king also offers the two lands to mnbit and other goddesses, the text of mnbit says:⁴⁶

Dd mdw in Mnbit wrt m Bhdt, S3t R^{ϵ} wts nfrw.f, Hnmt nfrt nt Bhdty.

Utterance by Menbit the great in Edfou, daughter of Re, who raises up his beauty, beautiful nurse of Behdety.

Mnbit is also mentioned in the gods list of Dendara.⁴⁷

(o) The lacuna could be complete as by comparing with Doc.4 and 10, the text mentioned Edfou as the counterpart or avatar of Isis.

^{37.} Dendara, XIII, 43,13; Cauville, S., Dendara XIII, Traduction, p. 54-55.

^{38.} Dendara, XIII, 45,2; Cauville, S., Dendara XIII, Traduction, p. 56-57.

^{39.} Wb. II 63 (4-5); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 427-8.

^{40.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 427.

^{41.} Kuhlmann, K. P., Der Thron im Alten Agypten, p. 12-13.

^{42.} Also see Edfou, III, 162, 2; IV,101,8-9; V,31,4-5; VII,3,1-2; VII, 11,3-4; VII,36,9.

^{43.} De Meulenaere, H., "Notes Ptolémaïques", *BIFAO* 53 (1953) p. 108-110. 44. *Edfou*, I, 53 n° 15 [\checkmark \checkmark \urcorner]; I, 66 n° 15 [\checkmark \checkmark \urcorner]; I, 80 n° 15 [\checkmark \checkmark \urcorner].

^{45.} Edfou, I, pl. XV n° 15 on both sides; Leitz, Chr., LGG, III, 280.

^{46.} Edfou, I, 142, 16; pl. XXII.b, 1st register.

^{47.} Dendara, IX, 38, n° 15 [=].

- (p) The lacuna could be complete as $\mathbb{Q}^{\frac{n}{2}}$ by comparing with Doc.10
- (q) The orthography of the word for in a semi cryptographic, every single *nfrt* written in deferent shape.
- (r) The term f'yt refer to *primordial mound*.⁴⁸ The term connect with Edfou as an epithet of the town and its temple f'yt-wrt f'yt-wrt The term establishes Edfu as the original site of creation, with new lands and where the enemies of the primeval creator were slain. ⁵⁰ The term f'yt also appear with Dendara as a primeval place of creation as mentioned in Doc.16; 17. The term f'yt has the same signification like other similar terms such as f'yt-f'yt [Doc. 2.2] and also f'yt-f'yt [Doc. 17].
- (s) The term k 3 yt-nt-nh refers also to *primordial mound* of life, the meaning and signification is the same as similar terms such as k 3 yt-k 3 [Doc. 2.2] and also h yt [Doc. 16;17].
- (t) The orthography of the name of Dendara as *Twnt* written in cryptographic, with the figures of Wsir + Hr + 3st = Osiris + Horus + Isis as the text mentioned:⁵¹



 $Ht-hr wrt nbt Twnt irt-R^c nbt pt hnwt ntrw nbw.$ Hathor the great, lady of Dendara, eye of Re, lady of the sky, mistress of all gods.

In some other texts Isis was replaced by Hathor as she is her avatar and vice versa.⁵²

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Ht-hr wrt nbt Iwnt irt-R^{cap\$} nbt <math>
pt hnwt ntrw ntw nt</sup>

The three gods *Osiris* + *Horus* + *Isis/Hathor* that compose cryptographic orthography of the name of Dendara are the principal gods worshiped at Dendara. The name also appear in various cryptic writing passim in texts of Dendara (1994); (1994)

^{48.} Wb. III 239(2-3); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 709.

^{49.} Edfou, VI, 182, 14; 183, 18; 184,1.

^{50.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 709.

^{51.} Dendara, XIII, 203,4; 278,10

^{52.} Dendara, XIII, 129,2; Cauville, S., Dendara: Le Temple d'Isis, I (IFAO), Le Caire 2007, p. 327, 9 [VIII] \$\infty\$

^{53.} Dendara, XIII, 157,13; 183,11; 230,9; 441,8; Dendara, XIV, 3,6; 5,15; 6,1.

(u) The term $\int W^{c} t dt dt dt$ is a name of Dendara. It is one of the most difficult names to explain. Cauville translate the name as Jambe-créée-du-cadavre. While Kockelmann uncertainly translated the name as Bein-das-vom-Leichnam-geschaffen-wurde (?). 55

The name appears twice in the long two lists of Dendara's names, as the second name.⁵⁶

Rnw nw niwt tn Iwnt, $W^{c}rt$ -hpr-h3t, Iwnt-t3-ntrt.

Names of this city, Dendara, leg created from corpse, Dendara of the goddess.⁵⁷

- (v) The lacuna could be complete as $\stackrel{\frown}{\smile}$ dsrt.
- (w) The lacuna could be complete as $\stackrel{\longleftarrow}{} m$.
- (x) The lacuna could be complete as $\overset{\circ}{\downarrow}$ or $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{M}}$ Ra.
- (y) The word $b^c w$ refer to weapons of tools.⁵⁸ In Edfou texts $b^c w$ is used to describe the weapons of Horus or the king. $b^c w$ is a general term for hand tools and so different types are specified like: tools of war, tools of workmanship and so on. $b^c w$ most often appears in Edfu texts where the determinative is usually either $b^c w$ or $b^c w$, implying that the $b^c w$ here refers specifically to harpoons or metal tipped weapons. The determinative is more common elsewhere showing that this "tool" was largely composed of wooden components.⁵⁹

The determinative of the word in the examined Doc.24 is which refer directly to the meaning of the word.

(z) The word $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ $\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}$ $\stackrel{\circ}{s}^{\epsilon}w$ refer to sand beads. 60 Sands have many uses and significations. 61

^{54.} Cauville, S., Dendara V-VI, Traduction, Les cryptes du temple d'Hathor Vol.1 (OLA 131), Leuven 2004, p. 469.

^{55.} Kockelmann, H., Edfu: die Toponymen-und Kultnamenlisten zur Tempelanlage von Dendera nach den hieroglyphischen Inschriften von Edfu und Dendera (Die Inschriften des Tempels von Edfu. Begleithefte, Heft 3), Wiesbaden, 2002, p. 23, 34.

^{56.} Dendara, VI, 165,10-11; Dendara, XV, 174,4.

^{57.} Cauville, S., Dendara XV, Traduction, Le pronaos du temple d'Hathor : Plafond et parois extérieures (OLA, 131), Leuven 2004, p. 212-213.

^{58.} Wb. III 243(3-15); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 708; Hannig, R., Die Sprache der Pharaonen: Groβes Handwörterbuch Ägyptische-Deutsch (Kulturgeschichte der antiken Welt 64), Mainz 1995, p. 807.

^{59.} Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 708.

^{60.} Wb. IV 419 (23)-420 (9); Wilson, P., A Ptolemaic lexikon, p. 992.

^{61.} Martin, K., "Sand", in LÄ V, pp. 378-379; Aufrère, S. H., L'univers minéral dans la pensée égyptienne, II, (BdE 105, IFAO), Le Caire 1991, p. 665-675; Rinter, R. K., "The Mechanics of Ancient Egyptian Magical Practice", SAOC 54 (1993) p. 155-157; Canney, M. A., "The Cermonial Use of Sand", JMEOS XIV (1929) p. 35-52; Canney, M. A., More "Notes on Sand", JMEOS XVI (1931) p. 55-60; Canney, M. A., "The Magico-Religious Signifance of Sand", JMEOS XIX (1935) p. 33-43.

The signification of the word here refers to Thebes as *the primordial mound* of creation. The same idea was giving to both previous cities Edfou [Doc. 2.2] and Dendara [Doc. 16; 17]. The word could be compared with the same terms that give the idea of primordial place of creation such as $h^c yt$; $k^3 yt-k^3$; $k^3 yt-nt^c nh$.

3. Conclusion:

Personification represents a phenomenon in Egyptian civilization. Three famous cities were personified: Edfou, Dendara and Thebes. Every city has her avatar. The three cities were personified as a female counterpart. The cities personified in scenes and texts and sometimes just in texts. The most influent city as an avatar in scenes and texts was Edfou. Two complete offerings scenes were detected to Edfou alone. In addition Edfou appears as the second goddess and again as the third one in offering scenes. The texts of Edfou consider it as the counterpart of Isis in her form of scorpion. Edfou also exists behind the king as a wall of copper to protect his majesty from all what is around him. Dendara also appears as a female goddess in some offering scenes, but no complete offering scene was detected to her individually. Thebes appear as an avatar twice [the 4th person] in two offerings of $m3^{c}t$. In the first scene she is carrying sistrum and weapons, and in the second carrying a two sistrum. Like Dendara no complete offering scene was detected to Thebes. The texts of every city focus on the idea that this city is the land of the primordial mound of creation. Every city boasts that on her land the life has begun. The texts use many terms and synonyms for referring to the *primordial mound* of creation such as $h^c y$, $k^3 yt$ - k^3 , $k^3 yt$ -nt-nh. Dendara was distinguished with the writing of her name in cryptographic form. Every city was personified in two names Edfou $Wtst \square St$ -nfrt; Dendara $Twnt \square Tst$ -di, and Thebes $Wsrt \square niwt$.

The personified cities carry various epithets that reflex their important role, especially in protection of the king. The city that carries most epithets was Edfou. The three cities sharing some epithets such as: the primordial mound of creation, mistress of cities, mistress of the two lands, etc.

Cities and epithets

City	Epithets
Edfou	Isis; mother of Anubis; protector of Horus; female avenger; the settled one driver of evil; protector of king's limbs; order flame against his rebels; noble one; mistress of humankind; sharp of horns; female ruler; mistress of goddesses; without another except for her; the powerful one; Hededyt; mistress of cities; the great throne; Seshat the great; mistress of the house of the books; the one with seven horns; the foremost of cities; Isis the great who protect her son; the wall of copper behind the king to protect him; the place of piercing Apophis; the house of appearance; the mistress of Behdety; the female sovereign; mistress of the two lands; the noble and great lady; the great goddess; rises up Horus with her horns; the primordial mound of creation.
Dendara	The beautiful city; daughter of Geb; the place of the noble one; the beautiful city of the god's mother; the female sovereign; mistress of the two lands; mistress and lady of cities; conductor of the king; the sacred nome of masters of Dendara; the primordial mound of creation; the

	beautiful city which was created in the beginning; birthplace of the golden one of the gods and goddesses; place of nativity; beautiful mother
	of the golden one of the gods; the primordial mound of life; the premiere
	of the nomes; the settled one; the house of birth of Nut; the mansion of
	the <i>menat</i> -necklace.
Thebes	The triumphant; lady of force; mistress of the two lands, desert and
	the two mountains; avenger of Re; protector of Horus; the triumphant of
	the gods; seize the weapons to drive away the king's adversaries; mother
	of the children of Horus; her lands were established to found the two
	lands; maker music for the king; creator of the hidden image of the king
	inside her sand beads.



Fig. 1 after: Edfou, XIV, pl. DXCV.

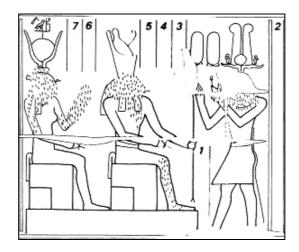


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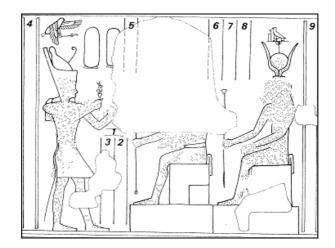
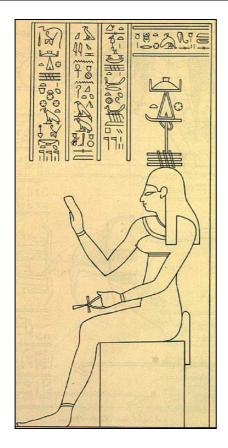
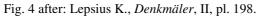


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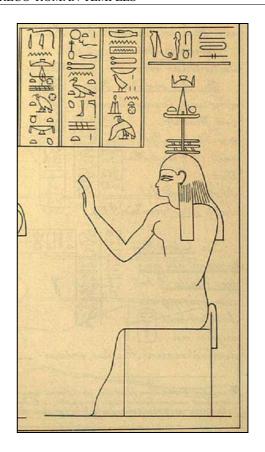


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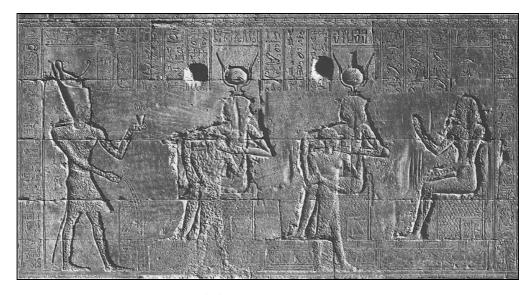


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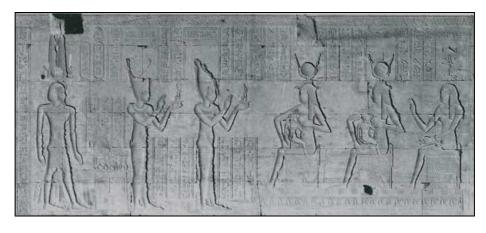


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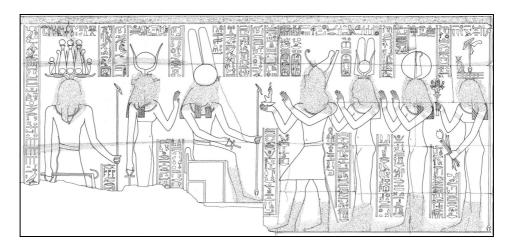


Fig. 9 after: Aufrère, S. H., Le Propylône d'Amon-Rê-Montou, n° 75.

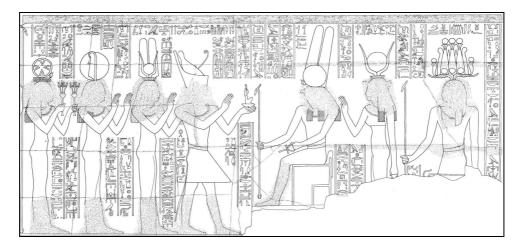
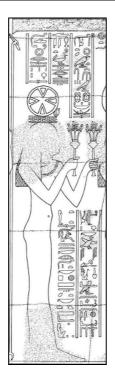


Fig. 10 after: Aufrère, S. H., Le Propylône d'Amon-Rê-Montou, n° 76.





Details from: fig. 9 & 10.