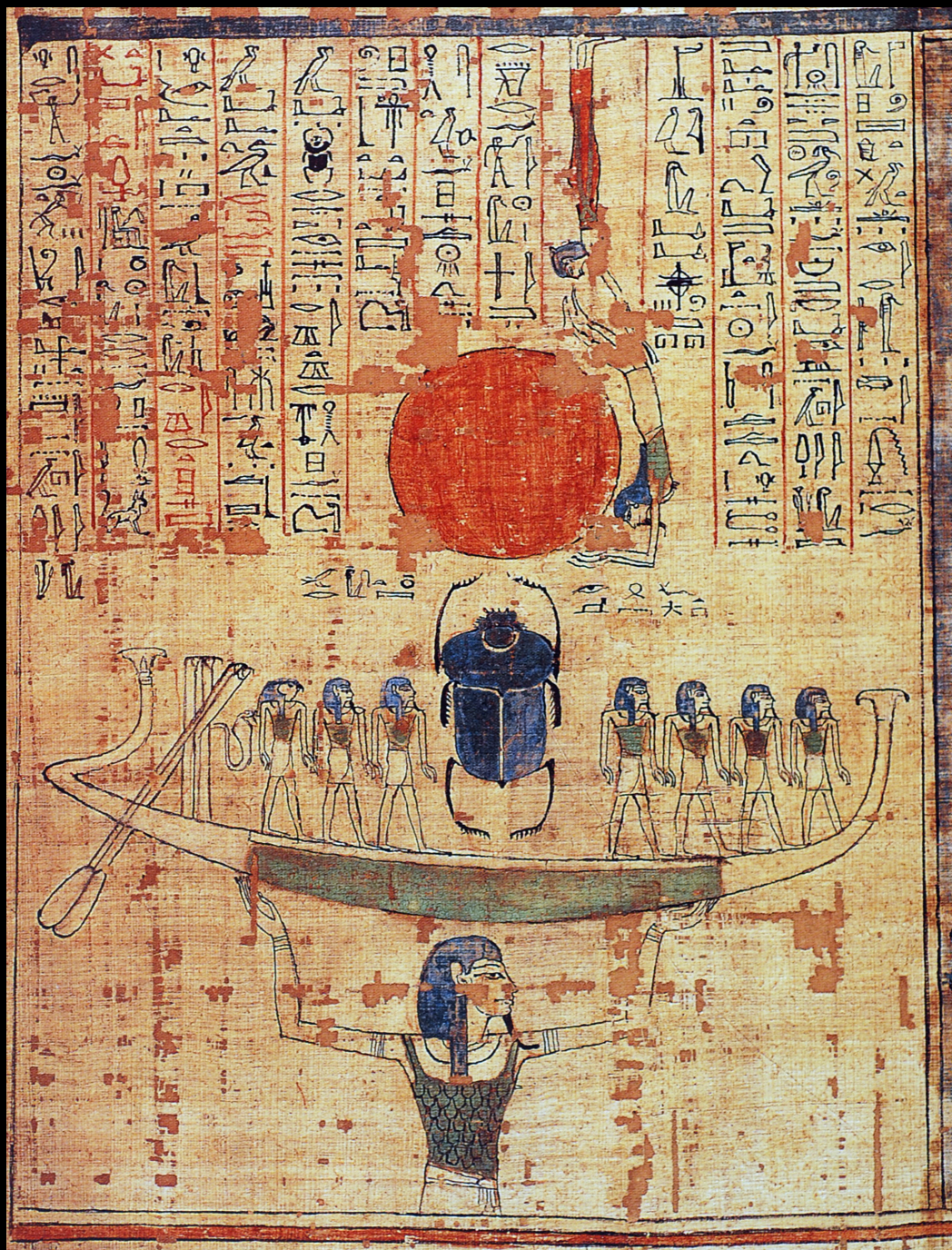


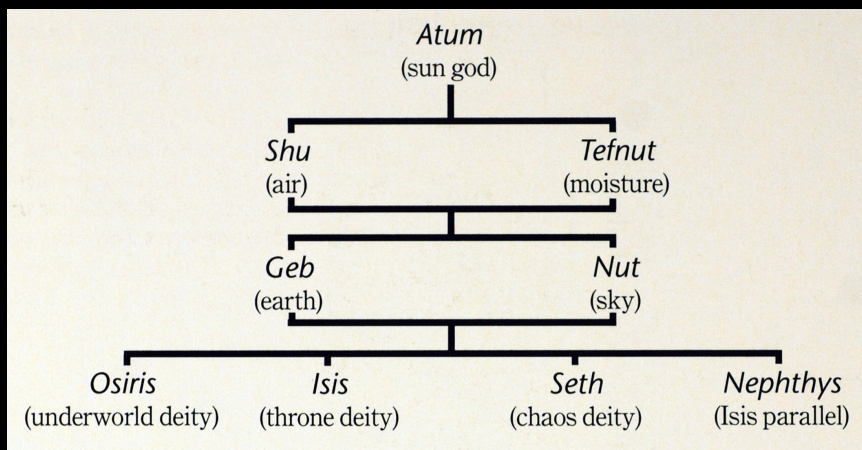


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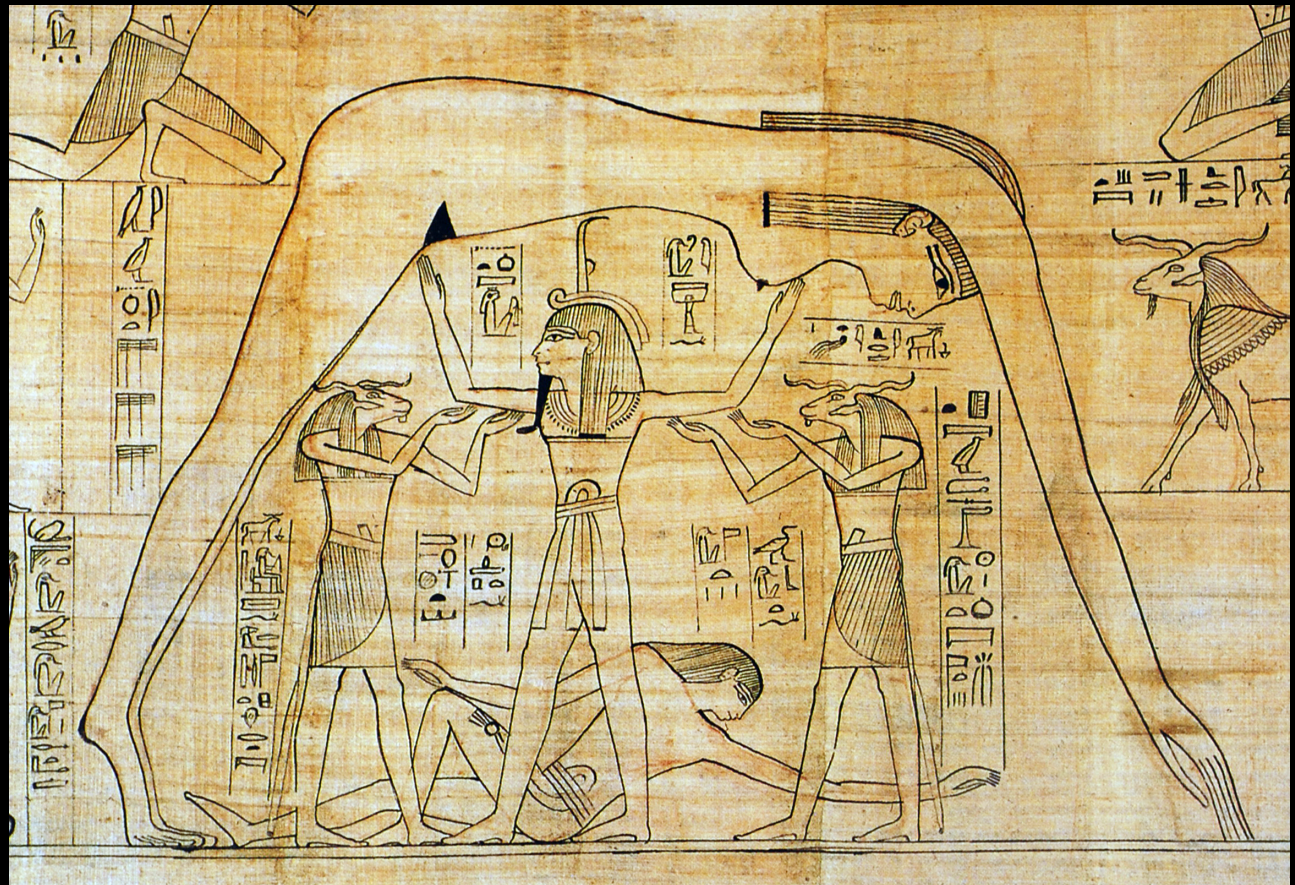


Cosmogonies=Creation Accounts

(Khepri rising from Nun)



The Heliopolitan Ennead



Pyramid Text 600 and allusions to the Memphite Theology

- Atum Kheper, you have come to be high on the hill, you have arisen on the Benben stone in the mansion of the Benben in Heliopolis, you spat out Shu, you expectorated Tefnut, and you put your two arms around them as the arms of a *ka* symbol, so that your *ka* might be in them. O Atum, place your arms around the king, around this edifice, around this pyramid as the arms of a *ka* so that the King's *ka* may be in it, firm forever and ever. O Atum, place your protection over this king, over this pyramid of his, over this edifice of the king, so that you may guard against anything happening evilly against him forever and ever, just as your protection was placed over Shu and Tefnut.
- O great Ennead which is in Heliopolis – Atum, Shu, Tefnut, Geb, Nut, Osiris, Isis, Seth, Nephthys – children of Atum, extend his heart (good-will) to his child (the king) in your name of Nine Bows. Let his back be turned from you towards Atum, so that he may protect this king, so that he may protect this pyramid of the king, so that he may protect this edifice of his from all the gods [and] from the dead, and so that he may guard against anything happening evilly against him forever and ever.
- Atum (the complete one) ejaculating out of himself Shu and Tefnut (air and moisture). They give birth to Geb and Nut. Next generation, and the conflict between Horus and Seth.



Nephthys and Isis mourn Osiris



Khafre, 4th Dynasty, King and Horus
Statue from his pyramid complex at Giza

Excerpt from the
early 5th Dynasty
section of the
Palermo Stone

the dual king Userkaf: he made as his endowment for:

the souls of Heliopolis:

20 (measures of) offering-bread and -beer at every 'sixth'-festival;

arouras of arable land: $36 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$? (i.e. $36\frac{7}{8}$) arouras from the ...

(estate) of Userkaf;

the gods of (the sun temple) 'occasion of Ra':

24 arouras (of arable land) (from the ... (estate) of Userkaf);

two oxen (and) two pintail ducks every day;

Ra:

arouras of arable land: 44 arouras in the nomes of Lower Egypt;

Hathor:

44 arouras (of arable land in the nomes of Lower Egypt);

the gods of the estate of Djebaut:

54 arouras (of arable land) (and) erecting a pedestal (in) his temple (in) Pe
of the Xoïte nome;

Horus:

2 arouras (of arable land) (and) building (the wall of?) his temple;

Nekhhbet of the god's-palace of Upper Egypt:

ten (measures of) offering-bread and -beer every day;

Wadjet of the *per-nu*:

ten (measures of offering-bread and -beer every day);

the gods of the god's-palace of Upper Egypt:

48 (measures of offering-bread and -beer every day)

third occasion of the cattle census

4 cubits, two-and-a-half fingers



Nebra or Raneb?
Stela of a 2nd Dynasty
king, from Saqqara

**Reliefs of Netjerykhet
(Djoser) from a temple
of Heliopolis (Schiapparelli)**
(drawings and captions after W.S. Smith,
*A History of Egyptian Sculpture and
painting in the Old kingdom*,
1946, fig. 48, 50-53)

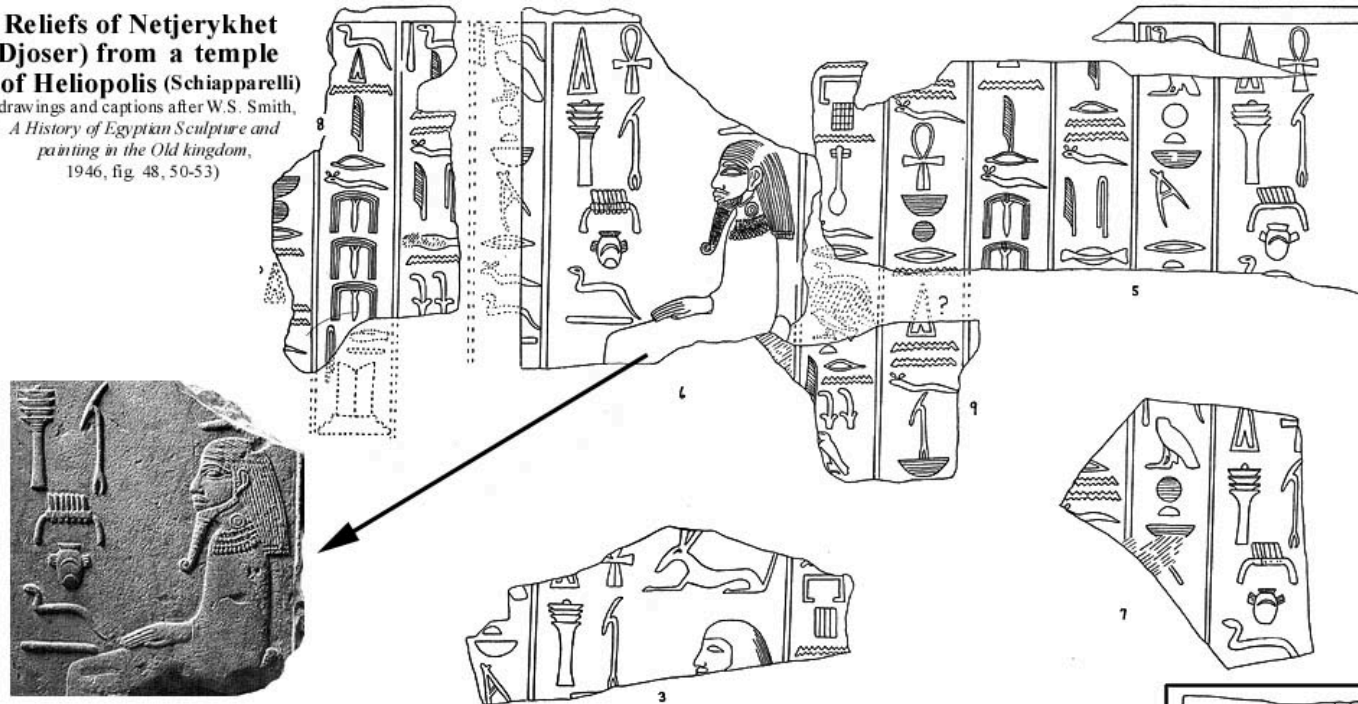


FIG. 50. Zoser Heliopolis reliefs in Turin: suggested reconstruction for Weill's fragments 8, 6, 9, 5, and fragments 3 and 7 from an early identical group; corrected from original.

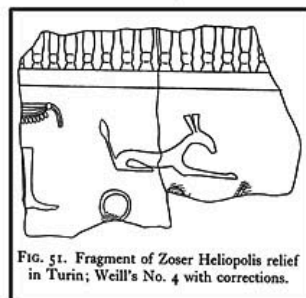


FIG. 51. Fragment of Zoser Heliopolis relief in Turin; Weill's No. 4 with corrections.

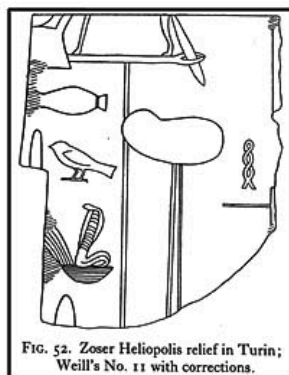


FIG. 52. Zoser Heliopolis relief in Turin; Weill's No. 11 with corrections.

FIG. 48. Two fragments: Zoser reliefs from Heliopolis in Turin; altered from Weill's drawings by notes made in Turin (Weill, *Sphinx*, 15, 1; Figs. 1, 10).

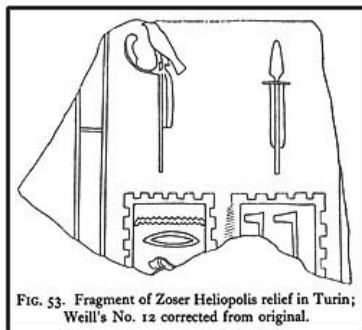
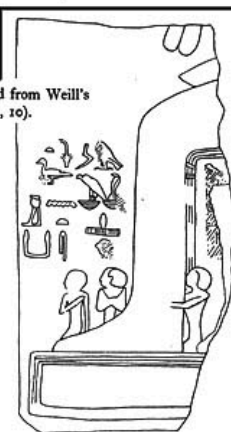
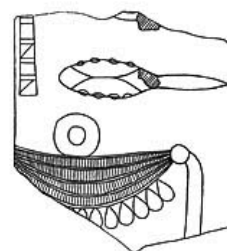


FIG. 53. Fragment of Zoser Heliopolis relief in Turin; Weill's No. 12 corrected from original.



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Important administrative titles of the Old Kingdom:

Vizier

Overseer of Royal Works

Overseer of Treasury (pr-hdj “white house” or prwy-hdj “two white houses”)

Overseer of the Granary

Overseer of Upper Egypt

Great Overlord of Nome (X) (hry-tp aa n X)

Ranking Titles of the Old Kingdom

Hereditary noble (jry-pat)

Count (haty-a)



Hesira, reign of Djoser, 3rd Dynasty

“head of royal scribes” (a treasury title)

“greatest of tens of Upper Egypt”

“concerned with the king’s property”

“fashioner of the cult image of Mehyt”

“great one of the 10s of Upper Egypt”



From the tomb of Metjen at Saqqara (very early 4th Dynasty):

To the overseer of commissions of the 4th/5th and 3rd nomes of Lower Egypt:
12 “foundations of Metjen” have been founded for him in the 4th/5th, 6th and 2nd nomes of Lower Egypt (along with) their products for him in the dining room. These have been bought for 20 arouras of land from many royal colonists, (along with) 100 portions of funerary offerings which come daily from the soul chapel of the royal mother Nymaathap (And with) a walled estate 200 cubits long and 200 broad, set out with fine trees, and a large pool made in it; it was planted with fig trees and vines. It is written down in a royal document, and their names are (recorded likewise) on (this) royal document....

The property of his father the judge and scribe Inpuemankh was given to him, without wheat and barley and the property of the estate, but with dependents and herds of donkeys and pigs (?).

He was promoted to the first of the scribes of the office of provisioning and overseer of provisioning;

He was promoted to be the “strong of voice” among those involved in agricultural production when the boundary official of the sixth nome of Lower Egypt was in charge of the judge and supervisors of reversionary offerings in the sixth nome of Lower Egypt, who should take the job of judge and “strong of voice,”

And he was promoted to be overseer of all linen products of the king...