



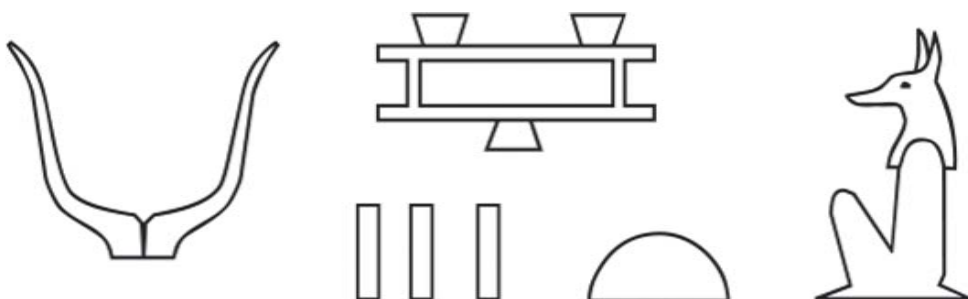
Wepwawet

Title: “Opener of the Ways,” God of the Hunt

Looks like: often confused with Anubis, Wepwawet has the head of a wolf and the body of a human. He carries a bow and a mace and has white or gray fur.

Responsibilities: In funerals, his adze (an axe-like tool) is used to open the mouth of the mummy so it can breathe and speak in the afterlife. In the afterlife, he leads the dead on the good path to the underworld with Anubis.

His story: Originally from Upper Egypt, Wepwawet moved north sometime in the Old Kingdom to help open the path for king to rule.





Anubis

Title: God of Embalming, Cemeteries, and Protector of Mummies

Looks like: a crouching jackal with black fur, pricked up ears, a hanging tail, and a magical collar. Or he has a human body with the shoulders and head of a jackal.

Responsibilities: to oversee the rituals of mummification, to supervise in the “weighing of the heart,” to guide good souls to the afterlife, to guard tombs and cemeteries.

His story: Anubis is a very ancient god and was once the king of the land of the dead. When Osiris, then the king of the earth, was killed by Seth, Anubis embalmed and revived Osiris and gave him the throne of the underworld. Osiris was the first mummy and Anubis the first embalmer.





Khentiamentiu

Title: “Chief of the Westerners” (Westerners being the Dead)

Looks like: a jackal head on a human body, similar to Anubis.

Responsibilities: can be called on to help the dead use the gifts left to them for the afterlife, such as food and clothing.

His story: Khentiamentiu is a mysterious god. While he gets very little press, this does not mean he is not important. He is a guardian like Anubis, protecting especially the cemetery at Abydos, where many kings of Egypt are buried (and where Kelsey Museum researchers still work today). Osiris and Khentiamentiu work closely together to rule the land of the dead, so closely that eventually they become one god called Osiris-Khentiamentiu.





Duamutef

Title: Son of Horus

Looks like: a mummified body with the head and shoulders of a jackal.

Responsibilities: to protect the dead person's mummified stomach with the help of the goddess Neith, to worship the deceased so that they are able to pass to the afterlife.

His story: One of the four Sons of Horus, Duamutef works closely with Osiris. He is also particularly fond of his adopted mother, Isis. No surprise there since his name literally means "he who praises his mother."

