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LITERATURE

DURING THE PERIOD 747 - 332 BC IN ANCIENT EGYPT THE FALCON WAS WORSHIPPED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS RE OR HORUS. FALCONS WERE KEPT IN THE TEMPLES AND USED IN THE RITUAL OF THE DIVINE CULT AND CAREFULLY MUMMIFIED AFTER THEIR DEATH. SOME WERE ENCLOSED WITHIN A FINE SARCOPHAGUS SUCH AS THIS AND THEN TRANSPORTED IN A PROCESSION TO THEIR TOMB. OTHERS WOULD BE EMBALMED IN GROUPS AND PLACED TOGETHER IN PAINTED CEDAR-WOOD CHESTS. DURING THE LATE PERIOD A CATACOMB WAS CONSTRUCTED AT SAQQARA SPECIFICALLY FOR MUMMIFIED HAWKS SACRED TO HORUS. MOST USUALLY DEPICTED AS A MAN WITH THE HEAD OF A

HAWK, HORUS WAS NOT ONLY A GOD OF THE SKY, BUT THE EMBODIMENT OF DIVINE KINGSHIP AND PROTECTOR OF THE REIGNING PHARAOH.

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