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## **Abstract**

The Ancient Egyptian deity Onuris enjoyed a multiplicity of aspects manifested in in the various connections to certain major deities of the Egyptian pantheon such as Horus, Shu and Rê. Among these is the role of Onuris as a judge. This article seeks, through a close reading of four majorsources or documents, to reveal this judicial function exercised by Onuris on living beings.

The first document is a manuscript originating from Thebes and dating to the 20<sup>th</sup> dynasty. The three excerpts from this papyrus show that the god Onuris is one of the members of the Council responsible for rendering justice in the conflict between Horus and Seth. In other words, the god Onuris, as a deity who applies the law, intervenes in the designation of the king of Egypt. The second source is another literary composition attested in manuscript from the Ramesside Period, Papyrus Anastasi I, in which Onuris appears as a judge who is called upon to render justice, in resolving the opposing positions of two rival scribes.

The third manuscript source, dating precisely to the reign of Ramses IV, is a short passage inPapyrus Harris Iwhich reveals that the god Onuris, in his domain of This, has some form of tribunal at which judicial decisions were issued. In effect, here, it is Ramses III himself who judges under the tutelage of Onuris and through his oracle. The fourth and last text is carved in the third column of a late first millennium BC stela from Abydos (Leiden VLDJ 4), for a manwho held senior scribal and priestly offices.In this passage, Onuris is the guarantor of equity between all beings, and his judgment is perfect.

The research concludes that these four documents illustrate that the god Onuris





played the role of arbiter by bringing judgment, in an indirect way, concerning disputes between two rivals.

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