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Egyptian Anthroponyms Based on the Name of the Cat-Goddess Bastet; A New Survey

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Abstract:

Ancient Egyptians used the name of goddess Bastet to form names of Egyptian people, including both male and female sexes, belonged to different social classes. The traces of the Egyptian Anthroponyms based on the name of the goddess Bastet have survived throughout history until Greco-Roman Period. In the Late Period, the worship of goddess Bastet was given particular prominence, and a number of rulers during the twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh dynasties incorporated her name to their royal titularies to be under her full protection.

Moreover the name of "Bastet", as a part of a personal name, used to form names of different categories of the ancient Egyptian community. Most of these names include the name of the goddess followed by one of her physical or intellectual qualities. The use of the name of this goddess in feminine names is more frequent than those in masculine names, beside names that were given to both, males and females.

The study of this onomastic material allows a linguistic and anthropological reflection on the form and meaning of anthroponyms based on the goddess Bastet's name. The use of the name of the cat headed woman goddess in anthroponomy sometimes reflects a particular devotion to one of her forms or capacities. We believe that the various qualities of Bastet and the two sides of her personality, docile and aggressive, present particular links that unites the ancient Egyptians to this goddess.

The position of the word "Bastet" in the personal names reflects frequent occurrences as a substantive or subject to verbs, especially verbs in the relative form. Goddess' name is also attested as a noun after preposition or as a direct or indirect genitive. Bastet's name is also inserted as a subject, as a nominal predicate or as an object.

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