

Utterance 254, §279

Faulkner: *The king threatens a general cataclysm if a place is not made for him*

O Lord of the horizon, make ready a place for me, for if you fail to make ready a place for me, I will lay a curse of my father Geb, and the earth will speak no more, Geb will be unable to protect(?) himself, and whoever I find in my way, I will devour him piecemeal(?). The hnt-pelican will prophesy, the psdt-pelican will go up, the Great One will arise, the Enneads will speak, the earth being entirely dammed up; the borders will be joined together, the river-banks will unite, the roads will be impassable to travellers, the slopes⁹ will be destroyed for those who would go up.

^{footnote 9} Or 'stairways', but a natural feature would fit the context better. Possibly the gentle rise from the level of the river to the foot of the cliffs may be envisaged.

Mercer: The hn.t-pelican announces, the psd.ti-pelican comes forth; the Great One arises, the (Three) Enneads speak: A dam shall dam up the earth, both boundaries-of-the-cultivations shall be united, both river-banks shall be joined, roads shall be closed against passengers, stairs for those who would ascend shall be destroyed.

Utterance 267, §365

Faulkner: *An address to Osiris and another to Re*

You have your heart, O Osiris; you have your legs, O Osiris; you have your arms, O Osiris; (so too) my heart is my own, my legs are my own, my arms are my own. A stairway to the sky is set up for me that I may ascend on it to the sky, and I ascend on the smoke of the great censuring.

Mercer: A stairway to heaven shall be laid down for him, that he may ascend to heaven thereon; he ascends on the smoke (incense) of the great censuring.

Utterance 505 §1090

Faulkner: *An 'ascension' text*

I have gone up in Pe to the Souls of Pe, I am girt with the girdle of Horus, I am clad with the garment of Thoth, Isis is before me and Nephthys is behind me. Wepwawet opens a way for me, Shu lifts me up, the Souls on On set up a stairway for me in order to reach the Above, and Nut puts her hand on me just as she did for Osiris on the day when he died.

Mercer: Wp-w3-wt opens the way for me; Shu lifts me up; the Souls of Heliopolis construct a stairway for me, to unite with the Above (i.e. to reach the top); Nut gives her arm to me as she did for Osiris the day that he landed there.

Utterance 508, §1108

Faulkner: *An 'ascension' text*

Someone ascends, I ascend; the Mistress of Dep rejoices and she who dwells in Nekheh is glad on that day on which I ascend to my place, O Re. I have laid down for myself this sunshine of yours as a stairway under my feet on which I will ascend to that mother of mine, the living uraeus which should be upon me, O Re. She will have compassion on me and will give me her breast that I may suck it; 'My son,' says she, 'take this breast of mine and suck it', says she; 'turn about, O you who have not yet come to the number of your days.'

Mercer: N. has trodden down for himself thy splendour, as stairs under his feet, that N may ascend thereon to his mother, the living uraeus which is on the head of Re.

Utterance 536, §1296

Faulkner: A 'resurrection' text

Anubis who presides over the God's Booth has commanded that you go down as a star, as the Morning Star. May you traverse the Mound of Horus of the Southerners, may you traverse the Mound of Horus of the Northerners, may the honoured ones(?) clap their hands at the stairway of your throne.

Mercer: Anubis, chief of the sh-ntr, has commanded that thou come in as a star, as god of the morning (or, as god of the morning star), that thou pass through the region of Horus of the South and that thou pass through the region of Horus of the North. (And) men will construct with their arms a stairway to thy throne.

Utterance 539, §1322 - 1325

Faulkner: An 'ascension' text

As for any god who will not set up a stairway for me –

I will ascend and rise up to the sky –

He shall have no loaf,

He shall have no fan,

He shall not wash himself in a bowl.

He shall not smell the foreleg,

He shall not devour the hind-leg,

The earth shall not be ploughed for him,

No offering shall be presented to him,

But I will ascend and rise up to the sky.

But as for any god who will set up a stairway for me –

I will ascend and rise up to the sky –

The earth shall be ploughed for him,

An offering shall be presented to him,

A nmtt-bowl shall be prepared for him,

He shall smell the foreleg,

He shall devour the hind-leg,

And I will ascend and rise up to the sky.

As for any god who shall take my hand in the sky,

And shall betake himself to the Mansion of Horus which is in the firmament,

His double shall be vindicated before Geb.

Mercer: Each god who constructs not a stairway for N., when he ascends and lifts himself to the sky, he shall have no pk-cake, he shall have no shade, he shall not wash himself in the h3w-bowl ...

Mercer: Each god who constructs stairs (or, stairway) for N., when N. ascends and lifts himself to the sky;

Utterance 619, §1749

Faulkner: A 'resurrection' text

Raise yourself, O King, raise yourself for the Great Adze, raise yourself upon your left side, place yourself upon your right side, wash [your hands in this] fresh [water] which your father Osiris has given to you. I have cultivated barley, I have reaped emmer, I have acted on behalf of your festival-supplies thereof which the Foremost of the Westerners has made for you. Your face is that of a jackal, your middle is that of the Celestial Serpent, your hinder-parts are a broad hall; a stairway has been set up to the sky that you may ascend and give judgement between the two great gods. (even) you who the Two Enneads support. Isis cries out to you, Nephthys calls to you, She of Imet will sit on the steps of your throne; take your two oars, the one of w'n wood and the other of sdd-wood, so that you may cross the waterway to your house the sea and protect yourself from him who would harm you. Oho! Beware of the Great Lake!

Mercer: Thy face is like that of a jackal; thy heart is like that of Kbh.t, thy seat is like that of a broad-hall. A stairway to heaven is built (for thee), that thou mayest ascend. Thou judgest between the two great gods, who support the Two Enneads.