

## **The Works on Pyramids and Their Mysterious Power: A Retread on Much Treaded Subject**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Pyramids and Egypt**, they are like a reverse and obverse of a coin. The pyramids are not merely a monumental structure got once built as a royal tombs by the pharaohs of ancient Egypt but they represent at the same time as the epitome of heritage and culture of ancient Egyptian civilization that matured on the bank of river Nile. Many stories and history developed round the origin of pyramids, their mysteries and power. Regarding the pyramids and their mysteries, curiosities developed in the minds of the travelers as well as the investigators and that imbibed them to investigate that mysterious lands of the either sides of the river Nile and her rich heritage mainly move round the pyramids. Many books and chronological works are composed on the lives of the pharaohs, the power and mysteries of the pyramids of Egypt and all that have embellished the land. This is a much treaded subject and despite that, again attempt has been made to retread them with the help of some inquisitive and investigative works done by eminent authors. This article is a secondary strive to peep mainly the pyramids, their strange power and mysteries through the lens of several authors, nothing other than that.

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

**Pyramid** is a monumental structure, especially one built of stone as a royal tomb in ancient Egypt. It is with a triangular or square base and its sloping sides meet in a point at the top. The shape of a pyramid can be quadrilateral, polygon and trilateral. Thus, a pyramid has at least three outer triangular surfaces. Of the sources identified as the Egyptian pyramids, almost all were built as tombs for the pharaohs and their concubines during the ancient and middle kingdom periods. A traveller in to the Egyptian lands is struck with wonder by the grandeur of the environment. The massive structures completely baffle the tourists. The growth of the Egyptian lands in to a magnificent civilization is itself a mystery. Its splendid pyramids, statues and giant sphinxes, all are wonders for today's world. The modern science and technology with all its detailed and intensive research warns that by 2100 A.D. great floods will swallow the great Egyptian lands, as known from Sahai's book.

Lots of curiosities gather in the minds of scholars to know the facts and mysteries round the pyramids and history hidden behind them and that tempted the scholars to rush to Egypt to explore the unexplored history and mysteries hitherto remained unknown to the world. Although lots have been explored what we know from the works of the scholars, despite that the history of pyramids is not free from the cobwebs of mysteries. Lots of stories and mysteries still persist even in the 21st century round the pyramids of Egypt.

'The pyramids of Egypt' is a valuable work of Dr Edwards where he draws both on his research and on the work of many archaeologists who have dug in Egypt and its surroundings. He surveys thousand years of pyramid building and charts the rise and fall of the pyramids as funerary monuments from the mastaba (a type of ancient Egyptian tomb) of the first and second dynasties and the step pyramids to the archaic and backward looking efforts of the middle kingdom. The work deals with their construction and purpose, puts the pyramids in to the perspective of ancient Egyptian society.

In the beginning, the Step pyramid of Pharaoh Zoser (built in about 2650 B.C) was in the form of a tomb having only one storey. It had a burial chamber beneath. Later, the builders started extending it and added three more layers to it transforming it to a four step pyramid. They did not rest after that extension and added two more steps after further extending its base. These last two steps represent the dead pharaoh's passage to heaven as lucidly describes by Sahai in her book.

The pyramids at Giza brood over the Egyptian landscape and it is hard to believe that these massive structures are just the tombs of pharaohs. How such beautiful giant structures were built and how did such a civilization blossom in Egypt, it's really a big question. The pyramids of Giza have stood for more than four thousand years, fascinating generations around the world. 'We think of the pyramids as mysteries, but the stones, hieroglyphs, landscape, and even layers of sand and debris around them hold stories' as stated by Lehener and Hawass. In 'Giza and the pyramids : The definitive history' two of the world's most eminent

Egyptologists Lehener and Hawass provide them unique insights based on more than four decades of excavating and studying the site.

It was the inhabitable condition of Africa during the Neolithic age because of gradual decay of the flora and fauna that forced the African to rethink for alternative. The soil of Africa also started drying up owing to the changes in the climate and ecology. They were forced towards the banks of the Nile, as the Nile valley was not affected by these changes. Slowly and gradually as time started rolling on, this peaceful valley transmuted to the land of busy and noisy for the people. Anyway, the fertile and alluvial soil of river Nile guaranteed food and shelter to all the inhabitants.

Everything did not remain as peaceful as expected. Annual and frequent occurrence of floods in the river and inundation of the wide strips of land on either side of the Nile disturbed their peaceful habitation. But the organic substances in the Nile water, created very fertile deposits of mud. The floods, no doubt, left behind a devastating environment as the villages and fields were often washed away. The Neolithic people of Egypt seeing all this started domesticating the river in place of animals and plants. They built dykes and canals and taking help of the 'Shadul', they transferred water in to canals. The area used for cultivation was extended in this way and thus, gradually the civilization developed to maturity as nicely described by Sahai in her book.

'The pyramids of Egypt-How were they really built' is a book by Massey where he not only explains his excellent theory on how the pyramids were built but also weaves an enjoyable travel narrative along the way. Massey, a construction engineer by profession with tremendous curiosity, came up with a building technique that is very hard to find flaws in. He even demonstrates his idea with small scale experiments to prove it.

Lepre's work entitled 'The Egyptian pyramids: A comprehensive, illustrated reference' is the most complete reference book ever published on these fascinating and compelling structures of the ancient world. Facts on each of the forty-two pharaohs and the monuments they constructed include all elements of each pyramid complex that have been discovered. Lepre tries to offer solutions to many of the intriguing mysteries long associated with the pyramids in addition to tantalizing suggestions of discoveries yet to be made.

Daniel Jean Stanley, a senior oceanographer predicted that by the 2100 A.D., there will be a major flooding of vast areas of the Nile delta between Port Said on the Suez Canal in the east and the Damietta branch of the Nile in the West. The Mediterranean Sea, according to Stanley, is cutting the short line which is subsequently regressing at the rate of fifteen to thirty meters a year and the sea is acting like a saw, it is grinding away the soil and sediments in the area. Stanley, while explained the behavior of the sea had said that the gradual invasion of the sea is due to the rising level of the sea and the sinking level of the ground and the Azwan Dam on the river Nile. Sahai says 'nowhere has nature been as baneful as in Egypt.'

Romer is a famous author on Egyptian history. The monuments and pyramids of Egypt have for centuries both puzzled and astounded the archaeologists and have given rise to numerous modern fantasies concerning the so-called mysteries of the pyramids. Sweeping away centuries of myth and confusion, he describes for the first time in his great book 'Great pyramids: Ancient Egypt revisited' exactly how the great pyramids were built and designed. The pyramid builders, he argues that they worked from a single plan whose existence has long been questioned and even denied by the scholars. His book underlines the extra-ordinary talents and the originality of the ancient Egyptians at the time of Pharaoh Khufu.

The behavior of the Mediterranean Sea i.e. gradual invasion due to rising level of the sea and sinking level of the ground is alarming. From Neolithic period to the 20th century A.D., Egyptian lands have undergone a great change. A Smithsonian researcher predicts that these mystique lands and more than a million people live there, may disappear beneath the sea over the 21st century A.D., as salt water rises and ground sinks in the north-eastern Nile river delta. If the calculations of Daniel Jean Stanley become a reality, nothing will remain except mystery for the generations to come.

The pyramids of Egypt, according to 'Guide to the pyramids of Egypt' by Siliotti have cast an indelible shadow upon the history of all who encounter their magnificence. The physical splendor of the pyramids is matched by their spiritual and historical importance. This book beautifully explores each and every aspect of the pyramids from their construction and design to function and significance. The book gives a glimpse at one of the wonders of recorded human history.

A famous work on the pyramid is Petrie's 'The pyramids and temples of Gizeh'. The pyramids at Gizeh and their massive structures are not just the tombs of the pharaohs. This book addresses one of history's greatest puzzles how the pyramids of Gizeh were built. Before he undertook his study, the pyramid of Gizeh was a paradox and something that was totally mysterious and unknown. Petrie applied mathematical methods to the study of the pyramids, their surrounding temples and shrines with the aim of comprehending the methods and abilities of ancient workers.

Another work done on pyramids is 'Chronicles of the pharaohs: The reign by reign record of the rulers and dynasties of ancient Egypt' by Clayton refers the name of all pharaohs and their dynasties presented in chronological order from Narmer who united the lands along the Nile to Cleopatra about three thousand years later. The biographical portraits of each pharaoh form a comprehensive and readable history of ancient Egypt

and how the each and every pharaoh helped to shape Egyptian civilization, all are vividly portrayed by him in his precious chronicles.

Mysteries that move round the pyramids of Egypt are still persist. Much said and done about the pyramids and pharaohs of Egypt but the truth is that they possess, even after that, great power to benefit mankind and we find its evidences if we go through the work of Kerrell and Groggin. They remark clearly, 'Leave a cup of coffee under the pyramid for about twenty minutes. You'll find that the bitterness disappears and the flavor becomes mellower. Again, this would seem to a lowering of the acidity level ....'. If we study Dr Flanagan's book 'Pyramid power- The science of the cosmos', then it gives us an impression that the power of the pyramids is much more than the pyramids themselves and the strange phenomena that they display. He lays a foundation covering different types of subtle energies that have been observed and described throughout history from mystery schools and esoteric practices to mainstream science and mathematics, connecting them to each other and pyramid energy.

Experiments have been done by some on the power and mysteries of pyramids in a number of situations and what have been found from experiments, they clearly point out that within pyramid food keeps longer, dry cell batteries regenerate, water seems tastier, seeds germinate faster, pets and houseplants are happier, crystals grow in unusual forms, children appear calmer, sleep is better, menstrual cramps diminish meditation is more concentrated, mental acuity improves, the sex drive increases, dowsers using a pendulum, dowsing rods or a forked twig can sense the force field of the pyramid, natural healing processes may be aided, all psychic phenomena are stronger and prayer becomes more effective. The pyramids have always held a strange fascination for man. Discovery reveals that the shape of the pyramid itself had unusual power. Schul and Pettit's famous work 'The secret power of pyramids' is itself a strange work where they have mentioned some power of the pyramids i.e. living plants thrive within the pyramid shape, water can be purified, possibility of rejuvenation, improvement of life, healing of pain all are possible within pyramids.

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