

Annotation:

This thesis is focused on curses, i. e. specific magical texts used in old Egypt, and apotropaic or protective magic. According to its emphasis, the text can be defined as a theoretical-comparative study, its aim being to point at the fact that curses as part of apotropaic magic create a vast complex of texts which were being used in all levels of Ancient Egyptian society. The aim of its particular chapters is to introduce the reader to the concept of apotropaic magic, and give an argumentated overview of the curses' occurrence and function. The work also provides interpretations of selected texts, and it should enable the reader to see this whole field of study – very often neglected – in a whole new light.

Keywords:

magic – heka – apotropaic magic – curses – threats – akh – spells – maat – Thovt – on the mouth