The dissertation is divided into two main parts – the text and the corpus. The corpus includes biographical texts and letters in transliteration and translation, and within it, biographical texts of the Middle Kingdom have been assembled (and some even translated) for the very first time. Properly analysed, these texts belong to the most important sources on Middle Kingdom history and ancient Egyptian mentality.

The textual part deals, on the basis of examples from the corpus, with the role of Topic-Focus articulation within the still poorly understood verbal system. Topic-focus articulation plays an important role within the verbal system and some morphemes, such as the controversial particle jw or the reduplication of the so-called mrr=f form, encode special topic-focus articulation functions. Topicalisation and focalisation strategies are also considered and compared with the findings of general linguistics.