

Abstract

This work deals with the temple architecture in the period of the reign of king Amenhotep IV./Akhenaten in the New Kingdom era, which is also called the Amarna period. In the beginning, this work presents a development of the ancient Egyptian sun cult into the time of the Akhenaten's reign, as it is precisely related to the architectural changes in this period. In following chapters this work describes temples in Karnak, dated to the beginning of Akhenaten's reign and also later religious architecture built in his new capital. Finally, it points to the significance and symbolism of the ancient Egyptian temple architecture and the particularities that distinguished Akhenaten's structures. It also characterizes the changes of the New Kingdom sacral architecture after the end of the Amarna period.

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