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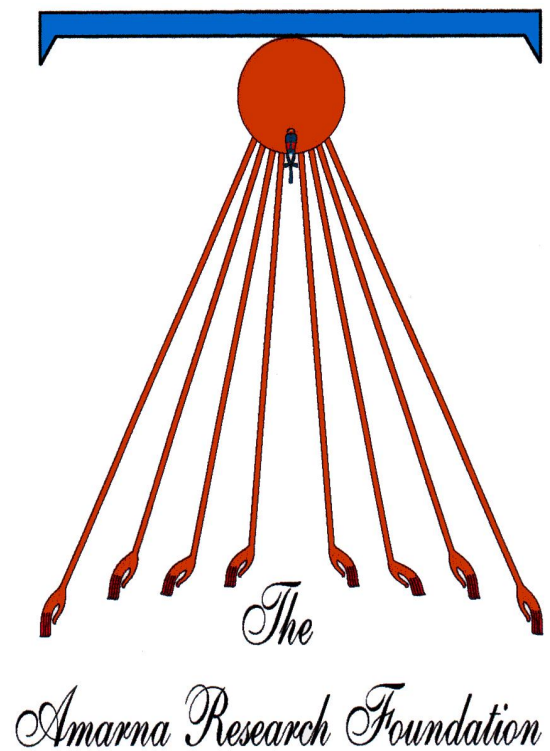
Benefits of Membership

Individuals, corporations, foundations and other groups are asked to join with **The Amarna Research Foundation** in providing the necessary funding to continue the exploration, stabilization, conservation and publication of this unique site and period.

The greatest benefit you will receive for your participation as a member is the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to preserve an important portion of the great heritage of Egypt.

To honor your participation, **The Amarna Research Foundation** offers the following recognition:

- * An 8"x10" membership certificate, printed on Papyrus, with your name written in both English and hieroglyphs.
- * A semi-annual newsletter of the progress and conditions of projects at Amarna. Additional bulletins will be provided as warranted.
- * For those joining the Foundation at the Sponsor level or above, a set of twelve unique slides or prints (your choice) of the Amarna area.
- * For those who are at the Sponsor or Benefactor levels, the opportunity to identify specific projects to which your membership will be applied.



The Amarna Period

The Amarna period of Egyptian history began during the reign of the pharaoh Amenhotep III nearly 3,400 years ago. This was a period of tremendous artistic and architectural achievement. The famous Colossi of Memnon were built, wonderful additions were made to the temples at Luxor and Karnak, and seeds were sown for a monotheistic religion.

Upon the death of Amenhotep III, his son Amenhotep IV became pharaoh of Egypt. This "heretic king" changed his name to Akhenaten, quickly abandoned the pantheon of Egyptian gods and declared the sun-god, Aten, to be the only god. He and his queen, Nefertiti, built a new city, known as Akhetaten (Horizon of the Aten) at the present site of Tell el-Amarna. From there he ruled all Egypt and directed the worship of his one god, Aten.

Following the death of Akhenaten, Tutankhamun (who was born Tutankhaten, and is believed by a great many Egyptologists to have been Akhenaten's son), returned the religious capital of Egypt to Thebes. The monuments of the "heretic king" were destroyed and the memory of his reign was erased. But the eighteen year reign of Akhenaten had touched upon a religious philosophy and an artistic style that still echoes today.

The Amarna Research Foundation

The Amarna Research Foundation, Inc. is the only tax-exempt organization within the United States dedicated exclusively to the advancement of interest and research in the Amarna Period. Funds contributed through memberships and grants will be used to promote archaeological excavation, conservation, research and publication of this period of Egyptian history.

Significant work is currently being done in the excavation and preservation of Tell el-Amarna, and in the planning of an on-site visitors center. Financial grants will be awarded by the Foundation to promote these and other worthy projects dealing with the Amarna period.

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