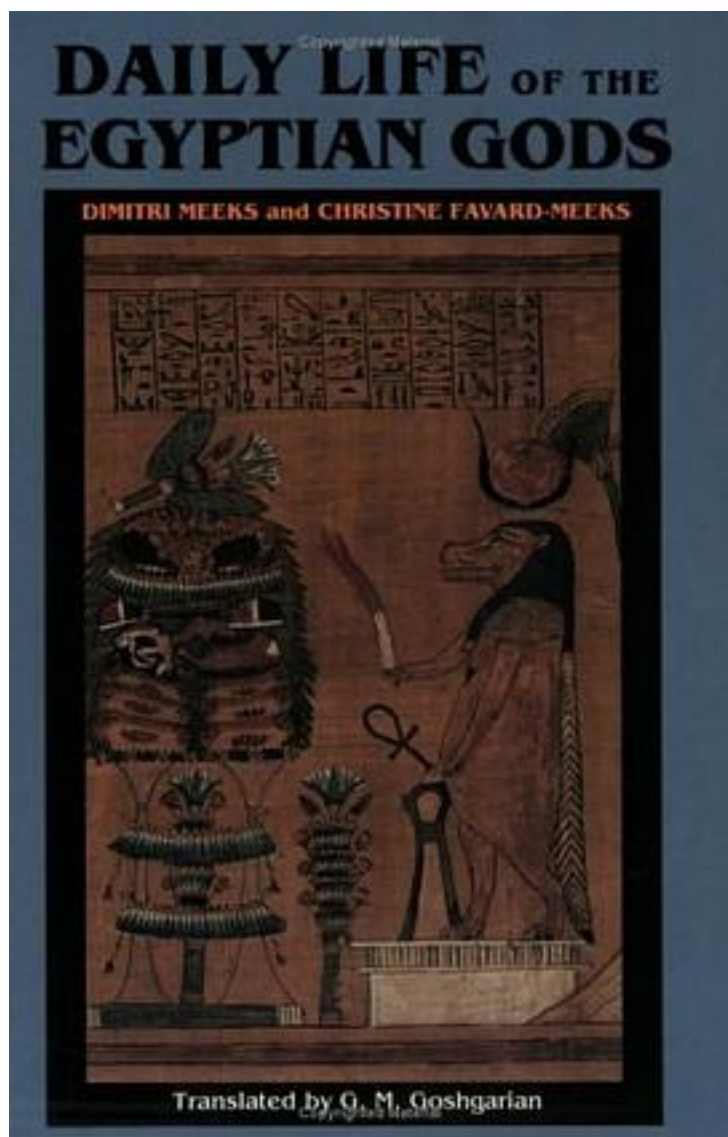


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The Egyptian religion was grounded in a thought system so totally foreign to the Western mind that it presents an almost unbridgeable conceptual gap. The Meekses?Dimitri (Universite de Provence) and Christine (Sorbonne)?attempt in this translation of their *La vie quotidienne des dieux egyptiens* (Hachette, 1993) to enable us to enter this strange world by observing the daily life of the gods and appreciating the inner logic of their activities. This is a difficult task because the authors must work from scattered and indirect bits and pieces of evidence with very few patches of satisfying detail. While the work's organization is sound, it also makes an abstract, often dry presentation that is foreign to the Egyptian mind, an inadvertent confirmation of the Meekses' exposition of the conceptual gap. They do not try to conceal the conjectural nature of much of their reconstruction, but perhaps it ought to be emphasized more heavily for the unwary neophyte. Nevertheless, this book does a good job of synthesizing, reconstructing, and explaining a very esoteric subject.?Eugene O. Bowser, Univ. of Northern Colorado, Greeley

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Book Description

This book describes the ancient Egyptian gods' community, the structures of their society, the nature of their immortal but not invulnerable bodies, their pleasures, and their needs. The authors cite familiar traditions and little-known texts to explain the relationship of the gods to the pharaoh, who was believed to represent them on earth.

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