

Analysing Current Egyptian Displays in the United Kingdom

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Almost two hundred distinctive collections of ancient Egyptian antiquities are showcased in 17 British museums all over the United Kingdom; whereas during the past few years, several Egyptologists have attempted to identify and compare information provided about those unique pieces in order to get a closer look on their nature. There are several factors that determine the way museums display most of their holdings, most important of which is the ancient Egyptian belief in afterlife and resurrection, due to the fact that most of those antiquities had been unearthed from the tombstones and cemeteries. Using the most state-of-the-art illustrative techniques, those museums use descriptive labels for all the ancient Egyptian artifacts to serve all their visitors, in addition to other guiding materials, such as leaflets and brochures. Also available on display at the museums is a collection of audiovisual presentations and movies on the history of ancient Egypt. Moreover, several museums incorporate the touch style, as a powerful means for educating their visitors, besides using special optic lighting systems suitable for the exhibits.