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Are proud to present an illustrated Lecture on

He shall belong to the flames of Sekhmet and the burning heat of Bastet: Punishment, Curses and Threat Formulae in Ancient Egypt.

Date: Saturday, April 14th at 2.00 pm
The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.

Speaker: Margaret Beaumont, Egyptologist

Location: The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street,
Nottingham, NG1 4EZ

Admission: Free to Members, Day-Visitor £4 on the door.

Requirements: No previous knowledge required, our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.

Topic: 'He shall belong to the flames of Sekhmet and the burning heat of Bastet :

Punishment, Curses and Threat Formulae in Ancient Egypt'

The Ancient Egyptian concept of a crime was very different from our own, and far from being a merely civil matter. Their words which we translate as 'laws' could also mean ceremonies, rituals and customs, all elements required to maintain the state of maat; their concept of rightness, order and balance upon which the continuance of the cosmos depended. The rule of maat held sway both on earth and in the heavens.

Maat was the ideal state which had come into being at the moment of creation; an offence which disturbed the continuance of maat could involve transgression of any kind of rule, natural or judicial, general or specific, public or private, written or unwritten which could occur on earth, or in the realm of the gods.

This lecture will touch on various aspects of what we know of the Egyptian legal system, how the Egyptians sought to protect maat, their goods and their safe transit to the afterlife; and what punishment a transgression, whether on earth or in heaven might incur.

The SSAE was formed in 1992 and is aimed at people in the Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and south Yorkshire areas with an interest in Ancient Egyptian history and art.

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