

The Hall Of Ma'at (Truth and Judgment)



Anubis, the god of embalmers is leading the dead soul to the scales of **Ma'at**, the goddess of truth.

Anubis takes the dead person's heart and places it on the left scale, and weighs it against the feather on the right scale to see if this soul is worthy of joining the ancient gods in Paradise.

Ammut is the demon god. He waits to devour the dead person's heart should he prove unworthy. The scale would determine the dead person's fate. If the feather went UP, Ammut would leap and consume the heart on the far scale. The unworthy soul would then be doomed to eternal extinction.

Thoth, who stood to the right of the scales, is the god of wisdom. He pronounced the sins and the deeds for the dead person, and wrote down the results. While alive, a person would never want to confess sin out loud. This confession would be heard and written in the book of **Thoth**.

The trembling soul would call out to his heart, "Please, my heart, do not to witness against me!" If a loved one had placed the **Scarab** amulet over the heart of the dead relative, then the **Scarab** would harden the heart and not allow any admission of sin. The soul would cry, "O heart that was mine, permit me not to be wronged in presence of **Osiris**." A heart hardened by the **Scarab** was his greatest protection, for his heart would prove to be "light", with no sin to testify against him.

If the the dead soul passes the test he is led by **Horus** to meet **Osiris**, the King of the dead. He is resurrected and transformed. He has won the victory.

Osiris welcomes him. "Now let this one dwell in eternal bliss in the Field of Reeds."

If you want a different look at the Hall of Ma'at, go to this website:

<http://www.egyptartsite.com/hall1.html>

My references to the Scarab are from Hannah, John D. "Exodus." The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old Testament, pp. 103-62.