



FIGURE 1

JS Explanation:¹ Kolob, signifying the first creation, nearest to the celestial, or the residence of God. First in government, the last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to celestial time, which celestial time signifies one day to a cubit. One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of this earth, which is called by the Egyptians lah-oh-eh.

MR Identification:² The creator god Khnum seated while holding in his hand the symbols of life, dominion, and stability. On either side are cynocephalic apes with horned moondisks on their heads, in the attitude of adoration. There are two serpents on either side of the deity.



FIGURE 3

JS Explanation: Is made to represent God, sitting upon his throne, clothed with power and authority; with a crown of eternal light upon his head; representing also the grand Key-words of the Holy Priesthood, as revealed to Adam in the Garden of Eden, as also to Seth, Noah, Melchizedek, Abraham, and all to whom the Priesthood was revealed.

MR Identification: The Hawk-headed Re with the sun disk on his head, seated on the solar bark. On either side of him is an *Udjat*-eye. In his hand he holds the *w3s*-sceptre, symbol of dominion, and in front of him is an altar with a lotus blossom



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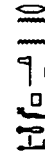


FIGURE 2

JS Explanation: Stands next to Kolob, called by the Egyptians Oliblish, which is the next grand governing creation near to the celestial or the place where God resides; holding the key of power also, pertaining to other planets; as revealed from God to Abraham, as he offered sacrifice upon an altar, which he had built unto the Lord.

MR Identification: Amen-Re wearing the double-plumed crown of Amen, with Ram's horns mounted on it. He is holding the jackal standard of Wepwawet. To his right is an altar with offering on and around it.

MR Translation:³ The name of this Mighty God.



FIGURE 4

JS Explanation: Answers to the Hebrew word *Raukeeyang*, signifying expanse, or the firmament of the heavens; also a numerical figure, in Egyptian signifying one thousand; answering to the measuring of the time of Oliblish, which is equal with Kolob in its revolution and in its measure of time.

MR Identification: A mummiform hawk with outspread wings, seated upon a boat. Represents either Horus-Soped or Sokar, both hawk gods.

1. Joseph Smith's explanation of Facsimile 2 of the Book of Abraham.

2. Michael Rhode's identification of the figures in Facsimile 2. This is an edited version of his "A Translation and Commentary of the Joseph Smith Hypocephalus," *BYU Studies* (1977): 259-74.

3. Michael Rhode's translation of Facsimile 2 (unedited) as found in *Ibid.* Note that the interlineær format is my work.

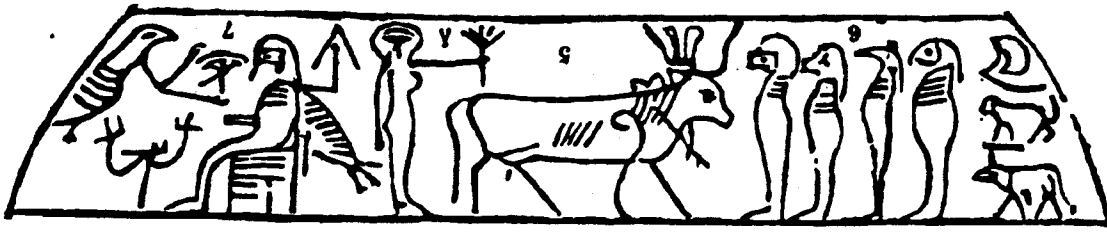


FIGURE 5

JS Explanation: Is called in Egyptian Enish-go-on-dosh; this is one of the governing planets also, and is said by the Egyptian to be the Sun, and to borrow its light from Kolob, through the medium of Kae-e-vanrash, which is the grand Key, or, in other words, the governing power, which governs fifteen other fixed planets or stars, as also Floeese or the Moon, the Earth, and the Sun in their annual revolutions. This planet receives its power through the medium of Kli-flos-is-es, or Hah-ko-kau-beam, the stars represented by numbers 22 and 23, receiving light from the revolutions of Kolob.

MR Identification: The cow Ihet wearing a sun disk and double plumes with a *menit*-necklace. Ihet is a form of Hathor, the personification of the power of nature and connected with another cow goddess who symbolized the sky. Standing behind cow is an unidentifiable goddess whose head is an *Udjat*-eye, and who is hoding a lotus blossom, the symbol of rebirth.

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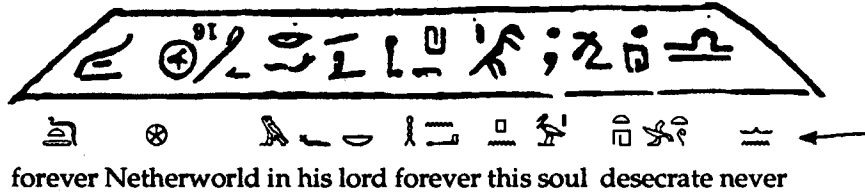
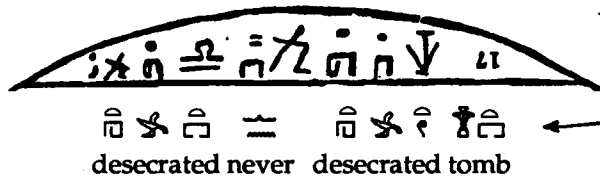
JS Explanation: Represents this earth in its four quarters.

MR Identification: These four standing mummiform figures are the four Sons of Hours, *Imst* (or *Msti*) with the jackel's head, *H3py* with the ape's head, *Dw3-mw.t.f* with a jackal's head, and *Kbh-snw.f* with a hawk's head. They were the gods of the four quarters of the earth, and later came to be regarded as presiding over the four cardinal points. They were also the guardians of the viscera of the dead, and their images were carved on the four canopic jars into which the internal organs were placed. By the four standing figures there is a lotus blossom, a lion, and a sheep.

FIGURE 7

JS Explanation: Represents God sitting upon his throne, revealing through the heavens the grand Key-words of the Priesthood; as, also, the sign of the Holy Ghost unto Abraham, in the form of a dove.

MR Identification: A seated ithyphallic god with a hawk's tail, holding aloft the divine flail. Before him is what appears to be a bird of some sort, presenting him with an *Udjat*-eye. In most other hypocephali it is a snake or an ape that is presenting the eye, but often this snake seems to have a hawk's head. This snake is thought to be Nehebka, the provider of nourishment. The seated god is clearly a form of Min, the god of the regenerative, procreative forces of nature, perhaps combined with Horus as the hawk's tail would seem to indicate.



FIGURES 16-17

JS Explanation: Will be given in the own due time of the Lord.

MR Translation: May this tomb never be desecrated, and may this soul and its possessor never be desecrated in the Nether world.

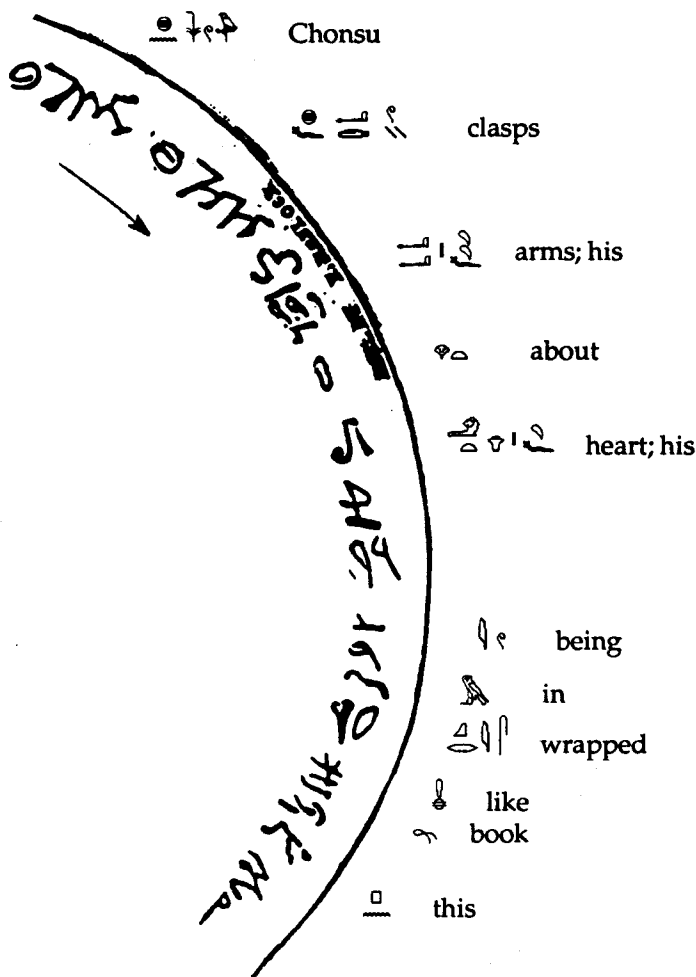
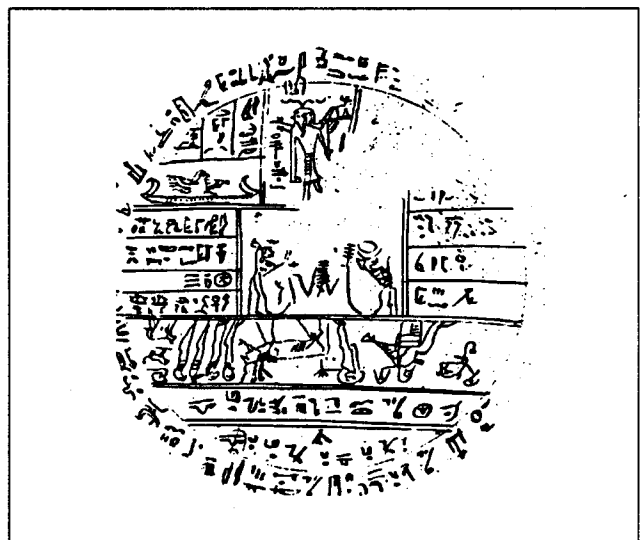


FIGURE 18A

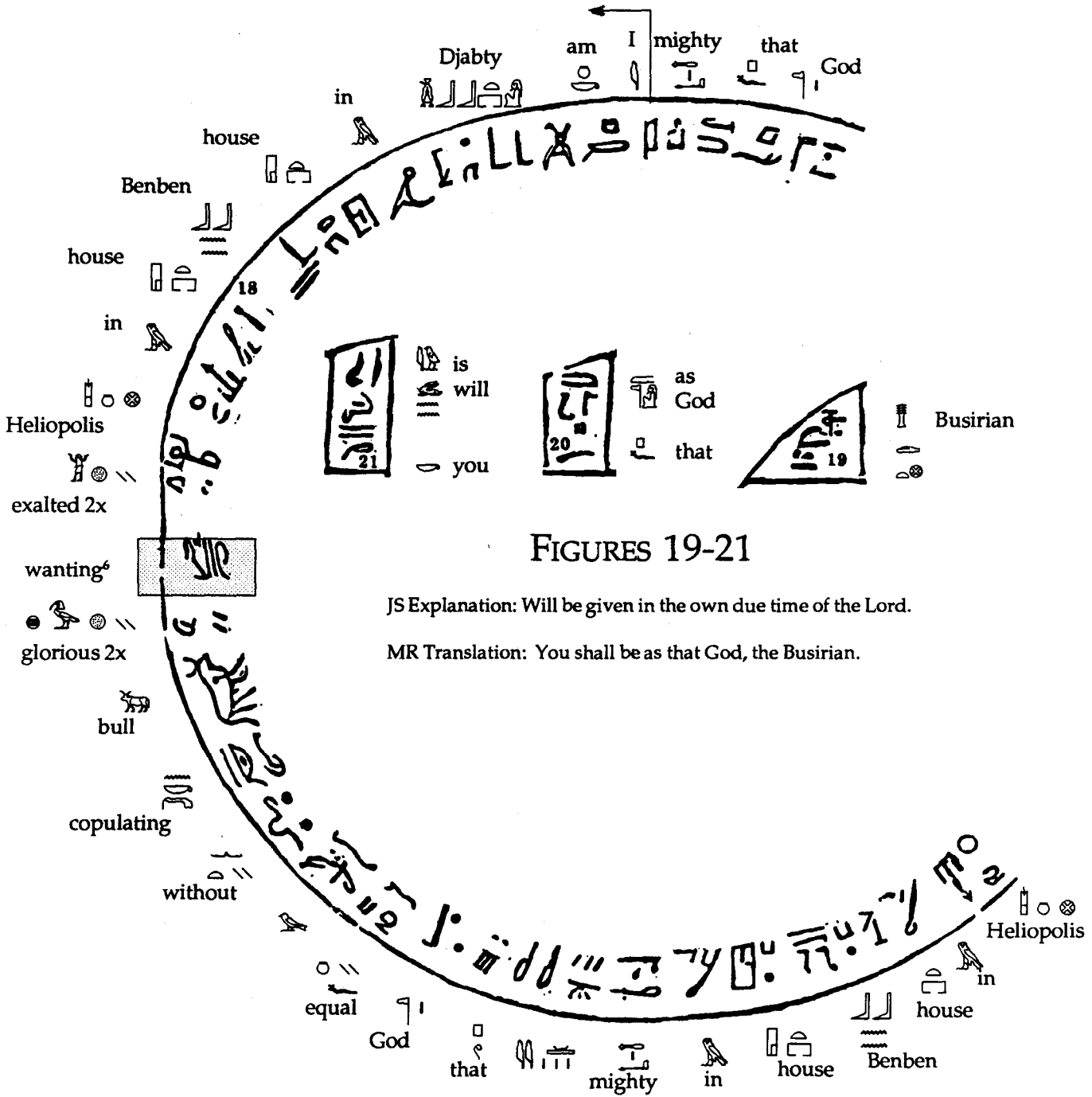
JS Explanation: Will be given in the own due time of the Lord.

JG Translation:⁴ Chonsu clasps his arms about his heart being wrapped like this book.



Hand copy of Hypocephalus in Church Historian's Office

5. This section consists of Hieratic script added for publication in the *Times and Seasons*. A translation of this section has never been published. This translation is provided courtesy of John Gee. Note: the text in this section is upside down and backwards.



FIGURES 19-21

JS Explanation: Will be given in the own due time of the Lord.

MR Translation: You shall be as that God, the Busirian.

FIGURE 18B

JS Explanation: Will be given in the own due time of the Lord.

MR Translation: I am Djabty in the house of the Benben in Heliopolis, so exalted and glorious. [I am] a copulating bull without equal. [I am] that Mighty God in the House of the Benben in Heliopolis...that Mighty God.

6. Heiratic script added for publication in the *Times and Seasons*.