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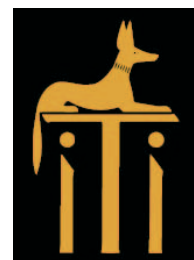
# THE SPHINX MYSTERY

The Forgotten Origins of the Sanctuary of Anubis  
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Shrouded in mystery for centuries, the Sphinx of Giza has frustrated many who have attempted to discover its original purpose. Accounts exist of the Sphinx as an oracle, as a king's burial chamber and as a temple for initiation into the Hermetic Mysteries. Egyptologists have argued for decades about whether there are secret chambers underneath the Sphinx, why the head-to-body ratio is out of proportion and whose face adorns it.

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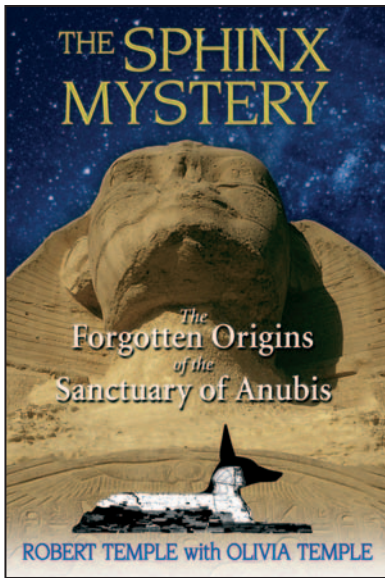


**PROFESSOR ROBERT TEMPLE** is author of a dozen challenging and provocative books, commencing with the international best-seller, *The Sirius Mystery*. His books have been translated into a total of 44 foreign languages. He combines solid academic scholarship with an ability to communicate with the mass public. He is Visiting Professor of the History and Philosophy of Science at Tsinghua University in Beijing, and previously held a similar position at an American university. For many years he was a science writer for the *Sunday Times*, the *Guardian*, and a science reporter for Time-Life, as well as a frequent reviewer for *Nature* and profile writer for *The New Scientist*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and has been a member of the Egypt Exploration Society since the 1970s, as well as a member of numerous other academic societies. He has produced, written and presented a documentary for Channel Four and National Geographic Channels on his archaeological discoveries in Greece and Italy, and he was at one time an arts reviewer on BBC Radio 4's 'Kaleidoscope'. In 1993, his translation of the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh was performed at the Royal National Theatre in London. With his wife, Olivia, he is co-author and translator of the first complete English version of Aesop's Fables, which attracted a great deal of international press attention at the time of its release, as the earlier translations had suppressed some of the fables because of Victorian prudery. Temple was a colleague of the late Dr. Joseph Needham of Cambridge, in association with whom he wrote *The Genius of China*, which has been approved as an official reference book (in Chinese) for the Chinese secondary school system, and which won five national awards in the USA. He has done archaeometric dating work and intensive exploration of closed sites in Egypt with the permission of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. His research into historical accounts of the Sphinx is the first comprehensive survey ever undertaken.



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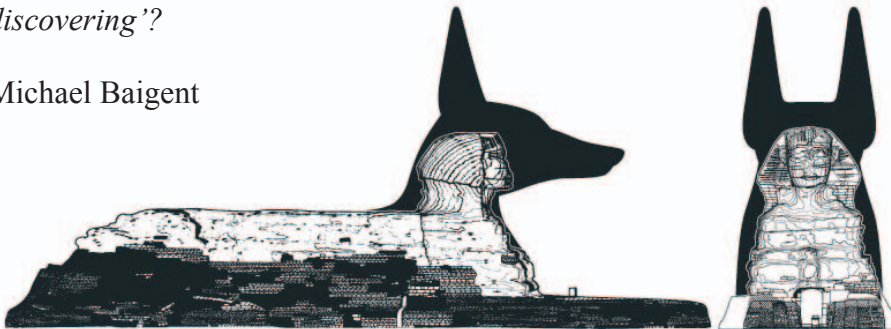
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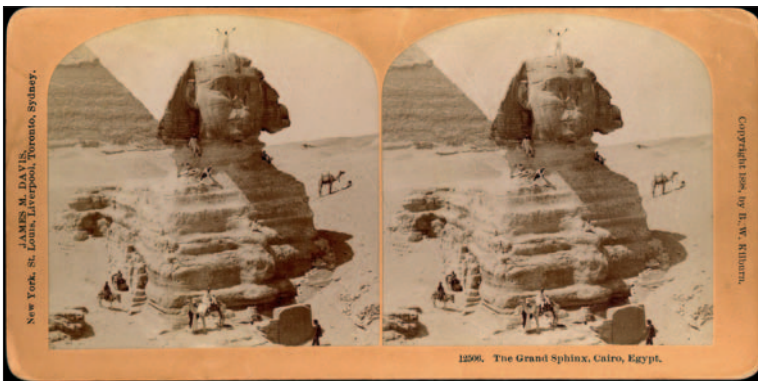


*'I was swept straight into this marvellous book. It's brilliant, original, occasionally delightfully malicious, and it showed me just how little I really knew about the Sphinx.'*

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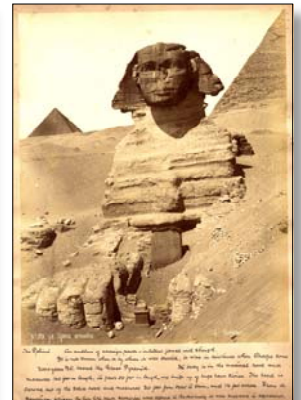
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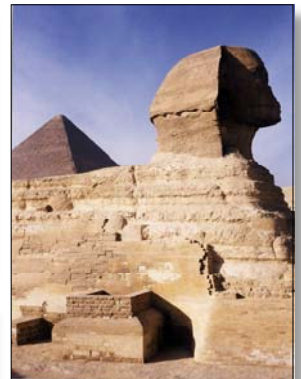
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