



## "The Lotus in Ancient Egypt"

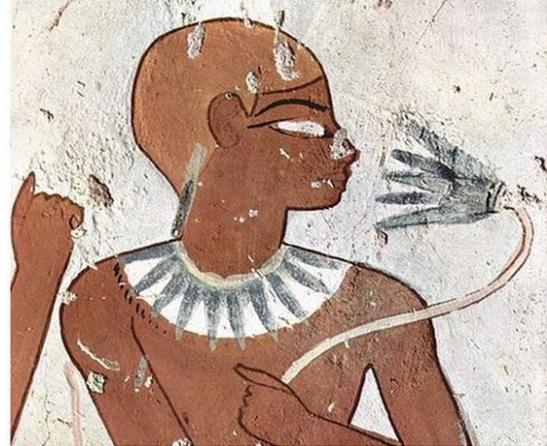
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If you were invited to an ancient Egyptian funerary banquet "at the usual time", when would you go? The lotus would give you the answer. Its biological and pharmacological properties made the lotus an important symbol for the ancient Egyptians. Understanding these properties gives us insight into their lives.



Dr. Harer is a graduate of Princeton Univ. and the Univ. of Pennsylvania. After serving in the USAF, he practiced in San Bernardino for three decades, and spent the final career years as Director at Riverside County Reg. Medical Center.

A Clinical Prof. of OB/GYN at Western Univ. of Health Sciences, Dr. Harer was also an Adjunct Prof. of Art at Cal State San Bernardino, and he received the school's first honorary degree. He has written many articles in both medicine and Egyptology, including medical care in ancient Egypt and the narcotic and biologic properties of the lotus. He

analyzed the CT scans of King Tutankhamun proving that the king was buried without his heart and anterior chest wall, and therefore his theory that he was killed by a hippo.

As lifetime supporters of CSUSB and its museum (RAFFMA), Dr. Harer and his late wife, Pamela, established the university's first endowed faculty fellowship. He also served on the Board of Governors of the ARCE and was a founding member of two ARCE chapters, OC and Northwest. He has participated in many archaeological expeditions to Egypt and Sudan and has lectured regularly about medicine in Egypt.

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