

Denominations of the Egyptian God Ha

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Abstract

The desert-god Ha had theologically integrated the ancient Egyptian religious beliefs from a very early period as he was mentioned in the main funeral corpus of the Pyramid and Coffin Texts as well. This survey aims to shed more light on the different aspects of Ha and the role he played in the ancient Egyptian religion throughout an analytical study of his formal and particular names and epithets from the Old Kingdom (2647-2150 BC) to the end of the Greco-Roman period (332 BC-642 AD). Named « *H3: HA, H3-Imn-Wn-nfr: HA-Amon-Wen-nofre, H3 3: Ha-the-Great, H3-m-Št3: Ha in Sheta, H3-Spd: Ha-Soped, H3-Skr: Ha-Soker and Hr-H3: Horus-HA* », Ha was described as « *Nb Imntt: Lord of the West* », « *3 phty: Great of might* », « *wr šfyt: Great of terror* », « *nb phty: Lord of might* », « *ntr mnḥ: Potent god* », « *shm dm pt: Puissance who touches the sky* » and « *k3-č: High of arm* », whose invincibility was thought to provide protection not only for Egypt, especially for the western deserts and their oases against the enemies such as desert nomads, invading Libyan tribesmen, Asiatic people and Bedouin tribes, but also for the Underworld. For the most part, the different names and epithets applied to Ha determine definitely his dual nature of aggressiveness and kindness: he appeared as a powerful warrior who punishes the foreign Lands and, at the same time, he is representing a gentler aspect of a powerful protector and a funerary god.

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Introduction¹

Being the tutelary god of the 7th nome of Lower Egypt located at the western point of the Delta, the god's Ha's association with the vast Libyan Desert, particularly the regions of the west including the oases, increased as time progressed and he became naturally their principal god. The « *Nb Imntt: Lord of the West* » was attested as early as the third dynasty where he was firstly mentioned in officials' title « *jmj-ht H3: Follower of Ha* ». He was the son of the otherwise unknown god Iaaw². The Egyptians had always preferred to represent Ha in a human form, wearing three hills of the hieroglyphic symbol for "desert" or "foreign lands" on his head. The headdress worn by the deity was specific to him; it is a key element for his identification, especially when appearing without inscription

Firstly in 1972, Dieter Wildung wrote a short review about the god Ha entitled "Ha (*H3*)" in *LÄ II*, col. 923. In 2002, Christian Leitz³ also recorded the god Ha in his remarkable lexikon. Five years later and in his illustrated dictionary, *L'Egypte ancienne et ses dieux*, Jean-Pierre Corteggiani⁴ wrote a short review on Ha. Finally in 2015, in his paper "Ha in Sheta" Andrzej Ćwiek⁵ gave more attention to one of Ha's name, namely *H3-m-Št3* and he concluded that the coronation cycle in the Portico of the Birth in the temple of Deir el-Bahari includes a scene of purification of Hatshepsut by a god Ha in Sheta *refers to the initiation of the female pharaoh into*

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² See Foster (2001), *Ancient Egyptian Literature*, p. 240.

³ See *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C.

⁴ See Corteggiani (2007), *L'Égypte ancienne et ses dieux*, pp. 163-164.

⁵ See Ćwiek (2015), "Ha in Sheta", pp. 83-92.

the secrets of the sun god, enabling her to fulfill her role as the provider of sustenance for humanity.

The denominations of Ha define his different aspects as they reveal his nature and personality perceived by the ancient Egyptians. Having a radiant worship for about three thousand years, it seems that the names and qualifiers attributed to the desert-deity witnessed many changes during this long period. They were varied according to the roles played by the god in the Egyptian pantheon. This survey gathers the formal and particular names given to the god Ha, his titles and his honorary appellations from the Old Kingdom (2647-2150 BC) to the end of the Greco-Roman period (332 BC-642 AD) as well as their developments. Consequently, this study is an attempt to know whether the appellations of this divinity do vary according to the period? So we have studied the roles he played throughout his denominations.

The names and epithets are classified according to the alphabetical hieroglyphic order. The following abbreviations have been used in this study:

GF(s)	: Graphical Form(s)	MK	: Middle Kingdom
G.-R.	: Greco-Roman Period	NK	: New Kingdom
LP	: Late Period	OK	: Old Kingdom

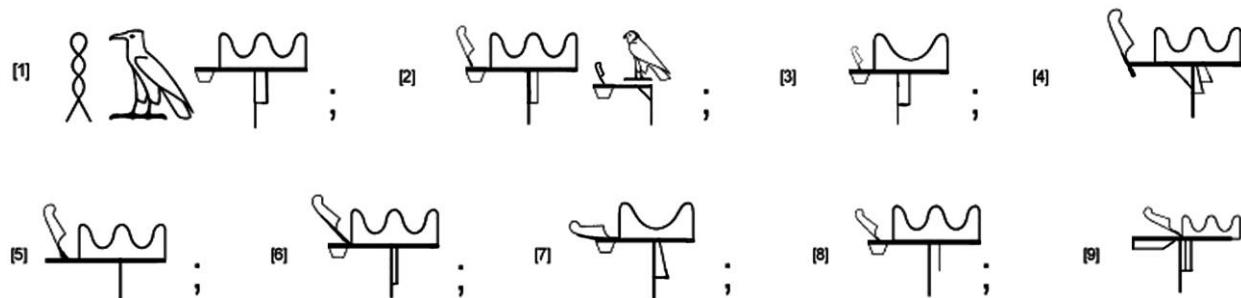
II. Ha's Names:

Ha appears under several names according to the various aspects and the evolution of his cult.

II.1- H3: HA

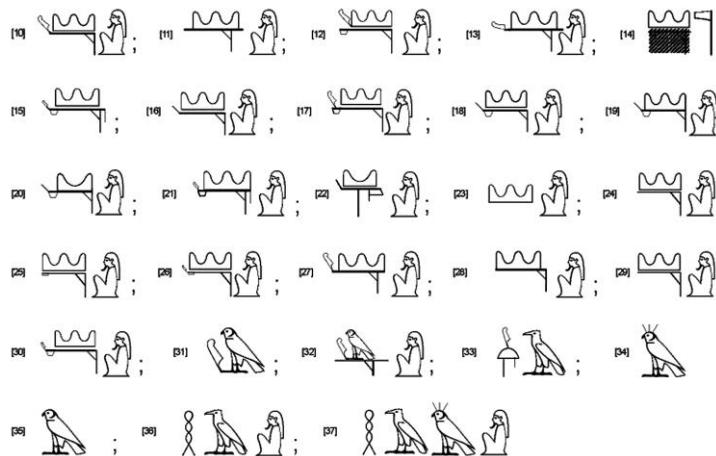
The name of Ha occurs with considerable frequency in the ancient Egyptian texts. The following scripts of his name are collected:

Ha's GFs in the OK⁶

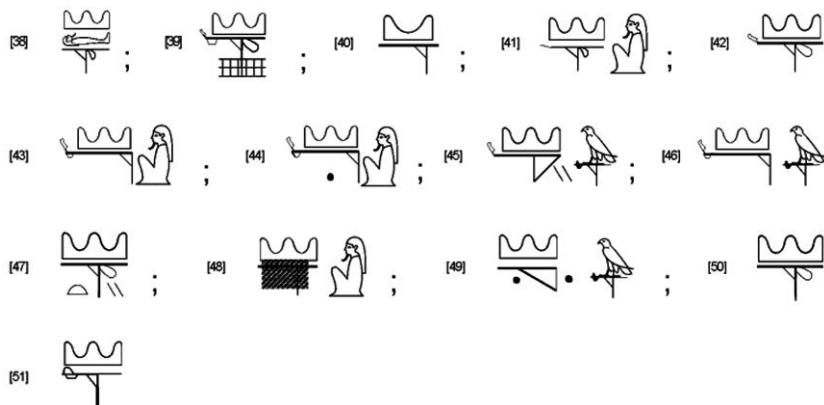


⁶ For the scripts of Ha's name in the OK, see LGG V, 10_B-11_B [9]; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 253; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 610 (Pyr. § 1712b): [=GF n° 1-2]; Allen, (2005), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 29; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 37; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 204 (Pyr. § 119b: [=GF n° 3]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [19]; Borchardt (1907), *Ne-user-re*', p. 113: [=GF n° 4]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [23]; Junker (1934), *Giza* II, p. 159 (n° 17): [=GF n° 5]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [24]; Lepsius (1849), *Denkmäler* II, pp. 27 and 29: [=GF n° 6]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [25]; Mariette (1889), *Les mastabas*, p. 228, 230 (D19) : [=GF n° 7]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [26]; Mariette (1889), *Les mastabas*, pp. 228, 230 and p. 400 (E8) [=GF n° 8]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [33]; Ziegler, (1999), *L'art égyptien*, p. 209 (n° 55); Reisner (1942), *Giza necropolis* I, pl. 17: [=GF n° 9]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [47]; Junker (1939), *ZÄS* 75, p. 70 (n° 34): [=GF n° 4].

Ha's GFs in the MK⁷



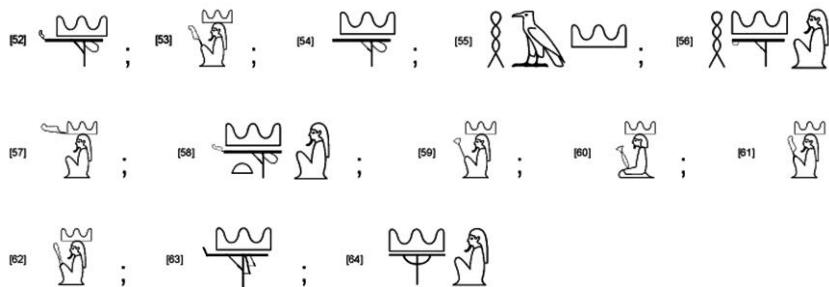
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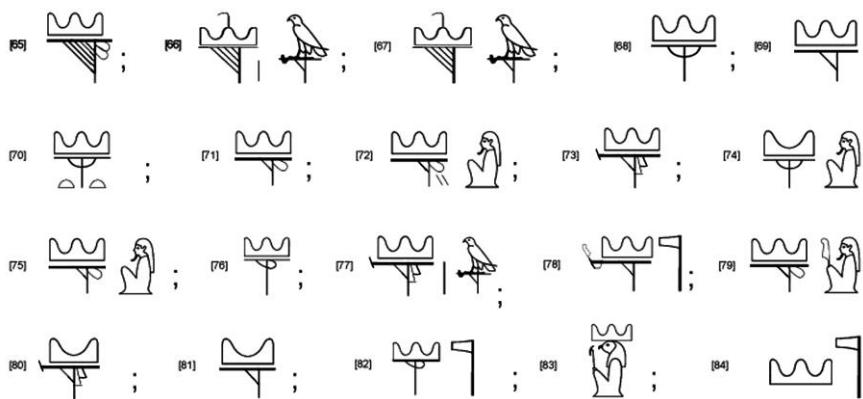
⁷ For the GFs of Ha's name in the MK, see *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [1]; Faulkner (1973), *Coffin Texts I*, p. 25; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts I*, spell 36 (139c) [=GF n° 10-14]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [2]; Faulkner (1973), *Coffin Texts I*, p. 140; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts II*, spell 162 (395c) [=GF n° 15-21]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [3]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 121; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts VI*, spell 479 (38aa) [=GF n° 22]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [4]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 207; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts VI*, spell 624 (240p) [=GF n° 23]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [5]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 288; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts VI*, spell 755 (384o) [=GF n° 24]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [6]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 289; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts VI*, spell 756 (386a) [=GF n° 25]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [13]; Faulkner (1973), *Coffin Texts I*, p. 234; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts IV*, spell 313 (90e) [=GF n° 26]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [14]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 34; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts V*, spell 398 (125a) [=GF n° 27-30]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [31]; Brunner-Traut and Brunner (1981), *Die Ägyptische Sammlung* I, p. 211 and II, pl. 40 [=GF n° 31]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [42]; Chassinat and Palanque (1911), *Une campagne de fouilles*, p. 16 [=GF n° 32-35]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [42]; Gauthier (1923), *ASAE* 23, p. 5 [=GF n° 36]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [45]; Chassinat and Palanque (1911), *Une campagne de fouilles*, p. 16 [=GF n° 18-21]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [48]; Kamal (1913-1914), *ASAE* 16, p. 71, 76. [=GF n° 36-37].

⁸ For the GFs of Ha's name in the NK, see *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [11]; Piankoff (1942), *Le livre du jour et de la nuit*, p. 27 [=GF n° 38]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [12]; Naville (1901), *Deir El Bahari IV*, pl. 110 [=GF n° 39]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [15]; Helck (1957), *Urkunden IV*, 1555, 16 [=GF n° 40]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [17]; Seele (1959), *The Tomb of Tjanefer*, pl. 31 [=GF n° 41]; Kitchen (2014), *Ramesside Inscriptions VII*, p. 17; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [27]; KRI VII, 23, 4 [=GF n° 42]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [28]; Monnet, (1951) *RdÉ* 8, 159-160 [=GF n° 43-46]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [29]; Koefoed-Petersen (1951), *Catalogue des sarcophages*, p. 17, pl. 25 [=GF n° 47]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [34]; Davies (1923), *Tomb of Puyemrê*, p. 5, pl. 47 [=GF n° 48]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [39]; Leitz (1994), *Tagewählerei*, pp. 434-435 [=GF n° 49]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [41]; Junge (1987), *Elephantine XI*, p. 19 (n° 3.1.6.1) [=GF n° 50]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [53]; Thiem (2000), *Gebel es-Silsileh*, p. 207, 334 [=GF n° 51].

Ha's GFs in the LP⁹



Ha's GFs in the G.-R.¹⁰



⁹ For the GFs of Ha's name in the LP, see *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [16]; Vercoutter (1962), *Sérapéum de Memphis*, p. 65, pl. 9 [=GF n° 52]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [18]; Bresciani (1983), *Saqqara I*, p. 57, pl. 11 [=GF n° 53]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [20]; Fakhry (1942), *Bahria Oasis I*, p. 88, pl. 34B [=GF n° 54]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [21]; Fakhry (1942), *Bahria Oasis I*, p. 158, pl. 51A [=GF n° 55]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [30]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 18 (west wall): [=GF n° 56]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [37]; Perdu (1994), *Musée de Picardie*, pp. 112-113 [=GF n° 57]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [40]; Naville (1892), *The Festival-Hall of Osorkon II*, pl. 12, 7 [=GF n° 58]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [43]; Wildung (1969), *Die Rolle ägyptischer Könige*, p. 79, 80, pl. 7, 8 (n°) [=GF n° 59-61]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [49]; Chassinat (1899), *RecTrav XXI*, p. 67 [=GF n° 62]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [49]; Chassinat (1900), *RecTrav XXII*, p. 179 [=GF n° 63]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [68]; Josephson (1999), *Statues of the XXVth and XXVIth Dynasties*, p. 75 [=GF n° 64].

¹⁰ For the GFs of Ha's name in the G.-R., see *LGG V*, 10_B-11_A [7]; Beinlich (1991), *Das Buch vom Fayum*, pp. 481-483, pl. 17 [=GF 65-67]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [32]; Kamāl (1904-1905), *Stèles ptolémaïques*, p. 91, 92, 189, pl. 31 (n° CG 22104), pl. 32 (n° CG 22105), CG 22191, [=GF 68-71]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [44]; Goyon (1975), *BIFAO 75*, p. 388, 389 [=GF 72]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [50]; Spiegelberg (1906-1908), *Die demotischen Denkmäler*, p. 274 (n° 25) [=GF 73]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [51]; Rochemonteix (1984), *Edfou I*, 1, p. 53 (n° 52) [=GF 75]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [52]; Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philäa*, p. 16, pl. 8 [=GF 74]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [54]; Chassinat (1933), *Edfou VIII*, 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou VIII*, p. 138 [=GF 75]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [55]; Rochemonteix (1987), *Edfou I*, 3, p. 331, 16 [=GF 73]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_B [56]; Daumas (1959), *Les Mammisis de Dendara*, p. 141 (n° 24) [=GF 76]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [57]; Cauville (2004), *Dendara V-VI*, p. 112, 113; Chassinat (1947), *Dendara V*, p. 30, 9 [=GF 76]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [58]; Chassinat (1987), *Edfou II*, 1, p. 31, 15 [=GF 73]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [59]; Osing (1998), *Hieratische Papyri*, p. 241, pl. 24 [=GF 77]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86) [=GF 78]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [61]; Morgan (1895), *Kom Ombo* I, 282, E [=GF 79]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [62]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou II*, 2, p. 289, 2 [=GF 80]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [63]; Chassinat (1928), *Edfou III*, p. 107, 5 [=GF 74]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [64]; Chassinat (1928), *Edfou III*, p. 226, 14, pl. 73 [=GF 81]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [65]; Chassinat (1928), *Edfou III*, p. 342, 7 [=GF 81]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [66]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 360, 11, pl. 197; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 195 [=GF 82]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [67]; Chassinat (1931), *Edfou VI*, 301, 14 [=GF 83]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [70]; Buhl (1959), *The Late Egyptian Anthropoid Stone Sarcophagi*, p. 43 [=GF 80]; *LGG V*, 10_B-11_C [71]; Buhl (1959), *The Late Egyptian Anthropoid Stone Sarcophagi*, p. 103 [=GF 84].

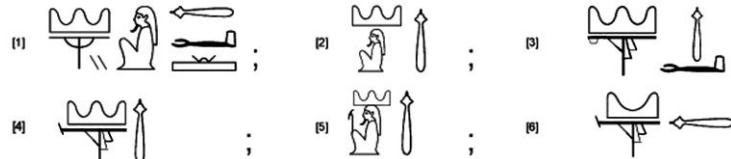
H3 is the formal and most common name for the god Ha. Its earliest occurrence is being part of official's title « *jmj-h3 H3*: Follower of the god Ha »¹¹. The name of the god Ha was written with the hieroglyphic sign representing a landscape feature of a triple mountain [N25], sometimes a mountain with two points [N26], placed on a standard [R12], to which can be added an ostrich feather [H6] that one finds in Imentet's name. The hieroglyph [N25] stands for *h3st*: "mountain", "desert", "foreign country". The different graphical forms of Ha's name end usually with the determinative of masculine divinities [A40], but very rarely they terminate with the determinative of cloth wound on a pole [R8] or without any determinative.

II.2. *H3-Inn-Wn-nfr*: HA-Amon-Wen-nofre



This seemingly *hapax* name is not identified by Leitz. It occurs only once in a written record in connection with Ha. It is written in the south wall of the burial chamber of the treasurer Sobk-mosē from Er Rizeikāt¹²: HA-Amon-Wen-nofre is entitled « *Hry-tp m3t*: Master of right ». Hayes¹³ translates this name as HA, Amon and Wen-nofre, but the singular suffix pronoun of the second person coming after deity's name refers to a singular composite divine form.

II.3. *H3 3*: Ha-the-Great



Ha-the-Great is collected by Christian Leitz in his valuable lexikon¹⁴. This name wasn't known before the NK and more precisely in the inscriptions of the tomb n° 192 in the Theban necropolis¹⁵. *H3 3*'s legend was unfortunately damaged and his epithets disappeared¹⁶. In the LP, his only known GF¹⁷ was followed by his standard title: « *Nb Imntt*: Lord of the West ». In the G.-R., the GF¹⁸ of this compound name are much more inscribed on the walls of the temples. *H3 3* is described as: « *ntr 3*: Great god », « *Hry-ib Twnt*: He who resides in Iounet », « *Hw h3swt*: He who strikes the foreign Lands », « *Ptpt Mntyw*: He who destroys the *Mntyw*-tribe », « *swd3 dt ntr n km3 sw ir s3=f mk h=f*: He who takes care of the body of the one who created him, makes his protection and protects his body », « *ntr mnh*: Potent god », « *ir nht n it-f dr dw nb r=f*: He who makes protection for his father and repulses all evil from him », « *hk3 h3swt*: Ruler of the foreign Lands », « *hk3 Tmhw*: Ruler of the Libyans », « *nb M3nw*: Lord of *M3nw*- Western Mountain » and « *hk3 3h=f wrt*: Ruler of Great necropolis ».

¹¹ See Wildung, (1972), *Miscellanea Wilbouriana I*, pp. 157-159.

¹² See Hayes (1939), *The burial chamber of the treasurer Sobk-mosē*, p. 19 and pl. 5.

¹³ See Hayes (1939), *The burial chamber of the treasurer Sobk-mosē*, p. 19.

¹⁴ See LGG V, 11c [1-7]

¹⁵ This tomb is the largest private tomb known from the 18th Dynasty and was intended to be the final resting place for Kheruef, the royal scribe and steward to Amenhotep III's principal wife, Queen Tiye, but the tomb was abandoned before completion and Kheruef was apparently buried elsewhere.

¹⁶ For the GFs of *H3 3* in the OK see LGG V, 11c [3]; The Epigraphic survey (1980), *The tomb of Kheruef*, pl. 21, 4: [=GF 3].

¹⁷ See LGG V, 11c [1]; Schott (1929), *Urkunden VI*, 33, 4: [=GF 1].

¹⁸ For the GFs of *H3 3* in the G.-R., see LGG V, 11c [2]; Brugsch (1891), *altägyptischer Denkmäler*, p. 1576: [=GF 2]; LGG V, 11c [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172: [=GF 6]; LGG V, 11c [5]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou II*, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c: [=GF 6].

II.4. *H3-m-Št3*: Ha in Sheta



This *hapax* toponym is addressed by Christian Leitz in his valuable lexikon¹⁹. *H3-m-Št3* is inscribed in the temple of Hatshepsut at Deir-el-Bahari, precisely on the last but one scene on the west wall of the upper register of the walls of the Portico of the Birth. This name consists of three words: Ha's name, a preposition and a place name. Andrzej Ćwiek analyzed separately the three signs constructing the place name and he concluded that the general idea of secret, mystery, hiding is involved in this word. the determinative of town might suggest that it is the city of secrets. One might translate this name as: "Ha is in the palce of secrets". No epithet is attributed to Ha in Sheta.

II.5. *H3-Spd*: Ha-Soped



This composite name occurs only once in a written record in relation with the desert-deity. Ha-Soped was mentionned only in the the MK²⁰. *H3-Spd* can be followed by the standard title of Ha: « *nb Imntt*: Lord of the West ».

II.6. *H3-Skr*: Ha-Soker



The only occurrence of this composite name is attested in the G-R.²¹. This hapax name is entitled « *nb 3ht*: Lord of horizon ».



II.7. *Hr-H3*²²: Horus-HA

The occurrence of this compound name was well known from a very early period as he was mentioned in the oldest known corpus of the Pyramid Texts dating to the OK. *Hr-H3*'s name was written in the religious texts which were found in each of the pyramids of Pepi I, Merenre I and Pepi II²³.

In the MK²⁴, *Hr-H3* was called « *s3 nd it=f*: the son who protects his father »²⁵. In the LP, the only known drawing of this composite divine form was carved in the North Reveal of the entrance doorway of the Sanctuary (A)²⁶. Horus-Ha appears as a Male figure wearing his distinctive headdress of the foreign land sign. His right hand is gripping a knife, while his left one is holding a bow. He drags a captive in each hand (=Fig. 1)

¹⁹ See LGG V, 11c [1].

²⁰ This name is not identified by Leitz. For the GF of this name, see Gauthier (1923), ASAE 23, p. 19.

²¹ See LGG V, 10B-11A [8]; Maspero (1908), *Sarcophages*, p. 55.

²² For the GFs of *Hr-H3*, see LGG V, 272c [2]; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 170; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 483 (Pyr. § 1013d): [=GF n° 1-2]; LGG V, 272c [1]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 58; Buck (1961), *The Egyptian Coffin Texts VII*, 111d (Utterance 483): [=GF n° 3]; LGG V, 272c [3]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 5, 4 (North Reveal): [=GF n° 4].

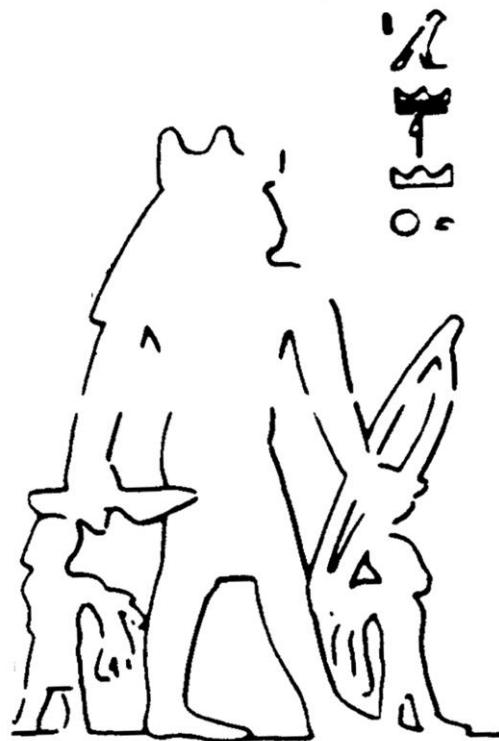
²³ See LGG V, 272c [2]; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 170; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 483 (Pyr. § 1013d): [=GF n° 1-2].

²⁴ See LGG V, 272c [1]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 58; Buck (1961), *The Egyptian Coffin Texts VII*, 111d (Utterance 483): [=GF n° 3].

²⁵ For this appellation see *infra*, epithet n° 36.

²⁶ See LGG V, 272c [3]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 5, 4 (North Reveal): [=GF n° 4].

Fig. 1: the god Horus-Ha



After: Davies, (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, pl. 5, 4 (North Reveal).

II.8. *Sbsw-H3*: Sebsebu-Ha²⁷



In the late texts, Ha is occasionally called "*Sbsw-H3*: Sebsebu-Ha" in a magical context. Neither title nor honorific appellation followed this name of Ha.

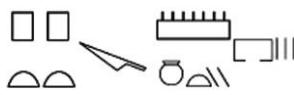
III. God's Ha Epithets

Nº	Epithet	Grapgical form(s)	Dating
			Ha's name(s)
(1)	« <i>Imy dw3t</i> : He who is in the netherworld » ²⁸		NK
			<i>H3</i>
(2)	« <i>ir nht n it=f dr dw nb r=f</i> : He who makes protection for his father and repulses all evil from him » ²⁹		<i>H3</i> ♂

²⁷ See LGG II, 829_A; Verhoeven (1993), *Das saitische Totenbuch I* (Text), p. 239 (Utterance 125, 56, 24) and II (Hieroglyphic Transcription), p. 84* (Utterance 125, 56, 24).

²⁸ See Le Page Renouf and Naville (1904), *The Egyptian Book of the Dead*, p. 91, pl. 14.

²⁹ See LGG V, 11_C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 10, pl. 172.

(3)	« <i>ir nhw n Sr-hdt</i> : He who makes effective protection for the Prince of the White Crown(= Osiris) » ³⁰		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(4)	« <i>Iry ḫt³¹ dsrt</i> : Guardian of the sacred necropolis » ³²		NK <i>H3</i>
(5)	« <i>ꜥ3 pḥty</i> : Great of might » ³³		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(6)	« <i>rk-ins</i> : He who binds the red strip » ³⁴		LP <i>H3</i>
(7)	« <i>wr ḥfyt</i> : Great of terror » ³⁵		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(8)	« <i>wdi-r-srk m Fnḥw³⁶</i> : He who puts an end to Asiatic people » ³⁷		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(9)	« <i>Ppt Mntyw³⁸</i> : He who destroys the <i>Mntyw</i> -tribe » ³⁹		G.-R. <i>H3 ዝ</i>
(10)	« <i>Nb ȝht</i> : Lord of Horizon » ⁴⁰		G.-R. <i>H3-Skr</i>

³⁰ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [57]; Cauville (2004), *Dendara* V-VI, p. 112, 113; Chassinat (1947), *Dendara* V, p. 30, 9.

³¹ *ḥt* is a euphemism frequently used to designate the tomb or the region of the tombs, the necropolis, see H. Gauthier (1925), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques* I, p. 156.

³² See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [17]; Seele (1959), *The Tomb of Tjanefer*, pl. 31.

³³ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara* X, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86).

³⁴ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [18]; Bresciani (1983), *Saqqara* I, p. 57, pl. 11; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [49]; Chassinat (1900), *RecTrav* XXII, p. 179.

³⁵ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara* X, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86).

³⁶ *Fnḥw*, which is a common name meaning "the attached, the captives", was applied in a general way to all foreign populations of ancient Asia, See Gauthier (1925), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques* II, p. 161.

³⁷ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [52]; Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 16, pl. 8.

³⁸ *Mntyw* is a tribe of the Libyan Desert, living on the Nile water in its eastern part and rainwater in its western part. Its permanent resident was located in the zone of the Libyan desert which extends to the west of the first cataract of the Nile, see Gauthier (1926), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques* III, p. 43.

³⁹ See LGG V, 11_C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara* III: *Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara* III, p. 27, 9, pl. 172.

⁴⁰ See LGG V, 10_B-11_A [8]; Maspero (1908), *Sarcophages*, p. 55.

(11)	« Nb Imntt: Lord of the West ⁴¹ »	
		MK ⁴²
		H3 H3-Spd
		NK ⁴³
		H3
		LP ⁴⁴
		H3
		G.-R. ⁴⁵
		H3 H3 3

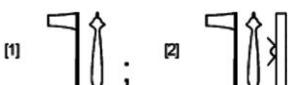
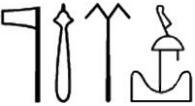
⁴¹ The Ancient Egyptians were exceedingly fond of puns, believing that homophony in language was no meaningless coincidence. They crop up frequently in both religious and informal contexts. in our case, the word Imntt stands not only for the western desert and its oases, but also the land of the hidden ones (underworld).

⁴² For the GFs of this title in the MK, see LGG V, 10_B-11_A [13]; Faulkner (1973), *Coffin Texts I*, p. 234; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts IV*, spell 313 (90e) [=GF n° 1]; LGG V, 10_B-11_A [14]; Faulkner (1977), *Coffin Texts II*, p. 34; Buck (1935), *Coffin Texts V*, spell 398 (125a) [=GF n° 1-3]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [31]; Brunner-Traut and Brunner (1981), *Die Ägyptische Sammlung I*, p. 211 and II, pl. 40 [=GF n° 4]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [42]; Chassinat and Palanque (1911), *Une campagne de fouilles*, p. 16 [=GF n° 1, 3, 4, 5]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [45-46]; Gauthier (1923), ASAE 23, p. 5, 19 [=GF n° 1]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [48]; Kamal (1913-1914), ASAE 16, p. 71, 76 [=GF n° 6].

⁴³ For the GFs of this title in the NK, LGG V, 10_B-11_B [15]; Helck (1957), *Urkunden IV*, 1555, 16 [=GF n° 7]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [29]; Koefoed-Petersen (1951), *Catalogue des sarcophages*, p. 17, pl. 25 [=GF n° 8]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [34]; Davies (1923), *Tomb of Puyemrê*, p. 5, pl. 47 [=GF n° 7]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [39]; Leitz (1994), *Tagewählerei*, pp. 434-435 [=GF n° 9]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [41]; Junge (1987), *Elephantine XI*, p. 19 (n° 3.1.6.1) [=GF n° 10]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [53]; Thiem (2000), *Gebel es-Silsileh*, p. 207, 334 [=GF n° 8].

⁴⁴ For the GFs of this title in the LP, see LGG V, 10_B-11_B [20]; Fakhry (1942), Bahria Oasis I, p. 88, pl. 34B: [=GF n° 11]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [21]; Fakhry (1942), Bahria Oasis I, p. 158, pl. 51A: [=GF n° 12]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [30]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 18 (west wall): [=GF n° 13]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [38]; Gasse (1996), *Les sarcophages*, p. 210, pl. 58: [=GF n° 14]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [40]; Naville (1892), *The festival-hall of Osorkon II*, pl. 12, 7: [=GF n° 1]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [68]; Josephson (1999), *Statues of the XXVth and XXVIth Dynasties*, p. 75 [=GF n° 15].

⁴⁵ For the GFs of this title in the G.-R., see LGG V, 10_B-11_A [7]; Beinlich (1991), *Das Buch vom Fayum*, 481-483, pl. 17: [=GF 16-17]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [32]; Kamāl (1904-1905), *Stèles ptolémaïques*, p. 91, 92, 189, pl. 31 (n° CG 22104), pl. 32 (n°CG 22105), CG 22191: [=GF 18-20]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [44]; GOYON (1975), *BIFAO 75*, p. 388, 389: [=GF 21]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [55]; Rochemonteix (1987), *Edfou I*, 3, p. 331, 16 [=GF 22]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [56]; Daumas (1959), *Les Mammisis de Dendara*, p. 141 (n° 24): [=GF 23]; LGG V, 10_B-11_C [59]; Osing (1998), *Hieratische Papyri*, p. 241, pl. 24: [=GF 16]; LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86): [=GF 23]; LGG V, 10_B-11_C [63]; Chassinat (1928), Émile, *Edfou III*, p. 107, 5: [=GF 25]; LGG V, 10_B-11_C [66]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 360, 11, pl. 197; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 195: [=GF 26]; LGG V, 11_C [2]; Brugsch (1891), *altägyptischer Denkmäler*, p. 1576: [=GF 27]; LGG V, 11_C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172: [=GF 28]; LGG V, 11_C [6]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou II*, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c: [=GF 29].

(12)	« <i>nb phty</i> : Lord of might » ⁴⁶		LP <i>H3</i>
(13)	« <i>nb M3nw</i> ⁴⁷ : Lord of <i>M3nw</i> -Western Mountain » ⁴⁸		G.-R. <i>H3</i> <i>H3 C3</i>
(14)	« <i>ntr C3</i> : Great god »		LP ⁴⁹ G.-R. ⁵⁰ <i>H3</i> <i>H3 C3</i>
(15)	« <i>ntr C3 (m) 3bdw</i> : Great god in Abydos » ⁵¹		LP <i>H3</i>
(16)	« <i>ntr C3 m Imntt</i> : Great god in the West » ⁵²		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(17)	« <i>ntr C3 n sp3wt</i> : Great god of nomes » ⁵³		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(18)	« <i>ntr mnh</i> : Potent god » ⁵⁴		G.-R. <i>H3 C3</i>
(19)	« <i>Hw mntyw</i> : He who strikes the <i>Mntyw</i> -tribe » ⁵⁵		G.-R. <i>H3</i>

⁴⁶ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [18]; Bresciani (1983), *Saqqara I*, p. 57, pl. 11; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [43]; Wildung (1969), *Die Rolle ägyptischer Könige*, p. 79, 80, pl. 7, 8 (n°).

⁴⁷ It is a mountainous and mysterious region of the Libyan desert, to the west of Egypt, where went down the sun and the moon and where lived the dead, see Gauthier (1926), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques III*, p. 43.

⁴⁸ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [52]; Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 16, pl. 8: [=GF 1]; LGG V, 10_B-11_B [54]; Chassinat (1933), Émile, *Edfou VIII*, 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou VIII*, p. 138: [=GF 2]; LGG V, 11_C [6]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou II*, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c: [=GF 3].

⁴⁹ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [30]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 18 (west wall): [=GF 1].

⁵⁰ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86); LGG V, 10_B-11_C [66]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 360, 11, pl. 197; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 195: [=GF 1]; LGG V, 11_C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172: [=GF 2].

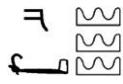
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⁵⁴ See LGG V, 11_C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 10, pl. 172.

⁵⁵ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86).

(20)	« <i>Hw h3swt</i> : He who strikes the foreign Lands » ⁵⁶		G.-R. <i>H3 c3</i>
(21)	« <i>Hry wpt</i> : Master of judgment » ⁵⁷		LP <i>H3</i>
(22)	« <i>Hry r3-st3w</i> : Master of the necropolis » ⁵⁸		LP <i>H3</i>
(23)	« <i>Hry cb.wy</i> : Master of Two Horns » ⁵⁹		LP <i>H3</i>
(24)	« <i>Hry-ib Twnt</i> ⁶⁰ : He who resides in Iounet » ⁶¹		G.-R. <i>H3 c3</i>
(25)	« <i>Hry-ib N3rrf</i> ⁶² : He who resides in Naârref » ⁶³		LP <i>H3</i>
(26)	« <i>Hry-ib Hbt</i> ⁶⁴ : He who resides in Hibis » ⁶⁵		LP <i>H3</i>
(27)	« <i>Hry-tp Mntiw</i> : Chief of <i>Mntyw</i> -tribe » ⁶⁶		G.-R. <i>H3-c3</i>
(28)	« <i>Hry-tp m3rt</i> : Chief of right » ⁶⁷		NK <i>H3-Imn-Wn-nfr</i>
(29)	« <i>hsk tp</i> : He who cuts off the head» ⁶⁸		LP <i>H3</i>

⁵⁶ See LGG V, 11C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172.

⁵⁷ See LGG V, 10B-11B [18]; Bresciani (1983), *Saqqara I*, p. 57, pl. 11.

⁵⁸ For the epithets « *Hry r3-st3w* » and « *Hry cb.wy* », see LGG V, 10B-11B [43]; Wildung (1969), *Die Rolle ägyptischer Könige*, p. 79, 80, pl. 7, 8.

⁵⁹ For this nomination, see note n° 58.

⁶⁰ *Twnt* was the ancient Egyptian name of the capital of the VIth Nome of Upper Egypt, now Dendara (دندرا), see Gauthier (1925), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques I*, p. 56.

⁶¹ See LGG V, 11C [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172.

⁶² *N3rrf* is a Locality very often cited on religious texts as being in relation with Osiris, the god of the dead. There was the necropolis of the chief town of the 20th nome of Upper Egypt Heracleopolis Magna, today المدينة� النسايا. The reading of this name has varied a lot and its meaning is unclear: it has generally been translated "the place where nothing grows", but it would be a strange name for a place where was precisely preserved the sacred tree of the nome, see Gauthier (1925), *Dictionnaires des noms géographiques I*, pp. 66-67.

⁶³ See LGG V, 10B-11B [37]; Perdu (1994), *Musée de Picardie*, pp. 112-113.

⁶⁴ *Hbt* was the Egyptian name of the capital of the great oasis of El-Kharga, now Hibis (هيبس), see Gauthier (1927), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques IV*, p. 4.

⁶⁵ See LGG V, 10B-11B [30]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 18 (west wall).

⁶⁶ See LGG V, 11C [6]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou II*, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c.

⁶⁷ See Hayes (1939), *The burial chamber of the treasurer Sobk-mose*, p. 19 and pl. 5.

⁶⁸ See LGG V, 10B-11B [38]; Gasse (1996), *Les sarcophages*, p. 210, pl. 58.

(30)	« <i>hk3 ḥr̄t</i> ⁶⁹ wrt: Ruler of Great necropolis » ⁷⁰		G.-R. <i>H3-č3</i>
(31)	« <i>hk3 h3swt</i> : Ruler of the foreign Lands » ⁷¹		G.-R. <i>H3-č3</i>
(32)	« <i>hk3 Tmhw</i> ⁷² : Ruler of the Libyans » ⁷³		G.-R. <i>H3, H3-č3</i>
(33)	« <i>hbhb Š3sw</i> ⁷⁴ : He who trample down the Bedouin tribes » ⁷⁵		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(34)	« <i>hnty Iw-nšny</i> ⁷⁶ : He who presides over the Island of-fury » ⁷⁷		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(35)	« <i>hnty pr Hr-it n=f hdt</i> : He who presides over the sanctuary of Horus who takes possession of the white crown =Dendara » ⁷⁸		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(36)	« <i>s3 nd it=f</i> : the son who protects his father » ⁷⁹		MK <i>Hr-H3</i>
(37)	« <i>swd3 dt ntr n km3 sw ir s3=f mk h̄=f</i> : He who takes care of the body of the one who created him, makes his protection and protects his body » ⁸⁰		G.-R. <i>H3 č3</i>

⁶⁹ For ḥr̄t, see *supra*, note 31.

⁷⁰ See LGG V, 11c [6]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou* II, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c.

⁷¹ See LGG V, 11c [2]; Brugsch (1891), *altägyptischer Denkmäler*, p. 1576.

⁷² See Gauthier (1929), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques* VI, pp. 75-76.

⁷³ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [54]; Chassinat (1933), *Edfou* VIII, 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou* VIII, p. 138: [=GF 1]; LGG V, 11c [6]; Chassinat (1990), *Edfou* II, 2, 289, 6, pl. 45c [=GF 2].

⁷⁴ Š3sw is a term used to refer generally to nomadic and plundering populations. The Bedouin tribes encamped in the tents and wandered on the edge of the deserts from the borders of Egypt to the north of Lebanon and around Aleppo. The Egyptians applied the name to all those barbarians who came from its northeast border, see Gauthier (1928), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques* V, pp. 106-107.

⁷⁵ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [52]; Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 16, pl. 8.

⁷⁶ « *Iw-nšny*: the island of fury, or of misfortune » is a territory's name belonging to the temple of Horus at Edfu, see Gauthier (1925), *Dictionnaires des noms géographiques* I, p. 46.

⁷⁷ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [54]; Chassinat (1933), Émile, *Edfou* VIII, 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou* VIII, p. 138.

⁷⁸ See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [60]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara* X, 1, p. 86, 5; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 48 (86): [=GF 1]; LGG V, 10_B-11_C [66]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara* X, 1, p. 360, 11, pl. 197; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 195 [=GF 2].

⁷⁹ See LGG V, 272c [2]; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 170; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 483 (Pyr. § 1013d).

⁸⁰ See LGG V, 11c [5]; Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara* III, p. 27, 10, pl. 172.

(38)	« <i>sni wsrt</i> : He who cuts off the neck » ⁸¹		LP <i>H3</i>
(39)	« <i>shm dm pt</i> : Puissance who touches the sky » ⁸²		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(40)	« <i>k3-č</i> : High of arm » ⁸³		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(41)	« <i>di ḥnh</i> : He who gives life » ⁸⁴		LP <i>H3</i>
(42)	« <i>di ḥnh w3s nb mi Rč dt</i> : He who gives life and prosperity like Ra every day » ⁸⁵		LP <i>H3</i>
(43)	« <i>di ḥnh mi Rč dt</i> : He who gives life like Ra forever » ⁸⁶		LP <i>H3</i>
(44)	« <i>di=f htpw nbwt n Wsir hnty-jmntyw</i> : He who gives all the offerings to Osiris 'Foremost of the Westerners' » ⁸⁷		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(45)	« <i>di msni=f m Sftyw</i> ⁸⁸ <i>hsy</i> : He who point his knife in the miserable Asiatic people » ⁸⁹		G.-R. <i>H3</i>
(46)	« <i>dgi hnty-imntyw</i> : Gardian of Foremost of the Westerners (=Osiris) » ⁹⁰		NK <i>H3</i>

IV. Results and Discussion

After this enumeration of the different names and epithets applied to the god Ha, certain points are determined as follows. It is now evident that the study of Ha's denominations is still in its infancy because the documents coming from the VIIth nome of Lower Egypt and the Western Desert of Egypt and their oases are very little or not published. Further excavations particularly in the area around Ha's principal cult centers and further studies of collections with Egyptian and Levantine objects would unavoidably augment the list of Ha's names and titles proposed here.

⁸¹ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [38]; Gasse (1996), *Les sarcophages*, p. 210, pl. 58.

⁸² See LGG V, 10_B-11_C [66]; Cauville (1997), *Dendara X*, 1, p. 360, 11, pl. 197; Cauville (1997), *Les chapelles osiriennes*, p. 195.

⁸³ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [54]; Chassinat (1933), *Edfou VIII*, 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou VIII*, p. 138.

⁸⁴ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [20]; Fakhry (1942), *Bahria Oasis I*, p. 88, pl. 34B.

⁸⁵ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [40]; Naville (1892), *The festival-hall of Osorkon II*, pl. 12, 7.

⁸⁶ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [30]; Davies (1953), *The Temple of Hibis*, p. 19, pl. 18 (west wall).

⁸⁷ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [32]; Kamāl (1904-1905), *Stèles ptolémaïques*, p. 189, pl. 31 (n° CG 22191).

⁸⁸ *Sftyw* is a toponym given, from the ancient historical ages, to the region located to the north-east and east of Egypt, Sinai, Palestine and Syria, See Gauthier (1928), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques V*, pp. 95-96.

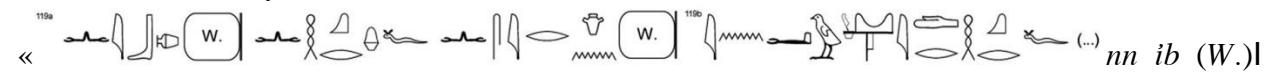
⁸⁹ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [52]; Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 16, pl. 8.

⁹⁰ See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [17]; Seele (1959), *The Tomb of Tjanefer*, pl. 31.

The historical development of Ha's cult, starting from the OK, was characterized by such increasing associations with other deities, particularly Amon, Horus, Sopod and Soker. Due to such associations, Ha gained some diffusion, both in terms of geographical distribution and semantic contexts.

The occurrence and use of Ha's names and epithets don't seem to be geographically restricted. His traditional main cult centers in the VIIth nome of Lower Egypt and the Western Desert of Egypt including their oases revealed through the time being discussed; merely a few number of his known denominations. The Upper Egyptian inscriptions contributed more than those of Lower Egypt to the list of Ha's names and epithets. It is significant to indicate that Ha's epithets outside Egypt cannot be noted thus far.

Ha was the supervisor of the production of commodities in the desert regions⁹¹. This role is well explained by the OK officials' title: « *jmj-h̄t H3*: Follower of Ha » which probably referred to the god's function. His protection extended to practical help for the deceased in the underworld. Ha was therefore the god who protected against hunger and provided nourishment in the underworld. He is entitled « *di=f htp nbt n Wsir hn̄ty-imn̄tyw*: He who gives all the offerings to Osiris Khenti-Amentiu "Foremost of the Westerners" »⁹². This role is well explained in the Pyramid of Unis, utterance PT 204 (Pyr. § 119b) which reads:


« *nn h̄kr=f nn sy r ib n (W.)l in 'w H3 idr h̄kr=f (...)* : Unis will not thirst, Unis will not hunger: it will not be against the heart of Unis. Ha's arms are what repel his hunger »⁹³.

Qualified as « *'3 p̄hty*: Great of might », « *wr ḫfyt* : Great of terror», « *nb p̄hty*: Lord of might », « *ntr mn̄h*: Potent god », « *Hry 'b.wy*: Master of Two Horns », « *hsk tp*: He who cuts off the head », « *sni wsrt*: He who cuts off the neck », « *shm dm pt*: Puissance who touches the sky » and « *k3-* : High of arm », Ha defended Egypt against its foes. This is expressed in his common epithets: « *hk3 h̄swt*: Ruler of the foreign Lands », « *Hwi h̄swt*: He who strikes the foreign Lands ». Hence the desert deity's appellations « *wdi-r-srk m Fn̄hw*: He who puts an end to Asiatic people », « *di msni=f m S̄tyw hsy*: He who point his knife in the miserable Asiatic people » and « *hbhb Š̄sw*: He who trample down the Bedouin tribes », imply his protective role against the Bedouin tribes and Asiatic people.

In parallel, the « *ntr '3 m Imntt*: Great god in the West » provides protection for the western deserts and their oases from enemies such as desert nomads and invading Libyan tribesmen under his epithet « *Ppt Mntyw*: He who destroys the *Mntyw*-tribe », « *nb M3nw*: Lord of *M3nw*-Western Mountain », « *Hw mntyw*: He who strikes the *Mntyw*-tribe » and « *hk3 Tmhw*: Ruler of the Libyans ».

Additionally, Ha was also associated with the underworld as he is called: « *Imy dw3t*: He who is in the netherworld », « *Iry 'h̄t dsrt*: Guardian of the sacred necropolis », « *Nb Imntt*: Lord of the West » « *Hry r3-st3w*: Master of the necropolis », « *ntr '3 m Imntt*: Great god in the West » and « *hk3 'h̄t wrt*: Ruler of Great necropolis ».

Ha was the defender of Osiris Khentamenti against Seth who, by the time of the Ptolemies, had become the personification of evil. This role is well explained in the Papyrus of Imhotep, son of

⁹¹ See Altenmüller (2013). "Zu zwei Titeln des Alten Reiches, ein Vorschlag zu ihrer Interpretation. Die Titel des „Priesters der Heqet“ und des „Gefolgsmanns des Ha“, pp. 1–14.

⁹² See LGG V, 10_B-11_B [32]; Kamāl (1904-1905), *Stèles ptolémaïques*, p. 189, pl. 31 (n° CG 22191).

⁹³ See Allen (2005), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 29; Faulkner (1969), *Pyramid Texts*, p. 37; Sethe (1960), *Pyramidentexte*, Utterance 204 (Pyr. § 119a-b).

Pshentohe, dated to the Ptolemaic Period and currently located at New York (MMA 35.9.21). One of its passages reads:



« (...) *ir iw=k m Imntt shr.tw=k ntrw Imntt Nt W3dyt Shmt Inpw Ršp ntr Ⲉ H3 nb Imntt ir=sn nt=w=sn m=k* (...): (...) If you come from the West, the gods of the West, Neith, Wadjet, Sachmet, Bastet, Anubis, Reshef the great god (and) Ha Lord of the West, will throw you down. They will fulfill their destination concerning you (...). In his epithets, Ha is entitled « *ir nhw n Sr-hdt*: He who makes effective protection for the Prince of the White Crown (= Osiris) » and « *dgi hnty-imntyw*: Gardian of Foremost of the Westerners (=Osiris) ».

His protective role extended not only to the Creator god « *swd3 dt ntr nt km3 sw, ir s3=f, mk h=f*: He who takes care of the body of the one who created him, makes his protection and protects his body », but also to his father « *s3 nd it=f*: the son who protects his father » and « *ntr mnh ir nht nt it=f, dr dw nb r=f*: Potent god who makes protection for his father and repulses all evil from him ».

Ha had strong links with the royal power because he helped the pharaoh to achieve his political

and religious mission by approaching him to his people: « *rdi=i mrwt=k m ib nb mi Hr hr mnty n 3st*: I place your love in all heart like Horus on the knees of Isis »⁹⁴.

Ha also offers protection to the king. There are many occasions when the god had to be reminded of this protection for the pharaoh. Ha says to the king:

« *rdi=i n=k phty r w3w3 dw nb r=k, irr dw r=k m nmt*⁹⁵ « *rdi=i n=k wsr r sm3 hftyw=k nht(=i) r=k r rkww=k*: I give to you the might against those who plot all evil against you and anyone does evil against you, (will go) to the place of judgment »⁹⁶, « *rdi=i n=k wsr r sm3 hftyw=k nht(=i) r=k r rkww=k*: I give to you the power to smite your enemies. I strengthen your arm against your

⁹⁴ See Cauville (2000), *Dendara III: Traduction*, pp. 70-71; Chassinat (1935), *Dendara III*, p. 27, 9, pl. 172.

⁹⁵ *Nmt* is a toponym where the blood-eating god, one of the forty-two infernal tribunal judges, sacrificed his victims, see Gauthier (1926), *Dictionnaire des noms géographiques III*, p. 93.

⁹⁶ See Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 16, pl. 8

adversaries »⁹⁷, « rdi=i n=k phty mi S3-3st snht=i ḥ=k r btnww=k: I give to you might like Son of Isis (=Horus) and I make your arm strong against your foes »⁹⁸, « phty n hm=i r hpš.wy=k: The might of my Majesty is together with your arms » and « snht=i ḥ.wy=k r hftyw m h3w=k: I make strong your arms against your enemies in your reign »⁹⁹.

Finally the aspect of Ha as a funerary god is especially prominent in the regions of the west where the necropolis was under his safekeeping. As « Lord of the west », Ha is invoked as the only god in an offering formula in the tomb n° (TT 39) of Puiemra, the second prophet of Amun under the reign of Hatshepsut¹⁰⁰. The text reads:

« htp di n(y)-swt (n) H3 nb Imntt di=f wnn hr=f n imy-h̄t m Imntt nfrt n k3 n (...): An offering given by the king to Ha Lord of the West, that he may grant residence at his court as one of his train in the kindly West, to the ka of (...) ». This part of the formula indicates that the offering is seen as being under the auspices of the god Ha who is the patron deity of the local funerary establishment that actually provided the offering.

V. Conclusion

Ha was an important deity holding several names « *H3*: HA, *H3-Imn-Wn-nfr*: HA-Amon-Wen-nofre, *H3* 3: Ha-the-Great, *H3-m-Št3*: Ha in Sheta, *H3-Spd*: Ha-Soped, *H3-Skr*: Ha-Soker and *Hr-H3*: Horus-HA » and diverse epithets which obviously reflect the different aspects and roles that he played in the Egyptian pantheon. His funerary aspect was especially prominent in the regions of the west, where the necropolis was under his safekeeping. At the same time, Ha was the god protecting against hunger and provided nourishment in the underworld.

The « *Nb Imntt*: Lord of the West » was thought to protect Egypt specially the western deserts and their oases from their enemies such as desert nomads, invading Libyan tribesmen, Asiatic people and Bedouin tribes. Simultaneously, Ha was a potent protector for Osiris, the Creator god, his father as well as the pharaoh.

In Brief, as a terrifying god, a war god, a gentler god, a god with strong links with the royal power, Ha has a wide and diverse field of activities; his identification allows the veil to be slight lifted on some elements of Egyptian religion.

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⁹⁷ See Chassinat, *Edfou* VIII, p. 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou* VIII, p. 138.

⁹⁸ See Chassinat, *Edfou* VIII, p. 77, 3; Kurth (1998), *Edfou* VIII, p. 138.

⁹⁹ See Junker (1958), *Tempels der Isis in Philä*, p. 17, pl. 8.

¹⁰⁰ See Davies (1923), *Tomb of Puyemrê*, p. 5, pl. 47

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