The Divine Feminine in Nile Valley Societies

Guest lecture by Dr. Solange Ashby, UCLA

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The prominence of powerful goddesses, the reverence awarded to the queen mothers of Kush, and a series of sole-ruling queens (one of whom led her army in battle against the invading Romans), highlight the unusually high status of women in ancient African societies along the Nile and serve as a shining example of female power in the ancient world. The Divine Feminine presents as a trinity of female power: priestess, queen, and revered mother, each associated with a goddess.

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