

Unveiling the Enigmatic Bond: Equid Human Relations in the Bronze Age Near East

Journey back in time to the vibrant landscapes of the Bronze Age Near East, where humans and equids forged a profound and enduring bond. "Equid Human Relations in the Bronze Age Near East" is a comprehensive and meticulously researched book that delves into this fascinating chapter in human history, shedding new light on the intimate relationship between these two species.

A Tapestry of Evidence

Drawing upon a wealth of archaeological, textual, and iconographic sources, the book presents a compelling narrative that paints a vivid picture of the multifaceted relationship between equids and humans in the Bronze Age. From the domestication of horses and donkeys to their roles in warfare, transportation, and ritual practices, this work offers a comprehensive exploration of their intertwined lives.



The Spirited Horse: Equid–Human Relations in the Bronze Age Near East (Ancient Environments)

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Intricate archaeological remains, including horse burials, chariot fittings, and depictions of equids in art, provide tantalizing glimpses into the profound significance of these animals to ancient societies. Texts from Mesopotamia and Egypt yield valuable insights into the legal, economic, and symbolic aspects of equid ownership and use.

Exploring the Domestication Enigma

One of the central themes of the book is the enigmatic process of horse domestication. Through meticulous analysis of archaeological evidence, it examines the origins and spread of domesticated horses across the Near East, unraveling the complexities of this transformative event. The authors explore the environmental, cultural, and technological factors that may have contributed to the domestication of these magnificent creatures.

Furthermore, the book challenges traditional views on the role of horses in warfare, revealing that equids played a crucial role in military campaigns long before the advent of horse-drawn chariots. The authors present evidence for the use of horses as riding animals, pack animals, and even as psychological deterrents in battle.

Beyond Practicality: The Ritualistic and Symbolic Significance

"Equid Human Relations in the Bronze Age Near East" goes beyond examining the practical aspects of the equid-human bond, delving into the profound ritualistic and symbolic importance of these animals in ancient cultures. From their association with gods and goddesses to their role in

funerary practices, horses and donkeys were deeply woven into the fabric of Bronze Age societies.

The book explores the captivating iconography of equids in art, uncovering their multifaceted symbolism. Horses and donkeys were depicted as symbols of power, fertility, and wealth, gracing the walls of palaces and adorning personal objects. Their presence in burial contexts suggests their perceived significance in the afterlife.

A Groundbreaking Contribution

"Equid Human Relations in the Bronze Age Near East" is an invaluable resource for scholars, students, and anyone fascinated by the enigmatic relationship between humans and equids in the ancient world. Its comprehensive approach, meticulous research, and vivid prose make it a captivating read that sheds new light on this captivating chapter in human history.

This groundbreaking work is a testament to the enduring fascination with the bond between humans and animals, reminding us of the profound interconnectedness that has shaped our shared past and continues to inspire our future.



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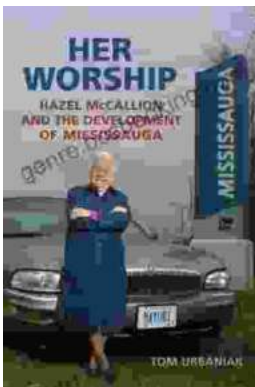
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