

TUTANKHAMUN

THE GOLDEN KING AND THE GREAT PHAROHS

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World-renowned archaeologist Zahi Hawass serves as secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities and director of excavations at Giza, Saqqara and the Bahariya Oasis. He was appointed a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence in 2001.

Hawass is responsible for many recent discoveries, including the tombs of the pyramid builders at Giza and the Valley of the Golden Mummies at Bahariya, where hundreds of richly gilded Greco-Roman mummies have been found. At Giza he also uncovered the satellite pyramid of Khufu. In 2005, as part of the National Geographic Society-sponsored Egyptian Mummy Project to learn more about patterns of disease, health and mortality in ancient Egypt, he led a team that CT-scanned the mummy of King Tutankhamun. His team is continuing to CT-scan mummies, both royal and private, and hopes to solve some of the mysteries surrounding the lives and deaths of such important figures as Hatshepsut and Nefertiti.

Hawass is extremely concerned about the conservation and protection of Egypt's monuments. He has supervised a major conservation project on the Great Sphinx and developed site management plans for a number of important sites, including the Unfinished Obelisk Quarry in Aswan and the temples of Kom Ombo, Edfu and Dendera. He currently is completing site management plans for the West Bank of Luxor, Giza and Saqqara.

Hawass, who received his doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania, has brought the world of the pharaohs into the homes and hearts of people around the world through numerous television appearances and books. His TV and film credits include programs with National Geographic, Discovery, NOVA, The History Channel, FOX, ABC's *Good Morning America* and NBC's *Today* show. He is the spokesman for CNN on archaeological news in Egypt.

In 2006, Hawass received an Emmy for a television special on ancient Egypt. He has been featured on many TV shows in Europe and Japan, and profiled in numerous publications.

Among Hawass' many books on ancient Egypt are *Silent Images: Women in Pharaonic Egypt*, *Hidden Treasures of Ancient Egypt*, *Secrets from the Sand* and *Mountains of Stones: History of the Pyramid Builders*. His book about his excavations in Bahariya, *The Valley of the Golden Mummies*, is a bestseller. Many of his books have been translated into multiple languages. His companion book to the exhibition *Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs*, at the Denver Art Museum starting June 29, 2010, was published by National Geographic. Hawass also has written books for children, contributes regularly to several magazines and journals, and has published countless scholarly articles.

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