Linguistic Symbolic Approach of Ancient Egyptian Differentiation between Northern and Southern Constellations	عنوان البحث باللغة الإنجليزية
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Abstract:

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sky was divided into northern and southern hemispheres separated by a winding channel called Mr-n**xA**; each section contained an astral entity has unique cosmic qualities that distinguish them from the other stars, where some of them are polar while others are non-polar and in accordance to the proximity and distance from the center of the northern hemisphere. The ancient Egyptians considered Msxtyw the most significant feature of the northern hemisphere, and considered **¤AHw** the most central feature of the southern hemisphere. The set of Msxtyw/Ixmw-sk as well as the set of **¤AHw**/ **Ixmw-wrD** are representation of the holy celestial entities and treat them as immortal gods in the northern and southern hemispheres. The symbolism of differentiation between these two groups was the same purpose of differentiation between the two warring brothers; the first brother is the God Wsir accompany the southern stars called IxmwwrD, which are the set of Ursa Minor **¤AHw**. Whilst the second brother is the God **xwtx** accompany the northern stars called **IXmw-sk**, which are the set of Ursa Major Msxtyw. The differentiation between two groups of constellations achieve the ancient Egyptian' belief of two cosmic forces, which organizes the universe's system through the relation between the night / Ixmw-sk/Ursa Major Msxtyw/the God xwtx and

the day/ Ixmw-wrD/ Ursa Minor ¤AHw/the God Wsir, so the day/order/ MAat cannot exist without the night/ disorder/Isft and vice versa; each totally depends on the other. There cannot be light/order/MAat without dark/ disorder/Isft, and cannot be order/MAat without disorder/ Isft. The balance between those two sets is not a fixed state but a constant flux achieved by the dynamic movement of the two forces of cosmos; disorder, and order. The researcher proposes that the symbolism of differentiation between the two groups of the northern and southern constellations was the same purpose of differentiation between the two warring brothers; the God Wsir/Ursa Minor ¤AHw/Ixmw-wrD and the God ¤wtx/ Ursa