

Facsimile No. 2 seems to have been reconstructed in a peculiar way. First, areas that are blank in the "Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar" have been filled in with characters from other documents. Second, lines of hieratic and hieroglyphic writing are joined together in a strange way — introducing foreign and unrelated thoughts. Third, to add to the confusion, the hieratic writing is inserted upside-down in relation to the hieroglyphic text on the same lines.

THE BOOK OF BREATHINGS  
(FRAGMENT 1, THE "SENSEN" TEXT, WITH  
RESTORATIONS FROM LOUVRE PAPYRUS 3284)

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COLUMN I

1. [ . . . . . ] this great pool of Khonsu
2. [Osiris Hor, justified], born of Taykhebyt, a man likewise.
3. After (his) two arms are [fast]ened to his breast, one wraps the Book of Breathings, which is
4. with writing both inside and outside of it, with royal linen, it being placed (at) his left arm
5. near his heart, this having been done at his
6. wrapping and outside it. If this book be recited for him, then
7. he will breath like the soul[s of the gods] for ever and
8. ever.

COLUMN II

1. The beginning [of the Book of Breathings made by Isis for her brother Osiris, to make his soul live, to make his body live, to make young his members]
2. again, [so that he may attain the] horizon with his father Re' (the sun), [so that his soul may appear in glory in the sky in the disk of Yah (the moon), so that his body may shine as Sah (Orion) on the body of Nut (the sky), and to]
3. cause [the like of th]is to happen to the Osiris Hor, justified, [born of Taykhebyt . . . . . Hide (it), hide (it)!]
4. Don't [allow] any man to read it. [It] is profitable [for a man in the necropolis. He truly lives anew millions of times. Words to be recited]: