An exhibition on Egyptian magic in Leiden
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CIPEG conference
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Egyptian magic

- About 400 exhibits
- Loans from British Museum, Louvre, Allard Pierson Museum Amsterdam, Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica Amsterdam, Wereldmuseum Rotterdam, Museum Boerhaave Leiden, Papyrological Institute Leiden, and private collections
- General book on Egyptian magic
- Symposium on 22 November 2010
- Lecture series
- Various study programmes
- Weekend for children
- Guided tours
- Study trip to Egypt
6 themes:

1. What is magic?

2. The magician

3. Magic in daily life

4. Magic in temple ritual

5. Magic for the hereafter

6. The survival of Egyptian magic
1. What is magic?

- Good
- Evil
1. What is magic?

- Struggle between good and evil
1. What is magic?

- Magic of images and writing
- Contact between above/below
1. What is magic?

• Opening the mouth
2. The magician

• Magicians
2. The magician

• Books of magic
2. The magician

- Magical instruments
- Magical materials
3. Magic in daily life

- Protection against wild animals
- Protection of mother and child
3. Magic in daily life

- Protection against disease

- Protection of the home
3. Magic in daily life

- Fertility and love

- Protection during the epagomenal days
4. Magic in the temple ritual

• Protection of the gods

• Protection of the temple
4. Magic in the temple ritual

- Protection of Egypt

- Protection of the harvest
4. Magic in the temple ritual

- Protection against plagues
5. Magic for the hereafter

- Preservation of the body
- Food and drink
5. Magic for the hereafter

- Posterity

- Transport
5. Magic for the hereafter

• Protection against dangers

• Access to the hereafter
5. Magic for the hereafter

• Resurrection

• Transformations
6. The survival of Egyptian magic

- Graeco-Roman magic
- Pantheistic gods
6. The survival of Egyptian magic

- Coptic and Jewish magic
- Islamic magic
6. The survival of Egyptian magic

- Alchemy
- Hermetism and esoteric societies