

Filip Taterka, The Flight of King Ptolemy X Alexander I to the Land of Punt.

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Discusses the inscription of the temple of Edfu mentioning the flight of king Ptolemy X Alexander I to the land of Punt. Argues that this passage cannot be taken as argument in favour of the hypothesis locating this mysterious land on the Arabian Peninsula. Tries to demonstrate that the land of Punt is presented as a purely African country located to the south of Egypt in "historical" inscriptions concerning the actual expeditions sent out to it by the Egyptian pharaohs, but at the same time it is associated with the eastern horizon of the sky in the religious texts. That way, the mention of Ptolemy X Alexander I's flight to Punt should be interpreted as a metaphorical description of royal demise, which was traditionally presented in terms of the deceased king's union with his creator, the sun-god, who is at the same time the ruler and creator of Punt.

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