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**Westfield Reading, 04.06.1925**

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Westfield,  
Reading.

4th June, 1925.

My dear Sir,

May I introduce myself as an Egyptologist who is preparing a Monograph on "Imhotep the Egyptian Deity of Medicine", a subject in which I know you are much interested.

I am adopting your view that for many centuries between the reign of King Zoser and Imhotep's deification he held the intermediate rank of a Demi-God.

My Book will accordingly be divided into three parts:-

- (1) Imhotep as a Contemporary of King Zoser.
- (2) Imhotep as a Medical Demi-God.
- (3) Imhotep as a full Egyptian Deity of Medicine.

Now I come to the point of my letter.

In your various writings, to which I am deeply indebted, you express the view that for many centuries Imhotep held the intermediate rank of Demi-God and <sup>that</sup> this stage was reached somewhere about the advent of the New Kingdom, that is ca. 1530 B.C.

Your views ~~on~~ this subject were, however, I believe expressed before the publication of the Volume of "Oxyrhynchus Papyri" pt. **XI**. (1915), which seems to shew that the worship of Imhotep commenced as early as the reign of King Mycerinus, son of Cheops.

I should like to know whether this recently discovered

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Papyrus has caused you to alter your views, so as to date the Demi-God stage as beginning in the reign of Mycerinus.

If you have published anything recently on this subject I should be so glad to refer to it in my Volume.

Can you also tell me whether an author is allowed by courtesy to use the references to Imhotep in your great German "Wörterbuch"?

If possible, I should like (in return for payment) to obtain a copy of such references, as I am giving a full bibliography of Imhotep in an Appendix.

May I once again say how I have appreciated reading your important Works.

Please forgive me for troubling you with the above questions, and believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Jamieson B. Hurry, M.D.

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