

Casual of The Hieroglyphics Publishes Academic Work On Egypt and the Hieroglyphs



Rapper and The Hieroglyphics co-founder, Jonathan Owens, aka Casual, has published his first book, entitled, Madjai, A Handbook for the Conscious Community. The self-trained scholar translated ancient Egyptian texts and addressed historical misconceptions of the region surrounding the Nile River.

Madjai is a collection of articles and analyses of ancient Egyptian text, offering new interpretations to some of the worlds oldest manuscripts. With over a decade of independent studies under his belt, Casual has published well received articles online as he specializes in the Egyptian language Medu Netcher. "The process involved a lot of research and new translations of ancient Egyptian texts," he explains. "I consider myself an Egyptian grammarian. I study the ancient Egyptian language and address misinterpretations." The book follows a recent debate Casual won in New York City between the Black Hebrew Israelites and Kemet on Trial. "I was giving valid, accurate answers to the opposing side who were challenging the info of kemetology. It was wonderful for me, and we won." Casual also started a Facebook study group, Madjai – Vanguard of Kemet, available as a resource to those interested in the subject.

Speaking on how his research and ideas have influenced him over the years, Casual explained, "Actually, it's the other way around. My music has influenced these ideas. I'm 40 years old, at this age I'm most inspired by just sitting down and writing," he says. "At this point of my career, I always want to do more. Researching and writing is helping me stay amongst

the people. I'm working on the second book for Hiero, which is in the works to come out later this year. This is gonna help sustain my legacy in hip-hop and help present myself as multi-faceted writer and artist."

Preview Madjai – A Handbook for the Conscious Community:
<http://www.blurb.com/b/6083903-madjai>

Madjai Facebook Study Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/medjai/?ref=br_rs

Casual-Sushi Feat. Mr. Town

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Casual is raw like "Sushi" in this cultural mish mash from *He Still Think He Raw*. You can stream the album at the [Hieroglyphics](#) site.

Casual-Tears

[youtube]Ib8pgYS-3Go[/youtube]

Casual's "Tears" is from the forthcoming *He Still Think He Raw*. The Hieroglyphics crew member used this song to highlight the struggles of poverty instead of bling that is usually chosen by your favorite mainstream rappers.

Casual-Fiend For Hip-Hop

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Casual's latest manifestation of his hip-hop addiction comes in the form of *The Hierophant*. The Hieroglyphics crew member released the album in June and you can get it from his [Bandcamp](#) page.