



**AN UNPUBLISHED STELA FROM THE TEMPLE OF MONTU-RA AT MEDAMUD COMMEMORATING
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENCLOSURE WALL BY THE EMPEROR AUGUSTUS**

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Abstract:

Located a few kilometers northeast of Karnak, the temple of Montu-Ra at Medamud was thoroughly excavated by the IFAO in conjunction with the Louvre Museum from 1925 to 1932. Led by F. Bisson de la Roque, the expedition soon came across an impressive but partly destroyed mudbrick temenos wall, dated to the graeco-roman period. In 1969, a commemoration stela of Ptolemaios III found its way into the antiquity market. Its provenience was unknown, but various scholars ascribed it to the construction of the enclosure wall at Medamud. A picture of an unpublished stela was however found by the speaker in the archives of the IFAO some years ago, which shows in fact that the wall was built by the roman Emperor Augustus. This stela, the whereabouts of which were unknown until this summer, when it was found in the basement of the Cairo Museum, also gives the original dimensions of the wall.