



# MUMMIES

*'Maiden' Inca, Ramesses II & Ginger*

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The topic I selected to talk about is 'Mummies'. The reason for selecting this distinct thesis is because of its enormous hidden mystery which has already been founded by great archeologists and scientists. This topic also has major enduring relevance to humanity. Somebody might ask what is so important about some dead bodies. Well, it is not just dead bodies we are talking about; Mummies are naturally preserved bodies, the bodies of people rather ancestors of our world who lived thousands and thousands of years ago. This is a world heritage. The most significant thing is that we can still extract the DNA from those bodies. We can extract the DNA of ancient bacteria, viruses, and parasites to study diseases in the past. Experts are learning more about diseases suffered by the Egyptians and their medical treatment. Apart from that, the best thing is we can see someone who lived 500 or thousands and thousands of years ago from our very own eyes. Isn't that miraculous? We can get a clear picture of Human mutation by studying them: their clothes and clothing materials, their lifestyles, their thinking style, believes and religious events of their lives. People might wonder and ask how are we supposed to know someone's belief who died in the past, a past we have never seen or barely know. Well, for this question, the best example is the mummy of the Maiden, the Inca girl.



# **‘MAIDEN’ INCA**







This is a mummy of a young girl who was believed to be a sacrifice to the gods of the Inca empire. 'The Maiden Inca girl', was a 15-year-old girl by the time of her sacrifice who was found on a top of a volcano in Argentina. The research says that this child sacrifice was made 500 years ago. 'Child sacrifice', which sounds cruel, horrifying, and heartless to us now, was a typical and a crucial holy act that took place in the Incan empire those days. Sacrificing some little child who is in flesh, for an invisible holy person called god!? Isn't that unwise? This demonstrates the blind faith the empire Inca had towards their invisible god or gods which also describes the mutation of the human being; the evolution of their brain and their thinking patterns which shows how uneducated or unaware, our world ancestors were, else who would kill their children from their own society? or what parent would let others kill their own child? In the 21st century, nobody believes in child sacrifice. Mainly it is against human rights. According to the research, the Ice Maiden was inside a tomb structure that was surrounded by offerings: bird feathers, seashells, coca, and corn from the four corners of the Inca empire. The girl's head is bowed, composed, and capitulate to the extremely cold and thin air as it is unavoidable at such altitude. With her, two more Inca children were found mummified atop a 20,000-foot volcano in South America (Handwrek.,B, 2013). The research says that at the time of her death, she has suffered from a bacterial lung infection. The studies also say that before they were sacrificed, they have consumed expanding amounts of coca leaf and corn beer for up to a year. The maiden Inca girl was probably heavily sedated by the point at which she surrenders to death. (Andrew Wilson, 2013) (An archeologist at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom and the study's lead author has told the NBC News ) This mummy found illustrates how religious the Inca people were and, how positive they were about being sacrificed or giving their own child away as a sacrifice to their so-called god or gods. They were so grateful to be 'the chosen one' for their gods.





# PHARAOH RAMSESS II

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Pharaoh Ramses is a mummified king who is believed to be at least 3,000 years old, founded with battle wounds all over his body. He is no god-king, just another typical human being who ruled a kingdom. The mummy is five feet seven inches in height with red color hair. This dead body of the great king Ramses adds up great value to the Egyptian history. It can describe how wealthy the kingdom was by evaluating the value of the coffin he was in. However, before king Ramses became a dead body, he was a very great king in ancient Egypt who is also said to be the most powerful Pharaoh to have lived in. After the death of Ramses II, he was buried in a grand tomb in the Valley of the Kings. When the mummy was found, the body was in a worsening condition and due to that very reason the Egyptian authorities had to take immediate actions to preserve the king's body so, they started to look for help. Authorities were able to find experts in France and decided to take the mummy to Paris, France. For the first time in the history of mummies or dead people, Ramses II was issued a passport. This is due to safety reasons. The reason why government authorities had to take legal protection towards the mummy is because of the countless artifacts and, mummies have been robbed from Egypt. Also, Egypt authorities wanted to ensure the safe return of the mummy. Anyhow after his procedure, he was returned to Egypt without any trouble (Dhwty, 2018)





**GINGER**





Ginger is also a naturally preserved body of a young man who was found in around 1896 in a cemetery at Gebelein, upper Egypt, lying in the sand for more than 5000 years ago. According to the research, he was 18 or at least 21 years old when he died. When he was found he was lying in a tightly curled, infantile position with golden color hair which gave him his nickname 'Ginger'. Even though he has died thousands of years ago, his toe-and finger-nails were perfectly preserved. Although his body is heavily stained, his yellowish-white skin was clear enough to be visible. Like the Maiden Inca girl's body was well preserved due to the extreme cold weather, Ginger's body was preserved due to the excessively hot and dry weather. Normally, 75% of the human body weight consists of water. Direct contact with the hot dry sand has absorbed every last drop of water from Ginger's body so, bacteria cannot breed and cause decay without moisture which is why the body is well preserved. The studies say that Ginger's death was a murder. He was stabbed by a copper or flint blade which is at least five inches in length. The reason why they believe that he was murdered is because of the way his bones remain in the soft tissue so that injury could not have taken place after his death. "Ginger" represents an Egyptian of early Badarian or Naqada times. Now Ginger's well-preserved body lies in an artificial sand grave in the British Museum, London with an identification number 'EA 32751'. (Ernest Moyer, Egypt Origins)

In conclusion, Maiden the Inca girl, Pharaoh Ramses II and, Ginger is well preserved dead bodies by either intentional or accidental exposure to chemicals or due to extreme cold or hot and dry weather conditions; which have greater value to the history of the world. History is a mystery founded by humanity itself.





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