

THE GREAT GOD

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Faulkner 64

Ancient Egyptian: *wr*  *master*

Kiswahili-Bantu: waria, a skilled person, an expert, a capable person, a champion, a master at his work

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WARIA

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The Kiswahili-Bantu word **waria** is an interesting word for it relates to a person who is exceedingly capable and therefore is considered to be a star, a champion or a great person. A **waria** is a master craftsman who is skilled at his craft. This fits in well with the Ancient Egyptian description given by Faulkner, above and below, for the consonants **wr** meaning 'master'. Other Ancient Egyptian descriptions include 'great one' or chief as seen here and below:

Faulkner 64

wr   *great one*

There are various descriptions relating to the word **waria** and Budge page 170a gives various descriptions of the meaning of **waria**. Here are a few examples:



It is interesting to note that the word **waria** covers such a wide range of meanings. Amongst one of the Ancient Egyptian meaning is that, **waria** is identified as a Great God. The question one poses is this, does the word **waria** describing a Great God have its derivative in any Bantu language?

THE SHONA GOD MWARI

THE SUPREME BEING

The God, **Mwari** designated as the Supreme Being amongst the Shona people of Zimbabwe is seen as one who creates and sustains the universe. Some people interpret the meaning of **Mwari** as 'He who is'. However the etymology of the Shona-Bantu word for **Mwari** is derived from the concept of spreading and is given by the verb **-wara**, spread. Thus with the correct prefix **M**, **M-wara** becomes **M-wari**, the one who spreads.

The concept of spreading may also be found in the Kiswahili-Bantu language, for the word **enea** means abound, be spread out, cover the whole extent as flowing water. Thus the word **Mw-enea** or **Mwenea**, one who spreads out, pervades, extends is used as a title of the 'Omnipresent God'.

It is becoming increasingly clear from the scheme of this investigation that the Ancient Egyptian word for God, **waria** is related to the Shona-Bantu word **M-wari**, the Supreme being, God. The etymology of the word for God, **Mwari** is derived from the verb **-wara**, spread.

It is fitting at this stage to use the word **waria**, great one to designate the uraeus as given by Faulkner on page 64.

The uraeus

wr-t  **great one**

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