



Sety I and Iusaas

Date

late 19th to early 20th century (printed 1992)

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

In the Temple of Sety I at Abydos, a scene from the west wall of the second hypostyle hall shows the pharaoh Sety I together with the goddess Iusaas. Sety I began this large temple and the associated cenotaph of Osiris (the "Osireion"), located near the cemetery of the first kings of Egypt and the legendary tomb of Osiris, but it was left to Sety's son Ramesses II to complete the monument. In the

scene shown here, the goddess Iusaas cradles the king's head and presents to his nostrils the sign of life, flanked by two signs representing dominion. Iusaas was a consort of Atum, and she personified the desire that acted upon the mind of Atum and led him to begin creation through masturbation.

Dimensions

Sight: 11 7/8 x 9 1/2 in. (30.2 x 24.1 cm) Mat: 20 x 16 in. (50.8 x 40.6 cm)