

Egypt - The Sphinx, Front View Showing Paws



A frontal view of the Sphinx in Egypt, with its giant paws prominent. Scaffolding is visible on the right, and one of the three Giza pyramids is behind the Sphinx. People can be seen walking on a path to the left. Most scholars believe that the Sphinx was built by the pharaoh Khafra, the son of Khufu, around 2563 BCE. The Sphinx has the body of a lion, a symbol of the sun, and the head of a man, most likely the head of Khafra himself. The Egyptian name for the statue is unknown; the Sphinx is the name that the Greeks bestowed on the statue, due to its resemblance to monsters from their own mythology, (1927).

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