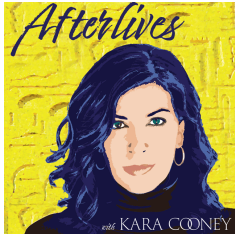




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Episode #22: Top 5 Egyptological Arguments
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What are the top five ways to start a bar fight with an Egyptologist? In this episode, Kara and Jordan dig into some of the most debated topics in Egyptology and reveal where they stand in each debate.

- [The Good Kings: Absolute Power in Ancient Egypt and the Modern World](#) (Kara Cooney)
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- On the discoveries at Wadi el-Jarf: ["Records of the Pyramid Builders," World Archaeology \(March 24 2022\)](#)
- Who built the Great Pyramid? Many of the sources above address this question.
 - Mark Lehner's take on this issue is summarized in this old [Harvard Magazine article](#)
- The Smithsonian has a great informational article on ["The Egyptian Pyramid"](#)—if you scroll to the bottom, there are links to cool historical images of pyramids throughout Egypt
- Who built the Sphinx? The [traditional Egyptological take is that it was Khafre](#). Mark Lehner's Sphinx Project addresses the question [here](#).
- ["Uncovering the Secrets of the Sphinx" Smithsonian Magazine](#) (featuring Mark Lehner's perspective)



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- Kara's Discovery series [Out of Egypt](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000APR004) is available on Amazon Prime for purchase and is streaming on Hulu Premium.
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