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YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

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- Key Scriptures
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We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

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Video Summary

Egypt continues as the backdrop for our exploration into the mysteries of eternal life. This ancient culture has left an incredible legacy of architecture and art that has fascinated millions. But the legacy the ancient Egyptians hoped to leave failed to endure the effects of time.

Chad and crew leave the heart of Cairo and venture to the Giza Plateau. Here they discover more about the Pyramids, the Pharaohs, and man's attempt to gain eternal life. Will they find the mystical secrets they came looking for? Can the mysteries hidden in the Sphinx shed any light on the ancients' motivation for their grandiose tombs? And will the *Book of the Dead* finally reveal its hidden secrets to Chris? Only time will tell and remember "Beware of Mummies!"



Icebreaker ~ Eating Mummy

There is a tradition dating back to at least 1000 A.D. in which Arabs and later Europeans engaged in the practice of "eating mummy." This practice was widespread in Egypt and Western Europe and it consisted of countless ancient mummies being burned, ground up and made into a kind of powder in order to be eaten. This act of cannibalism was considered an effective medical practice and folk remedy. The belief was that cures could be obtained by eating ground-up preserved bodies. Eating Mummies was considered effective in treating contusions, coughs, epilepsy, migraines, ulcers, cases of poison, and as a general panacea.

This practice had a long and respectable tradition as a medicinal remedy. The tradition of eating mummified human flesh was part of a flourishing trade and did not die out until the last century. It is impossible to calculate the many thousands of mummies that ended up in the stomachs of Europeans.



Primary Lesson

This lesson is the final chapter looking into man's attempts to gain eternal life. The Bible indicates that we are created with an eternal soul that will live forever. Yet countless people either ignore or avoid this truth, hoping that the fateful day of their natural death will possibly arrive unnoticed.

The deceptive ideas that the ancient Egyptians had about life and death have crept into our present culture over the ages. Fascination with the occult, ancient religions and hidden knowledge is growing in popularity. Through the media, education, the Internet, and Hollywood we have been de-sensitized to the "truth" that searches for us every day.

God has given us His word as the only sign post along this road of life, and it is in His *Book of Life* that every answer can be found. God has placed such high importance on His Word that he declares in Psalms 138:2 that *"He has magnified His Word above His name."* He continues this thought in Proverbs 8:36 where he declares *"All who hate Me (God) love death."* He is the author of life, and His words have the power to bring the dead back to life. In John 6:63, Jesus states that *"The words I speak to you are spirit and they are life!"* Spending time in His Word is the only true key to the secrets of eternal life!



Facts, Figures & Illustrations ~ The White Desert & Bedouin

The White Desert is a vast stretch of land in the Western Desert that borders Baharia Oasis to the north and Al-Farafra to the south. The snow-white desert is actually made of chalk that has been exposed for years to what geologists call "differential weathering," the erosion of soft particles that results in eerie protrusions of hard rock. This explains the very beautiful forms that now fill the White Desert including shapes like domes, minarets, castles, chickens, towers and so forth.

The White Desert contains millions of fossils; strangely enough, they are the remains of sea dwelling animals.

Temperatures in the White Desert can vary widely depending on the time of the year. In the summer the temperature can be as high as 115 degrees and in the winter temperatures can plummet to the freezing mark at night.

The **Bedouin**, are a desert-dwelling nomadic group, found throughout most of the desert belt extending from the Atlantic coast of the Sahara via the Western Desert, Sinai, and Negev to the Arabian Desert. Non-Arab groups as well, notably the Beja of the African coast of the Red Sea are sometimes called Bedouin.



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

Hebrews 9:27 ~ *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.*

John 6:63 ~ *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

Proverbs 8:36 ~ *But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.*

Psalms 138:2 ~ *I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name, for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

Proverbs 14:12 ~ *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

Ephesians 5:11 ~ *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

John 11:25 ~ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."*



Complimentary Story ~ Happy and Sad

An ancient fable tells of three merchants crossing the Arabian Desert. Traveling in darkness to avoid the intense heat, one starless night, they were passing over a dry creek bed when a voice from the blackness commanded them to halt. They were then ordered to stoop, pick up pebbles from the creek bed, and put them in their pockets. After obeying this strange command, they were told to quickly leave that place. The mysterious voice then told them that in the morning they would be both happy and sad.

Shaken and confused, they traveled through the night. When morning came, the men anxiously looked into their pockets, and rather than finding the pebbles as expected, they found precious jewels. They, indeed, were happy and sad. They were happy they had picked up the jewels, but sad because while they had the opportunity they had not picked up many more.

This legend beautifully expresses how many feel about the un-searchable riches of God's Word. We are thrilled we have absorbed as much as we have, but sad because we have not absorbed much more.



Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the issue of submission to authority and how by disobeying that authority can lead to problem areas in your life.
2. The Bible says when we search out truth in any other place than God's Word we will encounter deceptive spirits that will affect our heart and emotions (Proverbs 6:27-28). Discuss the issues that many young people deal with today because of their involvement in the occult or witchcraft.
3. God's plan of eternal life and salvation is veiled to the world. They cannot see the simplicity of Jesus because of sin and hardness of heart. God's desire for His children is to know the truth and understand His principles and patterns found in His word. Deuteronomy 29:29 states *"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."* God wants us to receive His life not only while we are here on earth but after we die as well. Discuss how sin, deception and the hardening of a man's heart keep him from freely receiving God's free gift of eternal life.