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This is NOT one of the beautifully illustrated editions of "The Egyptian Book of the Dead," such as the computer-assisted facsimile of the Papyrus of Ani (edited by James Wasserman, et al.), or some other recent editions based on the (very good) Raymond O. Faulkner translation. Nor should it be confused with Thomas George Allen's own "The Egyptian Book of the Dead: Documents in the Oriental Institute Museum at the University of Chicago" (Oriental Institute Publications vol. 82), with its set of black-and-white documentary plates. In fact, it has no illustrations at all. It might be argued that it should -- the images were supposed to join with the texts to provide help for the recently-deceased -- but the book is text-centered. It also certainly should never be confused with the oft-reprinted works of E.A.W. Budge, whose late-nineteenth-century and early twentieth century editions and translations continue to be reprinted. (For the curious, I have reviewed the Wasserman edition, the Dover Books edition of Budge's popular edition of the Ani manuscript, and Allen's "...Documents in the Oriental Institute Museum..."). "The Book of the Dead or Going Forth by Day: Ideas of the Ancient Egyptians Concerning the Hereafter as Expressed in Their Own Terms" was originally published as Number 37 in the "Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization" series of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. It is a critically edited translation (not a text edition),

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