

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: Ra

I have been incarcerated 30 years, during which I have pursued Ancient Egyptian studies. My submission Ta-Urt is a labor of more than two years. The name, which translates "great Feminine earth" or "elder Female earth" is my conceptualization of the "Divine Feminine," protector of the wombs of pregnant women. With this piece I sought to combine contemporary imagery with depictions of the metu neter (mee-TOO nee-TEER, "divine words"; also, hieroglyphs). While my interpretation of the metu neter is stylized, I have maintained the traditional elements of the language.

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