Crystals and archaeology

Objects found in ancient burial sites are often crystalline in structure and well preserved. Their crystals provide a veritable archive for those who know how to read them.

Knowledge gleaned from the crystals

In the early 20th century A. Gayet discovered objects in the tombs of Antinopolis dating from the third to the fifth century AD. The findings indicated the burial chamber of two women, a «prophetess» and the singer Khelmis. The evidence was provided by the material from the tomb and an examination of the crystals in the remnants yielded information on the women’s daily lifestyle, customs and environment.

Objects of science and memory

It is thus that our cultural heritage, analyzed, authenticated, deciphered and dated, becomes an object of science and memory. Ancient sites arouse tremendous excitement and curiosity in visitors, for we can now imagine how these ancient Egyptians went about their daily lives, including details on their personal hygiene and use of cosmetics.