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1. With reference to tape-recorded data, citations of specific items are given as follows:
   1) depository (AGSFCC, CFMC, IUFTL, HE-S)
   2) region where item was collected;
   3) date item was collected (which also is used here as the call number for the tape); the first
      hyphenated set of figures represents the last two digits of the year the field trip was
      undertaken and the month, 71-3 means March 1971;
   4) the second set of three hyphenated figures refers to the number of the reel in the collection,
      followed by the track number on the tape, then by the number of the item on that track; when
      the number of the item is indetermined (usually due to incomplete specification of the exact
      contents of a tape), an ‘x’ is used.

For example,
   CFMC: Oasis 71-3, 3-1-1, stands for: the Oasis/New Valley collection, trip undertaken in
   1971, March, reel number 3, track nos. 700, item no. 1.
   AGSFCC: QTR 71-3 700-2, No. 3, stands for: Qatar collection, trip undertaken in 87,
   March, reel number 700, track no. 2, item no. 3.
   HE-S: Ali bin Bilal 71-3 No. 9, stands for: Ali bin Bilal, Shobra, Cairo collection, tape-
   recording took place on 71-3, January, item no. 9.

II. With reference to written materials, manuscripts from several sources are designated as follows:
   CFMC: LUKH-I stands for materials independently assembled and owned by the Egyptian
   collector Ali bin Khidr; these consist of about 800 texts written down during the mid-
   1960s by pupils in intermediate religious schools and given to Mr. Khidr, teacher. The
   narratives were told to the pupils by relatives. A copy of the collection is deposited at CFMC.

For example,
   LUKH-I 229 (or Khidr-pupil no. 229) refers to tale no. 229 in this collection.

AUC: The American University in Cairo. Field collections undertaken by students during the
   academic Years 1971 and 1972, and submitted to H. El-Shamy, in partial fulfillment of the
   requirements for Anthropology 206: Folklore. The figure immediately following AUC refers
to the serial number of the collection, while the ensuing figure refers to the number of the tale
in that collection.

For example,
   AUC: 3 No. 3 stands for paper (collection) number three in the American University in
   Cairo collections, tale number 3.

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   (Informants EGYPTE: Cairo, 900; Alexandria, 700; Sulay, 300; North [Kuwait]; IRAQ: PALESTINE; YEMEN).

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A20, Origin of the creator. (Cf. C698).
A30, Creator's companions.
A40, Creator's advisors.
A50, Conflict of good and evil creators.
A51, Creation of devil(s). (Cf. A29200).
A52, Creation of angels. D ibn-Kahf I 4-9.
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A52.3, Material of which angels are created (fire, water, and snow).
A52.3.1, Material of which angels are created in pure light. D ibn-Kahf I 55.
A53.0.1, Angel as shape-shifter. (Cf. D631.42, F334.0.2); Type: 332, 750D, 757. D ibn-Kahf I 141.
A54, Rebel angels. (Cf. A1217.1, V226).
A54.3.1, Eblis rejects Adam. D al-Tha'labi: 16-7.
A54.3.1.1, Eblis refuses to prostrate himself before Adam. (Cf. V298.38). D ibn-Kahf I 56, 70, 72, al-Tha'labi: 17, NLV, EGYPT: Cistia 145.
A54.3.2, Eblis as the general of a victorious angel-army: conceit causes him to rebel against God. D ibn-Kahf I 55, cf. 71.
A60, Murplot at creation.
A63.5.1, Satan seduces Adam to sin because he is jealous of him. D al-Tha'labi: 19.
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