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**n** Yoshimura said in an interview with AFP he now believes Cheops was worshipped « continually » throughout the pharaonic era, over a period of around 3,000 years. n In addition to the Sekhmet statues, around a dozen other « beautiful objects » were found in the storage chamber, including a bluish mud statue of a figure covering its ears with its hands, the project director said. **n** Yoshimura is also involved in a stalled project to extract DNA samples from the mummy of boy king Tutankhamun with the aim of determining if he was the son of the so-called heretic, monotheistic pharaoh Akhenaton. **n** Egypt reversed a decision to allow the experiment to go ahead just six hours after the project got underway, without giving any explanation, Yoshimura said.

