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b. ~~Early Meroitic~~ Late Aethiopian
or Early Meroitic
from 500 B.C. to 100 A.D.

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c. Meroitic Period from 100 A.D. to 300 A.D.

This is merely tentative. The pottery, the bronze ring, found in the pyramids of Group II show marked classical influences. This group cannot I believe belong to the Tcherka period. My present impression is that it belongs towards the end of the ~~the~~ Early Meroitic period. The situation far from the valley and behind Group I points to its being later than Group I. The inscriptions found by Cailliaud were in Meroitic ~~script~~ characters.

The fragments of hieroglyphic inscriptions and the scrabs found in Group I point to a period more under Egyptian influence. My impression is that Group I belongs to the early part of the early Meroitic period. The group occupies without question the primary cemetery site at Barkal.