

The Language Culture Connection - Egypt

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Riding a camel on my first day in Egypt at the pyramids in Giza near Cairo, Egypt



- Like the pharaohs I came to Egypt searching for answers on the meaning of life. I found myself in Egypt, the most amazing place. This place made me feel alive and loved through its history, culture and most amazing loving and caring people who are so peace loving regardless of religion or background. I love you Egypt. May God always continue to bless you and your people. Life is not complicated, people want to get along. I found the people of Egypt through their actions and attitudes to be calming and rewarding. We all have free will and God wants us to get along.



The Sphinx, Cairo, Egypt

Language and Culture - Religion

- We are all born into the culture provided to us by our environment and upbringing. This includes religion. Egypt has had all 3 major religions in prominence over its 5,000 year history, first with Judaism, who were hired by Pharaoh as slaves to build the pyramids, followed by the spread of Christianity when Jesus and Mary walked through Egypt. Later Islam spread and is the primary religion today with close to 90%. Islam says to respect all the prophets and books equally, The Torah, The Bible and the Quran. They read and believe all three as God's word. They dedicate an entire chapter in the Holy Quran to Mary.

Immigrants

- They are the core of our society
- Great work ethic of hard work, integrity, and honesty
- Hard workers
- I have a desire to almost “repay” them for all of the help they’ve given me throughout my career

My Trip To Egypt

- October 2016
- My mentor Abdel H. Metwally, Author of 3 books
- People extremely hospitable
- I was their guide to the English language and culture
- Pyramids

Religion and Egypt

- Pharaohs were searching for meaning of life – worshipped the Sun, etc.
- We are all descendants of Abraham
- Moses came with the Ten Commandments
- Jesus born of Virgin Mary came to tell all to keep God's word
- Followed by Mohammad who further taught to keep the word of God's 3 books and the commandments.
- Quran is the book of Islam

Current Religions in Egypt

- 88% Islam
- 10% Coptic Christian
- 1% Catholic
- 1% Jewish

Egyptians Today

- Want unity under one God
- Welcome tourists
- Don't like media and political domination of England and the U.S.
- Egypt prides itself on history, culture, and its people
- They are proud of being Egyptian and proud to speak Arabic
- Value being true to themselves and their dignity
- Egyptian Nationalism
 - Emphasized the unity of Egyptians regardless of ethnicity or religion

Arabic Words

- As-salamu alaykum
 - Peace be with you
- *Wa-Alaikum-Salaam*
 - And upon you, peace
- Sukran
 - Thank you
- Zayek
 - Hello
- Inshallah
 - If God wants

Alexandria, Egypt on the Mediterranean sea



Alexandria, Egypt on a beach called Mamora



Christians and
Muslims do get
along

Here we are at
Saint Mark's
Coptic Cathedral,
Alexandria



Videos

- Muslim Women
- <https://www.facebook.com/tina.duryea/videos/10155198519594853/>
- You Belong To Me
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIEBErVs0fY>