

## 1: Histories of the Monks of Upper Egypt and The Life of Onnophrius by Paphnutius

*Histories of the Monks of Upper Egypt and the Life of Onnophrius (Cistercian Studies) [Paphnutius, Tim Vivian] on www.enganchecubano.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. >The desert stood in stark opposition to the oikoumene, the inhabited world of the fourth century.*

Anthony the Great Saint Anthony is a Christian saint who was born to a wealthy family in Lower Egypt around CE He was orphaned by his parents at the age of eight years. Most of what is known about him comes from the biographical work of Athanasius of Alexandria , Vita Antoni. This biography depicts Anthony as an illiterate and holy man who through his existence in a primordial landscape has received an absolute connection to the divine truth. The moment that St. Anthony dedicated his life to God and the church was due to the words he heard from Matthew in which he was told to give up all of his belongings and seek God. Saint Anthony took the words he heard in a literal sense and that is what caused him to venture into the desert to live a life of ascetism. He made his abode in a small cave where he devoutly practiced an ascetic life. Anthony was not the first monk, he attracted many followers and disciples, and is one of the fathers of modern Christian monasticism. They lived in solitary cells surrounding a communal worship center where they performed the Divine Liturgy. They took their daily meals in a basic refectory. The Monastery as a refuge [ edit ] In the sixth and seventh centuries, many monks from the monasteries of Scetes fled to the Monastery of Saint Anthony in order to escape frequent attack by Bedouins and Berbers. During this time, the monastery experienced a constantly shifting and sometimes mutual occupation by the Coptic monks from Scetes and by the Melkite monks from the east. Anthony at that time, large sums of money and asked him to take some Melkite monks who were persecuted by the Persians. In Coptic monks from the Monastery of Saint Macarius the Great in the Desert of Scetis disguised themselves as Bedouins in an attempt to steal the earthly remains of St. John the Short, who had lived and died in the Monastery of St. Anthony in the 5th century. Then the judge from among the Arabs said to the Melkite bishop who sat in the sanctuary: Anthony enjoyed relative peace and security in its remote area, there were short periods of intense persecution. The monastery itself was plundered a number of times by the Bedouins of the Eastern Desert , who partly destroyed it in the 11th century. There was also a rebellion by the Kurds and the Turks during this time. When their leader Nasir al-Dawla was defeated, the remains of his army invaded and pillaged the Monastery of St. Anthony as well as the nearby Monastery of Saint Paul the Anchorite. A fortress-like structure was also built around the monastery for protection from invaders. Abu al-Makarim describes the unparalleled excellence of the monastery in the beginning of the 13th century: This monastery possesses many endowments and possessions at Misr. It is surrounded by a fortified wall. It contains many monks. Within the wall there is a large garden, containing fruitful palm trees, and apple trees, and pear trees, and pomegranates, and other trees besides beds of vegetables, and three springs of perpetually flowing water, with which the garden is irrigated and which the monks drink. One feddan and a sixth in the garden form a vineyard, which supplies all that is needed, and it is said that the number of the palms which the garden contains amounts to a thousand trees, and there stands in it a large well-built qasr There is nothing like it among the other monasteries inhabited by Egyptian monks. Anthony many sicknesses are healed and driven away by the fountain. However, the monastery slowly fell completely into ruin and the few monks that lived there greatly relied on the support from the nearby village of Bush. It is known that Franciscan missionaries sometimes used the monastery as a base to prepare missionaries in the 17th century. However, the monastery was in such disarray that it lacked even a door, and travelers had to enter through a pulley system of rope and basket. Now on holiday weekends there are typically more than a thousand visitors. The modern monastery is a self-contained village with gardens, a mill, a bakery and five churches. The walls are adorned with paintings of knights in bright colors and hermits in more subdued colors. The wall paintings have been worn over the centuries by soot, candle grease, oil and dust. In a collaborative effort between the Supreme Council of Antiquities and the American Research Center in Egypt , restoration has been undertaken on the paintings. The oldest paintings in the monastery date to the 7th and 8th centuries, while the newest date to the 13th. Anthony[ edit ] This church dates back to the 12th

century and has a central sanctuary with a very small apse, two lateral sanctuaries, and a small choir. There is a small sanctuary dedicated to the four beasts of the Apocalypse in the southwestern corner, and their representations are depicted on the walls. The soffit of the arch above the door is decorated with a scene of Christ in mandorla flanked by busts of the twelve apostles. This is the oldest painting in the church, and dates from the 7th century. Justus the monk is kept in a passage along the outer southern wall that connects to the adjoining Church of the Apostles. Nine of the domes roof the nave and the other three are over the sanctuaries, which are characterized by inlaid wooden screens. Mark the Ascetic[ edit ] This church was renovated in by Hasaballah al-Bayadi and also has twelve domes. Michael[ edit ] These two churches are north of the Church of St. Anthony and their structures resemble towers. The western building houses storage rooms and the refectory on the ground floor. The Church of the Virgin Mary is on the upper floor and has an inlaid screen extending over the whole breadth of the church. The eastern building is the tower of the monastery, and the Church of St Michael the Archangel is on the third floor of the tower. The library[ edit ] Monastery of Saint Anthony, Egypt. The library was originally intended to be a church by Pope Cyril IV , but because of its deviation from the eastern direction it was never consecrated and thus became the library. The present collection has been significantly reduced by the Bedouins who plundered the monastery and used many of the manuscripts as cooking fuel. Anthony[ edit ] The cave where Saint Anthony lived as a hermit is a 2km 1. It is a small natural hole in the rocks adjacent to the southern part of Mount Galala. Visitors can ascend the winding trail of stairs from the monastery to the cavern in about one hour. The hermitage of St. Anthony is an extremely small space about 7 meters from the narrow opening of the cave. A modern sewage system was also added. The remains are now covered by a glass floor and are viewable by visitors. Macarius the Great was a camel herder; St. Macarius of Alexandria was a small shopkeeper; St. Apollo was a goat herder, and St. Today, monks are well-educated young men with extensive academic and professional backgrounds in the scientific fields such as engineering, medicine, pharmacy, and architecture.

### 2: Paphnutius (Author of Histories of the Monks of Upper Egypt and The Life of Onnophrius)

*Get this from a library! Histories of the monks of upper Egypt. And, the life of Onnophrius. [Tim Vivian; Paphnutius, Saint anchorite;] -- The desert stood in stark opposition to the oikoumene, the inhabited world of the fourth century.*

Its Sojourn in the Desert by Moya K. Mason Introduction In many ways, it is difficult to comprehend the lives of the ancient desert hermits, anchorites, and monks of Egypt. Currently, the world most of us live in is fast-paced and engulfed with noise and people. Life has become so secularized, industrialized, and materially-driven, that an austere, quiet life devoted to the contemplation of God seems surreal and is beyond our comprehension. Throughout world history, many individuals decided that a life of seclusion had more merit and greater possibilities for peace and freedom. People like Buddha and his followers. Hundreds of years before Christians sequestered themselves in the Egyptian deserts, the young Buddha fled his family and kingdom to find peace in the forest. He dismissed the inequities of the Indian caste system and proposed a religion based on asceticism, poverty, and democracy. He believed that a life of simpler needs would help in the search for oneself and peace. The Hindu Brahmins also lived in the solitude of forests, existing on leaves and roots, in a solitary quest for deliverance. The Old Testament tells the story of Moses meeting God in the desert. For ever after, the desert had a sacred quality for Christians. John the Baptist became a hermit in the wilderness around Jerusalem, as did Jesus, who went in solitary prayer or took friends and disciples to find peace and pray to God. Anson writes in *The Call of the Desert*: But what must be stressed is that there was nothing novel about this way of life: They based their new existence on freedom, peace, and simplicity. These Christians were a completely different phenomenon because many spent thirty, forty, fifty years or more living in an extremely hostile environment with scarce amounts to eat or drink. Who were some of these early exiles and what were they searching for? How did they survive living in the desert? Were there any social, political, and economic factors, which made these Christians take flight from society? And most importantly, this essay will try to present their intense spirituality and religious convictions, and the impact these had on Christianity. Paul is considered the first hermit. He was born in the Lower Thebaid into a rich family, which made sure he was given a good education. Jerome describes him as being "gentle tempered, and loving God much. He ran away into the desert and found a large cave to live in. Paul was the first, but he was certainly not the last to do so. Beginning in 30 B. It was under his reign that the imprisonment and martyrdom of St. Perpetua and her fellow Christians occurred. The Roman Empire had its roots in the tradition of *mos maiorum*, which had made its people great. Long before they had an empire the Roman people were hard-working, respectful of family, and believed that good morals were very important. As the Republic grew and the Empire was consolidated, the greatness of the Roman people was on the wane: Cities throughout the Empire were filled with Roman citizens whose lawlessness and immorality could be seen in the streets, bathhouses, and in the numerous brothels. Among the local populations, many had very little respect for Roman culture and the Romans, and disliked handing over the money they demanded in the form of taxes. These taxes could be extremely high and unfair. The publicans who were contracted to collect them were unrelenting. It also made all men in the empire eligible for military service. The Romans could be flexible on some accounts. They certainly made no attempt to eradicate every cultural nuance, which differed from theirs. What they could not tolerate was an empire growing in strength within their boundaries. They were afraid of the vitality and power the Christian religion seemed to be acquiring, and feared for the survival of their own supremacy. Christians had been persecuted from the time of Nero, but by the third century A. The violence and cruelty of the Romans was overwhelming and despair engulfed many people. The taxes were so high that people could barely take care of their families, and they knew that by practicing their religion, their lives were in danger. Christian Knight The only thing they could look forward to was dying in a foreign land, fighting battles that had nothing to do with them. Their religion called for universal love, but as James Wellard writes in *Desert Pilgrimage*, that had turned into "an obsessive hatred of the pagan world. The Christians had the following alternatives: Inside his desert cave, St. Paul discovered a large hall, open to the sky but protected by the branches of an old palm tree. There was also a spring of clear water he needed for survival. Jerome writes that Paul never ventured far from

his dwelling and spent his entire life there in solitary prayer, eating dates from the palm tree and making clothes from its leaves. He died at the age of one hundred and thirteen, and was buried by St. Antony, 7 who is considered the most important hermit because his goodness and way of life attracted so many other people. The hermitage of St. Antony was transformed into the first desert monastery where many hundreds of men lived, 8 but St. Antony always lived alone at a distance from the others. This transition is explained in *Desert Pilgrimage: Journeys to the Egyptian and Sinai Deserts*: The process was always the same: Antony is considered to be the first great innovator in solitary living; 2. Augustine underwent his conversion. Athanasius wrote that St. His Christian parents were of noble birth and with a sufficient amount of wealth and prosperity. As he grew older he did not want to go to school, but preferred to spend his time at home. He is described as an obedient boy, who was content with very little, never bothering his parents for expensive things. When he was near twenty years of age, his mother and father died and he was left to care for the family home and his young sister. His parents had been dead for six months when he entered his local church and heard a part of the Gospel being read. The Lord said to a rich man, "If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell all thou hast, and give to the poor; and come follow me, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. He left his sister in the care of nuns and went to an old man in the next village who was living a life of solitude. He learned what he could from him and went further into the desert, where he was endlessly aggravated by the devil who hated to see one so young being so noble. His struggles with evil are reminiscent of what Jesus went through during his forty days in the wilderness. They would hear a commotion going on inside and Antony telling his evil adversary to "depart from our ground. Antony, "monastic spirituality understood contemplation and action as a seamless garment which the monk wove with his or her life. Antony ate very little and continually trained his body and mind. His fame spread quickly and before long many disciples went into the desert to be near him, but St. Antony often sequestered himself away for long periods, receiving bread occasionally through the roof. Antony felt so overwhelmed by the numbers who sat in vigil that he organized the colony of monks before he left them, leaving to find his own solitary peace with God. The community he left behind became the first monastery in Egypt and the prototype for Christian monastic colonies. Many of his old disciples visited him and pilgrimages were a common occurrence, bringing the serious religious ascetics and also the curious sightseers. In that kind of world, run by greedy politicians, ambitious generals, avaricious tax-gatherers, and brutal thugs, Antony stood out as a symbol of peace and stability, and even more, as a sign of hope, virtue, and sanity in an otherwise vicious and mad system. Antony died in his cave at one hundred and five years of age. Athanasius, Jerome, Basil, and St. The reign of Diocletian proved to be catastrophic for them. Empire-wide edicts were issued by Diocletian proclaiming that all churches and sacred books were to be destroyed. Most Christians who held an official position were stripped of their jobs and civil rights, while others were sold into slavery. Many died as martyrs according to Eusebius, who calculated that sixty Christians were killed every day during the five years of persecution in Egypt alone. Writers and historians went there to capture the essence of the desert communities and to chronicle the lives of the monks they met. One such man was Palladius, who wrote *The Lausiatic History*, which proved to be a fascinating look at monastic life in Egypt, as well as Palestine, Syria, and Asia Minor. Palladius was a monk from Galatia, who spent many years in the Egyptian deserts compiling the history of Christian monasticism. He has been called the "Herodotus of the Deserts" since he traveled widely and spoke to everyone he met. He went to Egypt in A. Wanting to learn more, he went inland to the Nitrian Desert where he stayed for another three years. Palladius describes the monastery as having seven bakeries, three date palms, a church, a guesthouse, and many gardens. Doctors, chefs, and winemakers lived there, but most of the monks made linen. Their spiritual father, Amoun, had already passed on, but Palladius met some old men there who still remembered him. Amoun was a contemporary of St. As the settlement at Nitria continued to grow, some of the more serious ascetics found they needed more solitude and moved nine miles away into a desolate area of the desert, later called Cellia. Palladius spent nine years with the hermits there and recorded many stories about Macarius, the Alexandrian. For instance, one day he was stung by a gnat, which he killed.

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