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Editorial

Are you a teacher?

I was visiting lately the Egyptian temples of Karnak, doing my best to read some hieroglyphs, and in the evening several tourists asked me if I was a teacher. Well, I'm not, why...?? "Because I saw you were reading inscriptions"...

Let's get things straight: I do not critic teachers in any way. At the contrary, I do appreciate their curiosity and their culture which often goes far beyond what they would strictly need for their work.

But why should knowledge be the exclusive prerogative of this profession? Why, in the mind of many people, if you are approaching some points of History, MUST you be a teacher? A friend told me that she experienced the same thing while she was taking some notes during an archaeological visit in Greece.

It would be time that everyone admits that the field of History is NOT restricted to professionals.

You are not a teacher? Big deal! Thousands of books, of websites, of readings are there for you to approach history and art in a lively and unpretentious way.

And if someone wishes to deepen his knowledge later on, what's the problem?



René Kauffmann

News of the month

<http://sites-archeologiques.perso.sfr.fr>

A new section: Egypt



Here it is, finally on line: the "[Egypt](#)" section we announced in our previous "Memo"! I have to admit that it was a hard job trying to deal with such a great and rich civilization! We hope that each one will find in these pages, that we intended to be like a journey in time and space – somewhat different from what you may see elsewhere – some ideas to feed his dreams!

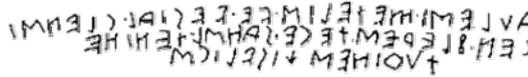
Pictures require co-operation !

You cannot have been everywhere in the world, have taken pictures of everything ... However, when you want to build up web pages, you are not allowed just to plunder the pictures that everybody finds everywhere: they are not "free of rights"! Three very rich websites authorized us to "pick" in their photographic stock: "Les Amis de l'Egypte Ancienne", "Une promenade en Egypte", and "Travel photos of Galen R. Frysinger": they are quoted in our pages, and of course in our "[Partners](#)" section.



New pages: language, writing, alphabet, figures and numeral system

The culture of a civilization cannot be dissociated from the way it was thinking - its language, the manner it practised writing and calculation. Letters or ideograms, figures and numbers, this is a field which has many surprises in store, since we are, in the western world, exclusively accustomed to alphabetical writing and decimal calculation!



We recently added to our site, some pages dealing with this subject, starting with the [Etruscans](#) and the [Phoenicians](#). Egypt, Greece and the Romans are to come soon!

In brief:

[Etruscan art](#): a new improved page...



...thanks to our partner www.mysteriousetruscans.com which authorized us to translate and use his fascinating texts.

Had you already seen this?

- The recent pages on ancient coinage (in all sections)



- New pictures and a directory of 500 Roman places to visit

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