

MONNERET DE VILLARD, UGO (1881-1954)

Italian archaeologist and Orientalist. He studied engineering first, but became interested in medieval architecture and later in Oriental studies. His first visit to [Egypt](#) was for the purpose of making a study of the pharos of Alexandria. He later conducted a long series of excavations in Upper Egypt between 1921 and 1934.

He was able to demonstrate that Coptic [art](#) was in the [Hellenistic](#) tradition and made a special study of the monasteries near Suhaj. Christian [art](#) in Nubia formed but one of a large number of subjects in which he was interested, covering areas as far apart as [Persia](#) and Sicily. He died in Rome.

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