

SERGE SAUNERON (d. 1976)

A [French](#) Egyptologist. He studied at the Ecole Normale Supérieure and received the *doctorat d'état* at the Sorbonne. He was member, librarian, associate director, and finally director of the Institut français d'Archéologie orientale in Cairo from 1969 until the accident that caused his death. [Sauneron](#) studied Coptic at the Institut Catholique, Paris, in 1949. From 1950, at long intervals down to 1970, he published pharaonic etymologies of Coptic terms.

After his [excavations](#) of the temple of Isna, he published (with the collaboration of Jean Jacquet) *Les Ermitages chrétiens du désert d'Esna* (1972). It was on his initiative and on behalf of the [French](#) Institute in Cairo that Jules [Leroy](#) undertook his work on several large Coptic monasteries, continued by [Paul](#) van Moorsel.

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