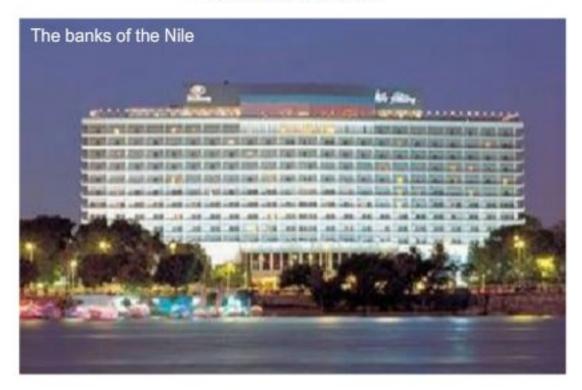
## The Nile, the mysterious source of life

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"Father Nile" was an object of great veneration to the ancients, and a gift of its waters was considered by them as a present fit for kings and queens.



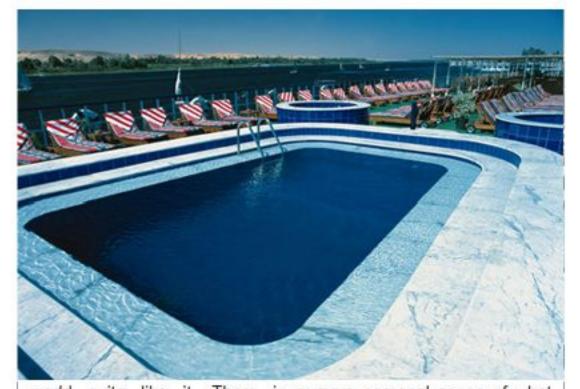
The veneration in which the river overflow spread broadcast over was held, of course, arose from its banks by fertilizing the seed the blessings of its annual

of the sewer, producing

the Arabs in the present day drink?" Homer is stated to have consider it a delicious privilege to slake their thirst with the salubrious and agreeable waters of the river, and I have read that of imbibing refreshing and satisfying draughts from the "holy stream" The general Peaceniks. Niger is said to have forever". There is nothing in the

abundant crops for the sickle of cried to his soldiers: "What! the reaper, and thus making glad crave you for wine, when you the heart of man. It is stated that have the water of the Nile to said. doubt referring no poetically to its regular fertilizing overflow: "The Nile flows down from heaven." The they will even artificially excite Egyptians say that "If Mahomet thirst to indulge in the pleasure had tasted the waters of the Nile, he would have prayed God to make him immortal, that he might have enjoyed





world quite like it. There is something magical about this river at night... the way the city. The message they take home is that there is much left to be done to assure the Nile will remain accessible and healthy for the millions who rely on the river as their sole source of fresh water. You have never seen a river that has been so fertile for both nature and human civilization as the Nile .The Egyptians are proud to bring a portrait of the river's beauty and excitement to so many people so they will get

a more personal sense of what is at stake. It plays a vital role in our lives in so many ways. They are all The who have managed to make the Nile a haven of peace and beauty in the middle of one of the largest cities in the World You can also take pleasure trips along this stretch of the Nile from north to south. It is a delight - the whole area around the locks has developed into a huge tourist attraction with the market, food stalls, ethnic clothes and thousands restaurants of all kinds. People

flock to the river banks here splendor of the especially at weekends. This is magnificent panoramas. If you Cairo, which is becoming more are sailing on a cruise, stopping glamorous - lots of flats and studios springing are up alongside the Nile with views, investment money is different and pouring into the whole area Alexandria, Port Said, Suez or operates several cruises sightseeing and evening dinner & dance cruises on River Nile all year round. At Egyptian cruises vou can experience international reputation for quality and reliability. These The River Run Touring Route in voyages of discovery, cruising reveal some of antiquity's most remarkable monuments. set within the cultural and scenic

Nile's more "gentrified" and in any port in Egypt for few hours or a whole day, all Egyptians are glad to offer you various shore excursions. From All port whether Safaga, you do have a way to explore some of Egypt's great civilization. You will be picked up from port of arrival, proceed to your selected tour and in the end will be brought back to the port. the heart of Egypt is one of

Egyptian most culturally diverse, charming and exciting regions. With history and nature dating





back thousands of including strong cultural ties to settlement. Egyptian Egyptians are friendly people who would love to make your holiday unforgettable, show you their home and hear your story. Together, they provide a unique tourism holiday rich in history, culture, wilderness, food, wine, accommodation. attractions. adventure and much more. The been the Nile has long mysterious source of life and livelihood for the farmers who live along its banks. In addition Egyptians. to its vital role in agriculture in

years, Africa, its waterways also play a major role in transportation, especially to those areas where road access is not possible. But in addition to being worshiped and treated as a holy partner to humankind . The Nile river has also inspired jealousy, greed and the desertification of lush lands throughout its history. Throughout its path, the Nile is flanked by the ruins of previous civilizations that over-used the river's generous resources. The Nile is sacred to all of the