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“Ancient KUSH (Ethiopia): The Light in Egypt’s Eyes”

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Credit Hours:	3 Credit hours
Prerequisites:	An interest in the ancient history of the land of KUSH (Cush in Genesis 2:13); its ancient cosmogony, geography, and hydro-systems (Nile River); its status as the geographical origin of Modern Man; and its Monarchy (Throne, Crown, Scepter, Kings, Queens), representing the oldest in the world.

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

It is said that Egypt was the “Light of the World,” but what has been hidden is that Ethiopia was the light in Egypt’s Eyes. This African-American Studies course provides a broad sweep between ancient African cosmogony, its geography and its hydro-systems (the Nile and Great Lakes Region, its tributaries and rivers), with a focus on the African origins of modern man, based on the latest mtDNA research (“The African Model”). Students will be introduced to the notable work of Greek historian Herodotus and of modern, contemporary archeologists and historians such as Carl Reisner, Bruce Williams, Timothy Kendall, E. A. Wallace Budge, and Drusilla Dunjee Houston. Special emphasis will be placed on the multidisciplinary work of Dr. Cheikh Anta Diop, who’s groundbreaking “Melanin Dosage Test,” presented to UNESCO in Cairo, Egypt in 1974¹, demonstrated irrefutable proof that ancient Kushite-Ethiopian-Egyptians were of black African origin (based on the amount of melanin in the skin of mummies). The course includes multi-media presentations and historical documentaries on DVD. Students are required to actively participate in class discussions, investigative research, and field trips to the Oriental Institute and the Field Museum of Natural History.

¹ “The UNESCO Symposium on the Peopling of Ancient Egypt and the Deciphering of Meroitic Script,” Cairo, Egypt, 1974.