

Severus, Bishop of Ashmunein, first Coptic Bishop to write in Arabic

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As an introduction, our study will start with a historical context of Egypt in the Abbasids and Fatimids periods. We will highlight the artistic and literary environment. We will expose the different religious factions, Muslims, Christians and Jews. We will overview the life of Severus, or at least what is known about him before his ordination as a Bishop of Ashmunein such as his nickname (*Kunya*), his education and his employment. We will discuss the different sources related to his life. Severus from the tenth century, was one of the first Christians who wrote in Arabic. He wrote several treatises, tackling different subjects, such as dogmatic theological subjects and apologetic texts against others, as well as a treatment of psychology. We will discuss the reasons of the choice to use Arabic. We will discuss his works and his vocabulary, and we will provide a list of his surviving works. We will provide a brief summary of each book. We will argue about some books ascribed to him such as the *History of the Patriarchs* and the *Order of Priesthood*. Our conclusion stresses that freedom and prosperity allow Severus to expose his ideas.