# The Druses Of The Lebanon



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The Druses of the Lebanon are an ancient religious and ethnic group with a unique history and culture. They have been living in the mountainous region of Lebanon for centuries, maintaining their traditions, customs, and beliefs.

#### **History**

The origin of the Druses can be traced back to the 11th century, when a man named Hamza ibn-'Ali proclaimed himself as the "incarnation of God" and founded the Druse religion. This religion combines elements of Islam, Christianity, and other ancient beliefs, forming a distinct and enigmatic faith.



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Over the centuries, the Druses faced challenging times. They were often confronted with persecution and discrimination due to their unique beliefs and secretive nature. However, they managed to preserve their identity and lifestyle through their close-knit community and determination.

#### **Culture and Traditions**

The Druses have a rich cultural heritage that reflects their history, beliefs, and geographic location. Their traditional clothing, music, and dances are all distinctively Druse. They place great importance on family bonds and community values, which are evident in their celebrations and gatherings.

Their religion plays a central role in their daily lives. The Druses believe in the transmigration of souls and practice the secrecy of their faith. The spiritual

leaders, known as sheikhs, guide the community and have a significant influence over their members.

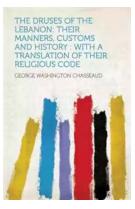


#### **Druse Today**

Today, the Druses continue to live in the mountainous areas of Lebanon, Syria, and Israel. They have managed to maintain a strong sense of identity and community despite the challenges they have faced throughout their history. While the world around them has changed rapidly, the Druses continue to rely on their traditions and customs to preserve their cultural heritage. They embrace modernity while remaining true to their roots, making them an intriguing and vibrant part of Lebanese society.

The Druses of the Lebanon are an extraordinary group that has managed to survive throughout history, preserving their unique religion, customs, and culture. Their ability to adapt and maintain their identity is a testament to their resilience and strong community ties.

For those interested in exploring diverse cultures and learning about ancient religions, a visit to the Druse community in Lebanon can be a fascinating and enriching experience. Their warm hospitality and intriguing way of life make them an excellent subject for cultural exploration and understanding.

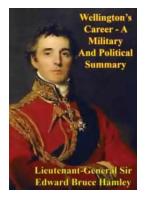


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