

Working with the Human Evolution Kit in Egypt



We recently received an email from Axel Ziemke, PhD, a Waldorf teacher from Germany. He had just finished teaching seminars on Goetheanism and Evolution to teachers and university staff at Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development in Cairo, Egypt. Heliopolis was founded in the last ten years as part of the SEKEM organization. SEKEM is a dynamic and prosperous initiative for holistic and sustainable development, which includes many farms, businesses, schools, and a medical clinic. Axel had used Craig's human evolution kit to work with the teachers, and in his email he reported back to us with some pictures and a short description of his experience. Here is what he wrote:

The focus of the seminar courses is both the teaching methods and the topic itself. In both respects the human evolution kit was really great. In Egypt, teaching is traditionally a monologue by the teacher; with the kit it was possible to show how students can be activated and discover things for themselves. Concerning the topic — Egypt is an Islamic country and human evolution is not really an accepted topic. Of course there were very open-minded people, but many of them were not really ready to accept the fact that humans and monkeys could have common predecessors. Of course, I try to build bridges between the Koran and science (and, in fact, Goethe with his affinities to Islam is therefore a beautiful point of reference), but your kit was also very helpful there and has perhaps initiated a rethinking of these questions. In fact, all of the students were very interested.

*Cheers from Egypt,
Axel*

