

A Picture of Gozo: Studies on Ethnographic, Educational and Health Aspects of Life in Gozo

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The title of this book suggests another offering for the tourist, a glossy collection of pictures, with minimal information, meant to achieve immediate attention, and aimed at the pocket rather than the mind. Nothing could be more different from the truth. The picture of Gozo presented here is a rather eclectic selection of topics which range from migration and its effects on Gozo, to illiteracy and its effect on the economy and social life of the family, to tertiary education among Gozitan youth. There is also an extensive study on surnames and their distribution among the various localities in Gozo. We find also in this book a number of studies relating to health, including historical reviews of topics such as obstetric practice a couple of generations ago, to current distribution of cancer, diabetes and other related health conditions in Gozo. Even in Gozo we are not immune to the destructive effect of the motor car, and in one study here we find a description of motor vehicle accidents, highlighting the black spots on our roads.

This is an unusual book, full of information which should be of interest to all Gozitans, and all those interested in Gozitan affairs.



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The Examined Life Themes in Systems of Knowledge

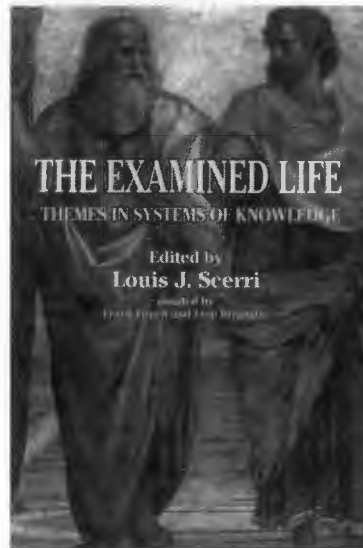
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"The unexamined Life is not worth living"
(Plato, *The Apology*)

Socrates' statement makes it quite clear that it is Man's ability to question his life that distinguishes him from all other forms of life. The examination of cultural values is what *Systems of Knowledge* is intended to promote among students on the threshold of starting their university education.

The Examined Life consisting in a collection of twenty readings approaches the themes that have been identified in the *Systems of Knowledge* syllabus. Written by lecturers with years of experience in the subject, *The Examined Life* is meant to help the student reflect on the nature of his existence and to understand the cultural values that give meaning to his life.

Some of the papers analyse aspects of the set tests in the syllabus and provide simulating readings that are bound to enrich their understanding.



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