

(Lesson-2)

“HAYATI” By Ahmad Amin
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Ahmad Amin was a famous modern Arabic prose writer. He was born at Cairo in Egypt. He studied at Jam-E-Azhar and was an Islamic scholar.

He was a teacher at Cairo University. He wrote many books. “Hayati” is his autobiography.

HAYATI (1)

Once my university teacher of geography deeply observed my head. He asked me are you an original Egyptian? I replied that of course I believe it and I have trust in it. Why you are asking me this question? He told me that your head was like Kurdish people as I have knowledge of Anthropology.

I do not know when Kurdish is entered in my family. My father's family lived in Samkharat town. They were Egyptian farmers who worked at "Buhaira". This Buhaira district was shelter point for migrants of different countries. My ancestors as told by my teacher may



be Kurdish, Syrian or Hejazi or any other. My ancestors were immigrants they were common people. They did not have the family tree or their family history but my teacher

support. That my behaviour is strange. My family live on cultivation as other farmers live. My father told me that they have twelve fadan (acres) agricultural land. They were forced to do bonded labour and forced the excess taxes. So they migrated from that place.

The bounded labourery has many types and colours. Some bounded labour was for welfare of people. Such as to protect dams of

