

Symmetry in the Life of the Aurès Chaouia Tribes (Algeria)

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Chaouias, free, proud and rebellious tribes of *Aurès*, live in the south-east of Algeria. The influence that they exert in the fields of the history, art, poetry, the culture in general... is not any more to show: pottery, carpets, sculpture, architecture, painting, songs, dances, tattooings and Silver jewels. Symmetry is omnipresent in the life of *Chaouias*, on the splendid carpets of *Nememchas*, *Tchouchanats* of tattooed *Azriyat* of the *Oued Abdi* with richly coloured *M'lahfat*. The symmetrical forms and the periodic drawings of *Chaouias* crossed the centuries, transmitted without the least wrinkle from generation to generation, in spite of the passage of the Romans, Arabic, Turkish and French.



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