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'UNDERVISNING I EN MOSKE'. POSTCARD WITH STUDENTS AT THE AL-AZHAR MOSQUE IN CAIRO

H: 8.7; W: 13.9 CM

In addition to being houses of prayer, large mosques have often had their own academic institutions.

Al-Azhar in Cairo is a good example of the mosque's function as a center of education.

From as early as 975 to this day, Al-Azhar mosque, with its many buildings, has been considered one of the most prestigious seats of learning in the Islamic world.

Al-Azhar means "the shining."