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cultural commentary from the desk of Don Shewey

## Culture Vulture/Photo diary: Institut de Monde Arabe

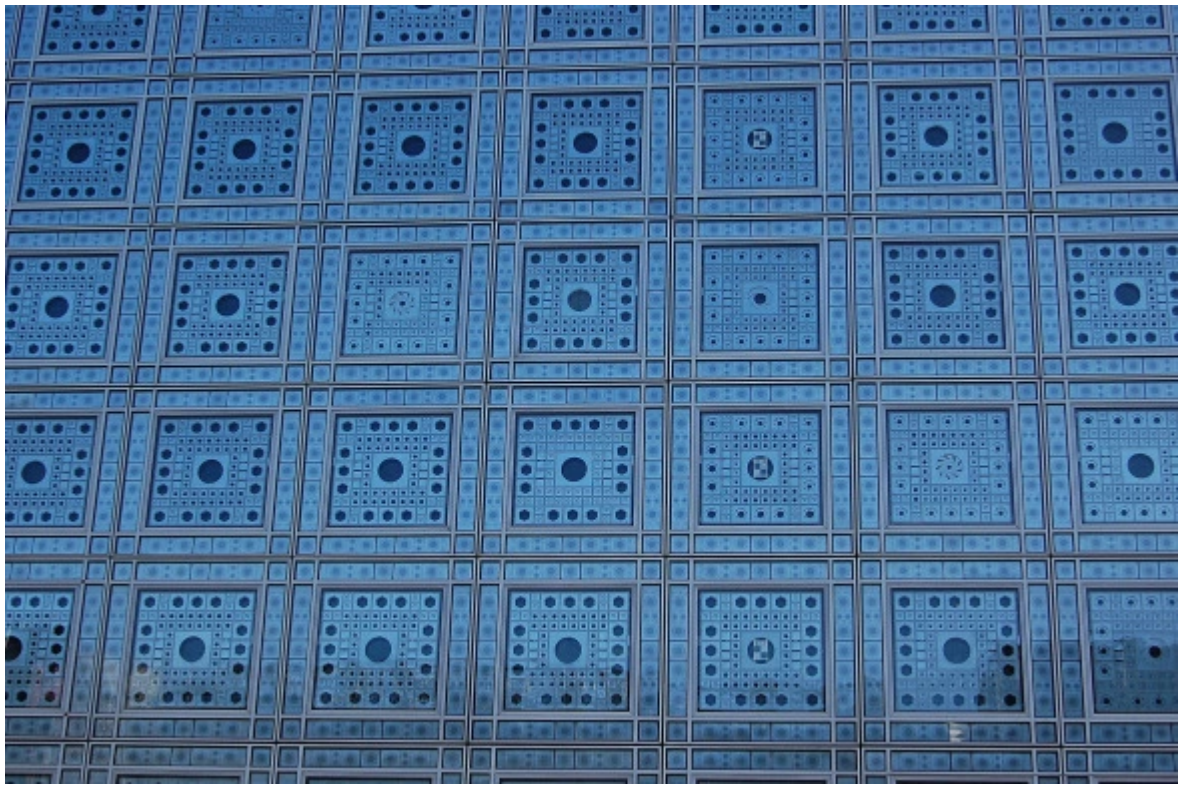
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Le Institut du Monde Arabe (<http://www.imarabe.org/>) is another extraordinary museum in Paris, starting with the gorgeous building by super-hot architect Jean Nouvel.



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The collection is small-ish but beautifully and eccentrically displayed.



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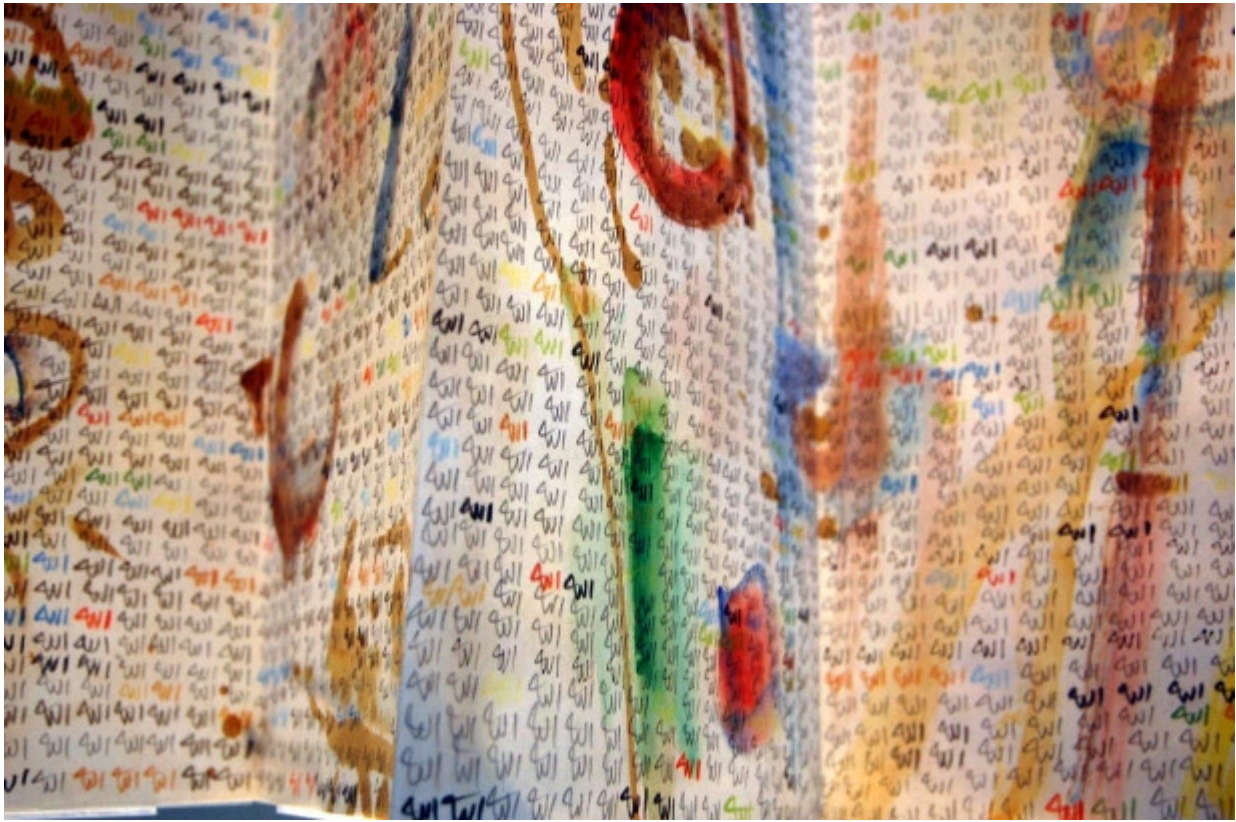


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Contemporary stuff ("Zikr" by Etel Adnan, below) mixed in with antiquity.



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 Commissioned work by Rodolphe Hammadi, including "Capitaine Achab":



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And the building is curious and quirky and geometric.



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The elevators have Egyptian figures stencilled on them.





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