

Timeless world of Ethiopia's Omo valley tribes



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March 4, 2020- Omo River's valley, southwestern Ethiopia: A young man of the Dessenech tribe, in his village, wears a digital watch and a feather on his head, combining his traditional heritage with modern influences. In his hand, he holds a 'kure', a handmade wooden object which he uses as a pillow when resting on the ground. This simple yet essential tool reflects the tribe's connection to the earth and their practical way of life. Dessenech tribe is a Nilotic ethnic group living near the border between Ethiopia and Kenya. They are known for their unique way of life, which is deeply connected to the river and their environment. Like many Nilotic groups, they have a strong animistic belief system. They believe in a connection between the natural world and the spiritual realm, often seeing their cattle, land, and environment as sacred. They believe in living without calculations, free from counting ages, numbers, animals, deaths, or even the seasons of rain and drought. They embrace a life that is focused on the present moment, feeling unburdened and alive. They traditionally practice pastoralism, herding cattle, goats, and sheep. They also engage in some agriculture, growing crops like millet and sorghum, though their environment can be challenging for farming. Fishing is also a significant activity, particularly because of their proximity to the Omo River and Lake Turkana. (Maro Kouri/Polaris) (FOTO:DUKAS/POLARIS)
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