


MONASTIC ORDER IN
SHENOUTE'S
WHITE MONASTERY FEDERATION



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Investigating the nine books of Canons of Apa Shenoute, this paper will analyze the organizational structure of the White Monastery federation during the reign of Apa Shenoute, the nature and sources of its monastic rules, and the statements that Shenoute utters to produce or legitimate monastic moral order.

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