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OXFORD



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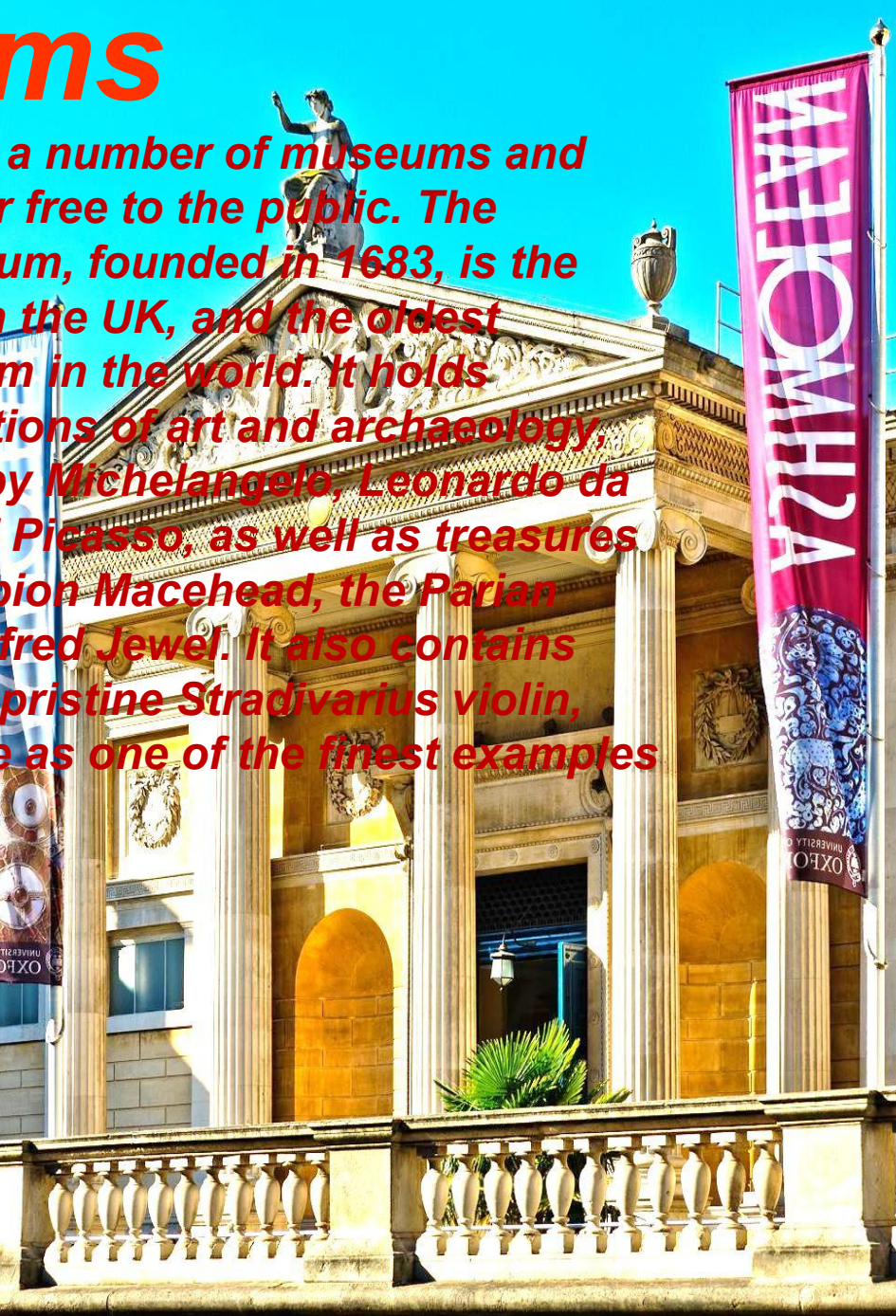
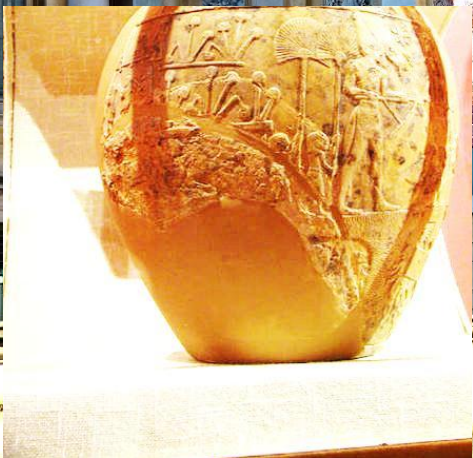
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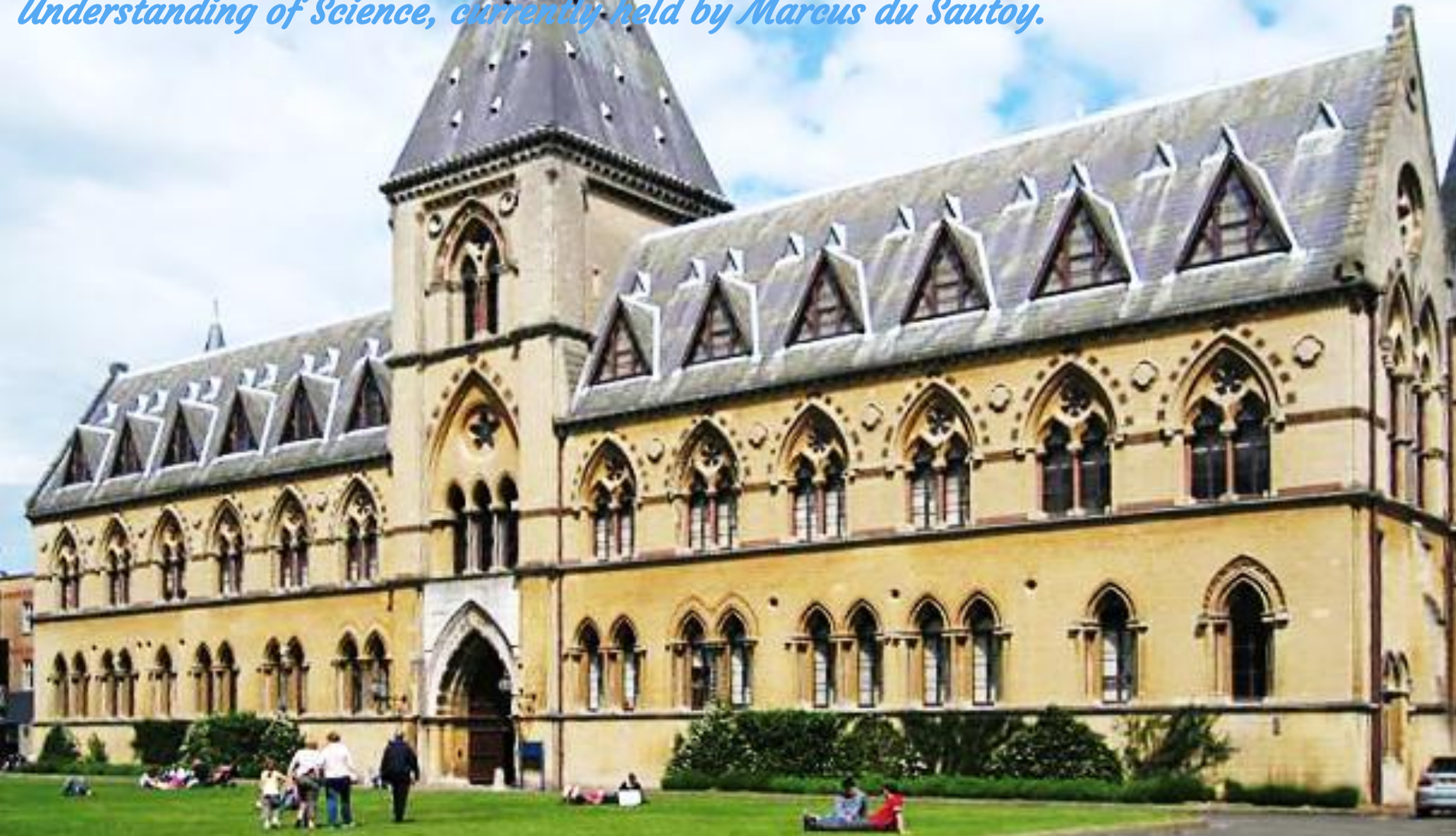
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Colleges

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◆ The colleges are:

◆ All-Souls

◆ Balliol College

◆ Brasenose

◆ Christ Church

◆ Corpus-Christi

◆ Exeter

◆ Green-Templeton

◆ Harris-Manchester

◆ Keble

◆ Kellogg

◆ Lady-Margaret-Hall

◆ Linacre

◆ Lincoln

◆ Magdalen

◆ Mansfield

◆ Merton

◆ New

◆ Nuffield

◆ Oriel

◆ Pembroke

◆ Queen's

◆ Somerville

◆ St Anne's

◆ St Antony's

◆ St Catherine's

◆ St Cross

◆ St Edmund Hall

◆ St Hilda's

◆ St Hugh's

◆ St John's

◆ St Peter's

◆ Trinity

◆ University

◆ Wadham

◆ Wolfson

◆ Worcester

The Permanent Private Halls were founded by different Christian denominations. One difference between a college and a PPH is that whereas the former are governed by the fellows of the college, the governance of a PPH resides, at least in part, with the corresponding Christian denomination. The six current PPHs are:

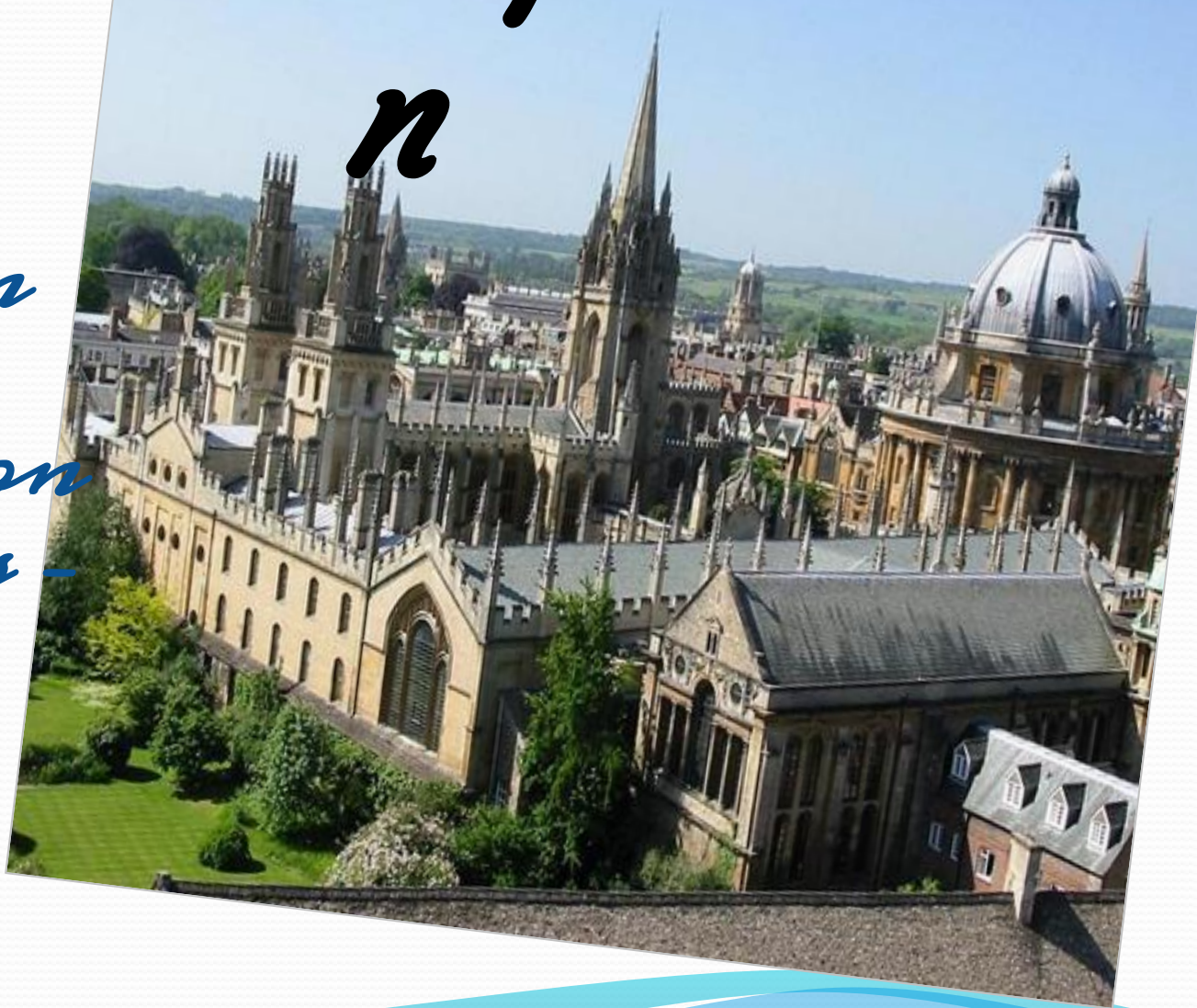
*Blackfriars Hall
Campion Hall
Regent's Park*

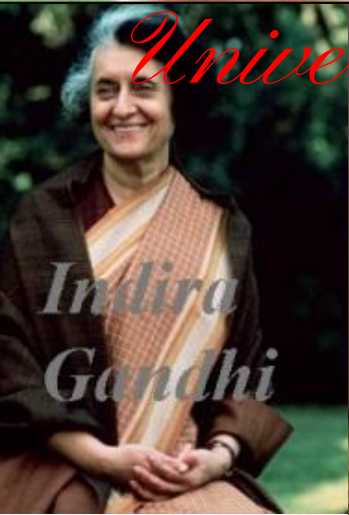
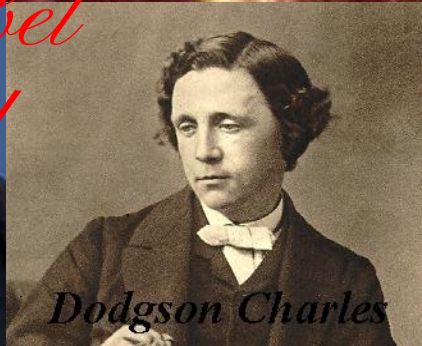
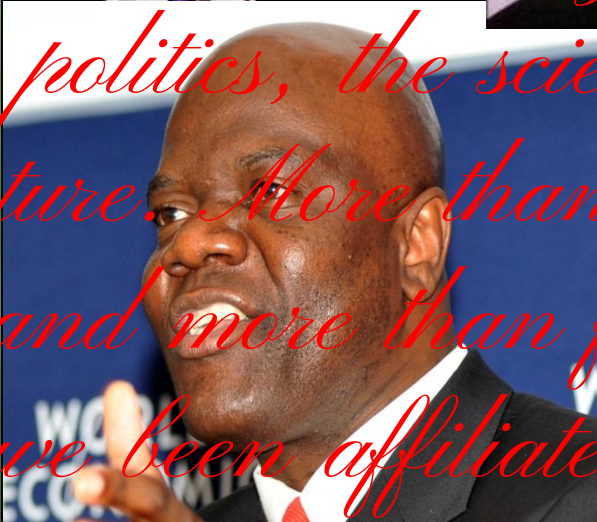
*St Benet's Hall
St Stephen's House
Wycliffe Hall*

The PPHs and colleges join together as the Conference of Colleges, which represents the common concerns of the several colleges of the University, and to discuss policy and to deal with the central University administration. The Conference of Colleges was established as a recommendation of the Franks Commission in 1965.

According to the 2012 Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings - based on a survey of 17,554 academics over 149

Reputation





The list of distinguished scholars at the University of Oxford is long and includes many who have made major contributions to British politics, the sciences, medicine, and literature. More than forty Nobel laureates and more than fifty world leaders have been affiliated with the University of Oxford.

*4 British and 8 foreign kings
47 Nobel-prize winners
Margaret Hilda Thatcher
British Prime Ministers*

Indira Gandhi

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Thomas Merton

An aerial photograph of Oxford University buildings, featuring the large dome of Christ Church on the left and other historic structures to the right, under a blue sky with clouds.

***Thank you
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