

Verbeck of Japan: Citizen of No Country, Life Story of a Foundation Worker



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A Life Story Foundation is hosting New York City-based photographer **Peter Hurley**. The celebrated **portrait photographer** will be sharing his techniques in a seminar on February 18th from 6:00-8:30 PM at Grace Community Church in Bradenton. Want to help welcome Mr. Hurley to the Bradenton-Sarasota area? Register for our VIP Reception!

Put your newly learned **skills** to the test with Mr. Hurley himself in an **intimate workshop** on February 19th from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM at Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota. Watch and help him create magic behind the lens, and **take home a headshot from Mr. Hurley himself!** Spaces are limited for this exclusive workshop, reserve your spot now!

Guido Fridolin Verbeck (1830-1898) was a missionary, educator, and advisor to the Japanese government during the Meiji Restoration. He was born in the Netherlands and studied theology in Germany before being sent

to Japan in 1859 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.



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In 1873, Verbeck was appointed to the position of foreign advisor to the Japanese government. In this role, he helped to negotiate treaties with foreign powers and to modernize the country's legal and economic systems. He also continued to work in education, establishing the Doshisha University, which is one of Japan's leading universities today.

Verbeck retired from his position as foreign advisor in 1889, but he continued to live in Japan until his death in 1898. He is buried in Tokyo, and

his grave is a popular tourist destination.

Verbeck's Life and Work

Guido Fridolin Verbeck was born on April 23, 1830, in Zeist, Netherlands. His parents were devout Christians, and they raised him in a religious atmosphere. Verbeck studied theology at the University of Utrecht and was ordained as a minister in 1857.

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Verbeck's work in Japan was not limited to religious matters. He also played a key role in the country's modernization. He helped to establish schools and hospitals, and he played a key role in the drafting of the Meiji Constitution. In 1873, Verbeck was appointed to the position of foreign advisor to the Japanese government. In this role, he helped to negotiate treaties with foreign powers and to modernize the country's legal and economic systems.

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Verbeck's Legacy

Guido Fridolin Verbeck was a remarkable man who made a significant contribution to the development of modern Japan. He was a missionary, educator, and advisor to the Japanese government. He played a key role in the country's modernization, and he helped to shape its future.

Verbeck's legacy lives on in the many institutions that he helped to establish. The Doshisha University, which he founded in 1875, is one of Japan's leading universities today. The Tokyo Woman's Christian University, which he helped to found in 1887, is one of the country's leading women's universities. And the Kobe College, which he helped to found in 1879, is one of the country's leading private universities.

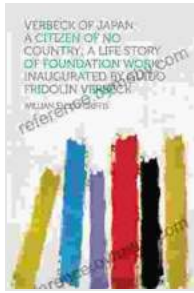
Verbeck's work in Japan was not without its critics. Some people accused him of being too closely aligned with the Japanese government. Others accused him of being too critical of Japanese culture. But there is no doubt that Verbeck was a man of great faith and compassion. He dedicated his life to helping the people of Japan, and his work has had a lasting impact on the country.

Guido Fridolin Verbeck was a pioneer who dedicated his life to serving the people of Japan. He was a missionary, educator, and advisor to the Japanese government. He played a key role in the country's modernization, and he helped to shape its future. Verbeck's legacy lives on in the many institutions that he helped to establish, and his work continues to inspire people around the world.

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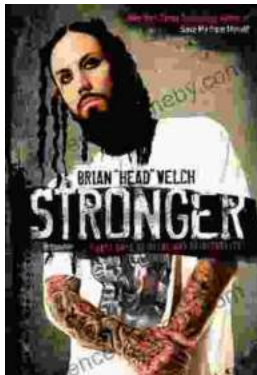
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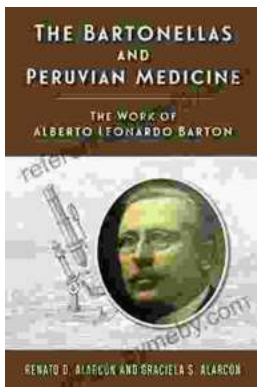
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