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While graves may come in many shapes and sizes today, one grave tops them all. The Great Pyramid of Giza, like any other pyramid, is a grave for a Pharaoh and his Queen (or in some cases King). There are many mysteries surrounding the great pyramid but the things we do know are absolutely riveting.



The Great Pyramid of Giza

Over 4,000 years ago the pyramids would have been smooth and reflective enough to cast a blinding glow.

A man named Hemiunu was a relative of the pharaoh and one of the most important people of his time, being the advisor of the Pharaoh and all. He is supposedly the architect behind the construction of the great pyramid but nobody knows for sure, in fact, nobody even knows how it was built. Some people believe it was ALIENS!!

While that may be an interesting theory the most widely believed one is that slaves and workers would stack empty molds in the shape of the pyramid and then fill them with concrete to dry. What we do know is that it took about 20 years to build the whole thing, ending around 2560 B.C.E.

While it may seem like it is just a large display to ogle at, the Great Pyramid is actually Khufu's (the Pharaoh of that time) grave. Ancient Egyptian beliefs included that death is only a short pause until you transfer to the afterlife.

For a comfortable afterlife, they would preserve the dead bodies and put protective talismans on them so that the body could be used in the afterlife. Not only that, they would also put all of that person's belongings and food so they could take it with them to the afterlife. So it was only necessary for a pharaoh to have such a large grave. Where else would they put all their belongings?

Today the Great Pyramid is the most intact and oldest of all the Seven Wonders and is still standing just outside modern Cairo today. Not only is it still standing today but it is also the most accurately positioned structure in existence. But this isn't the only wonder out there, there are many more for you to explore in our amazing world.

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