

THE GREAT PYRAMID OF CHEOPS

A powerful monument in tribute to Pharaoh, in an ageless geometric design

TARGET: TO DESIGN A MONUMENT HONORING THE GREATNESS OF EGYPT AND ENSURING THE ETERNAL LIFE OF THE PHARAOH

- To demonstrate Egypt's cutting-edge technologies.
- To provide an eternal resting place for the queen.

The great Pharaoh Cheops has decreed his intention to build a monument during his lifetime that reflects his greatness and that of Egypt. Ever since the Great Unifier, King Narmer, was buried at Abydos in a pit tomb topped by a moundlike superstructure, the pharaoh of Egypt has been assigned a unique status in the eyes of men and the gods. Yet none of the previous tombs has reflected the ultimate relationship between the sun god Ra and the pharaoh himself. Nor has the architecture of these structures been advanced enough to protect the pharaoh's body and his treasures as they travel through to the next life. Already evidence of grave-robbing can be seen at the monument for Pharaoh's father, King Snefru.

Hemon, a most innovative architect of Pharaoh's royal palace, has developed a novel and superlative design for a monument in the shape of a great pyramid. The proposed design is unique in the history of Egypt but promises great continuity with the design of existing structures and the traditions of our land. Hemon has an outstanding record of handling large projects in Pharaoh's palace. A trusted member of Pharaoh's family, he is a manager whose competence is unchallenged.

Expected benefits of the proposed work include: (1) a magnificent site for the pyramid on the strongest bedrock of the Giza Plain; (2) the monument's projected status as the largest structure in the world; (3) a design that aligns the pyramid with the stars on a north-south axis, perfectly orienting Pharaoh to the setting and rising sun; (4) advanced methods of protection against grave-robbing, guaranteeing Pharaoh and his queen safe passage into the next world; (5) engineering within a maximum deviation tolerance of less than eight inches for the entire structure; and (6) a facing of Tura limestone, which has the highest reflective qualities of any stone in the world.

FINANCIAL: As the largest monument of its type in the known world, the Great Pyramid will require one-fourth of the treasury of Egypt to complete—an increase of only 5 percent over that spent by Pharaoh's father, after taking into account the growing tax base on the grain harvest from Semna West to the Delta. From preliminary drawings, Pharaoh's royal palace engineers estimate that the 482-foot pyramid design will require approximately 2.3 million blocks of stone, each stone weighing 2.6 tons. The cost of construction can be paid out gradually over 23 years—the time it will take to complete.

STATUS: Preliminary drawings are complete. Quarries near Giza have pledged to meet the demand for both limestone and granite. New sources of gold and cedar wood for ramps have been located in Egypt's new territories in Byblos and Lower Nubia. The Department of Civil Service can provide a workforce of 100,000 craftsmen and workers to work during the flood seasons, which will ensure completion by 2528.

ACTION: For the great Pharaoh Cheops to appoint Hemon as his Chief of Works, specifically authorizing him to carry out the building of the Great Pyramid.

Hemon

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