

Cheon Won Gung And The Unveiling Of The Obelisk

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The Obelisk

Having passed by Cheonwon Gung on many weekdays over a road that is above the building itself, it is clear that progress has been made, but it is such a massive project. On April 27, 2021, True Mother, other True Family members and political and religious dignitaries gathered at the Cheonwon Gung construction site for the Ridge Beam Ceremony. This marked the stage at which the framework was complete.



It seems reasonable to conclude that the construction crew has built the four stories below ground and three stories above ground, since they have added the roof and the five domes atop the roof. Things may be basically in place but much finishing work lies ahead. The interior walls are to be marble, and the external walls are to be decorated with Omani marble and granite. A lot of work remains.

On April 17, True Mother conducted a Ceremony to Offer Our Resolve to Successfully Dedicate Cheonwon Gung. It is likely a costly building project. Yet it is so important. On that day, the construction of Cheonwon Gung had reached the

stage where an obelisk would be unveiled. An obelisk is four-sided pillar usually created from a single block of stone that from the base to the top gradually narrows. At the very top, it takes on a pyramid shape, known as a pyramidion.

The ancient Egyptians created the form at some point in the Early Dynastic Period (c. 3150–c. 2613 BCE) following their work in mud brick mastaba tombs made of mud bricks and prior to the construction of the Step Pyramid of Djoser (c. 2670 BCE). It is thought that the earliest obelisks served as a kind of workers' training by carving stone on smaller projects as a necessary step toward pyramid building. The ancient Egyptians created obelisks as monuments to honor their gods, recognize the deeds of others or to memorialize events. Their formula for creating an obelisk was the same as for building pyramids, that is, they tried to get the maximum height based on the size of the base.

In modern times, builders have discovered techniques for making an obelisk from more than one stone without compromising the strength of the structure. The Washington Monument, a famous obelisk was built to honor George Washington, the first president of the United States (1789–1797) and the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army (1775–1784), which fought against the British for America's freedom. However, since it was not made from a single stone, some refuse to accept that it is an obelisk.



Leaders received models of the obelisk from True Mother

Before the ceremonial unveiling of the obelisk took place, Dr. Young-ho Yoon, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, spoke briefly. He explained that on May 5 next year, when True Mother becomes eighty years old, they will hold the dedication ceremony of Cheonwon Gung.

Significantly, within Cheonwon Gung is the sanctum where Heavenly Parent will dwell. Dr. Yoon added, "I hope we can all unite and make that dedication. Let us inherit True Mother's jeongseong. Let us do our very best to successfully, victoriously, offer Cheonwon Gung to True Parents.... "Mother has already arrived, she is in the basement and she is touring the Cheon Il Sanctum right now and she's praying in the Cheon Il Sanctum."

After the unveiling, everyone then sang the Cheon Il Guk Anthem and recited the Family Pledge. Then the Cheoneuiwons of Korea, Japan and the United States each offered an invocation prayer. True Mother refers to the Cheonwon Gung as a holy place where God will dwell. Thus, it is the most significant construction project within the Unification Movement and one day, all humanity will look upon it as the most holy place on earth.