Architecture 150 - Appreciation of Architecture I

4. Early Monumental Architecture and its Siting: Egypt, Mesopotamia, Peru

Reading: Buildings across Time 14-18, 28-33, 270-71 (269 4th ed.)

This lecture continues an examination of materials and explores the broader context within individual monuments were sited, looking at the settlements that preceded the emergence of cities, which will be the topic of Lecture 5. With these settlements we address several among the sites of the world's earliest civilizations, in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China and Mesoamerica.

Terms:

buttress
cone mosaic
bitumen
mud brick
ziggurat
battered wall
causeway
pier
axis
colonnade
obelisk
hypostyle hall
pylon

Buildings and Sites:

White Temple, Uruk, Iraq, ca.3500-3000 BCE
Ziggurat, Ur, Iraq, ca.2100 BCE
Pyramids, Giza, Egypt, ca.2550-2450 BCE
Temple of Amun, Karnak, Egypt, begun ca. 1550 BCE
Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Deir-el-Bahari, Egypt, ca.1470 BCE
Sacred City, Caral, Peru, ca.2600 BCE