

Lecture Information:

Obelisks, which were placed at the entrances to temples, were prominent features of Egyptian architecture. They played a vital role in Egyptian mythology and religion. Each obelisk was created from a single huge block of quarried granite weighing many tons. Obelisks display the technical ability of Egyptians for working, moving, and erecting massive objects. Later cultures prized Egyptian obelisks as trophies of conquest and transported many of them out of Egypt for prominent national display. In the nineteenth century, France obtained the rights to one of the largest obelisks and went through amazing efforts to erect it in Paris. The story of moving this obelisk underscores the achievement of the ancient Egyptians in creating these objects.

Speaker Bio:

Dr. Bob Brier received his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After receiving his PhD, he began teaching at Long Island University where he teaches today. At LIU, Brier served as chairman of the philosophy department and served as the director of the National Endowment for the Humanities' "Egyptology Today" program. In 2004, Brier was appointed Senior Research Fellow at LIU. He has worked in pyramids and tombs in 15 countries and conducted research on mummification practices worldwide. His numerous books and articles have appeared widely. Brier has appeared in National Geographic television specials as an expert commentator. He has also been the host of several television programs for the TLC Network including *The Great Egyptians*, *Pyramids*, *Mummies and Tombs*, and *Mummy Detective*. His research has been featured in *Archaeology Magazine*, *The New York Times*, CNN, 60 Minutes and 20/20. Dr. Brier is known to a broad audience for his ancient Egyptian courses offered virtually through The Great Courses/Wondrium.

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