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Modern Wonders

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Summary:

Modern times call for modern upgrades, and a Swiss entrepreneur has decided it's now time for a

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Article Body:

Apparently, it's time to turn the page on the original Seven Wonders of the World ...

Since only one of them is left standing, and since most people can't remember what the rest of

In this instance, that would narrow the candidates down to one Bernard Weber. He's a Swiss ide

Weber's motivation is simply to call attention to the marvels made possible when mankind appli

The original Seven Wonders were so anointed by an ancient geek, Philon of Byzantium, and an an

The concept of such a list was first mentioned by Herodotus in his seminal 'The History' in th

Here are Philon's seven wonders:

1. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, although some historians believe they were an ancient urban
2. The Statue of Zeus, which honored the first Olympic games, was later moved to Constantinopl
3. The Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the largest known building in ancient times which took a ce
4. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, which stood for 1500 years until the Maltese Knights of St
5. The Colossus of Rhodes, which towered 120 feet high at the city's harbor entrance until it
6. The Lighthouse of Alexandria in Egypt, whose beacon had a range of 100 miles and which stoo
7. The Pyramids of Egypt, the lone wonder still standing.

Once Weber confirmed there was no official Seven Wonders of the World being sanctioned by any

Recently, these were winnowed to 21 --- another multiple of seven, if you hadn't noticed --- w

I've gone to Weber's site, perused the finalists and did my cyber-duty by voting. All are trul

- The Great Wall of China, where the term 'breathtaking' is an understatement;

- The Easter Island Statues, also known as Stone Clones Gone Wild;

- Petra in Jordan, for its mixture of intricacy and magnitude in its status as the world's mos

- Stonehenge, a Druidic version of the ultimate perpetual calendar with a timeless design;

- Neuschwanstein Castle in Füssen, Germany, because that's the way castles are supposed to loo

- The Taj Mahal at Agra, India, because Richard Halliburton said so in one of my favorite chil

- The Hagia Sophia cathedral at Istanbul, because I think at least one Wonder should contain V  
One interesting twist to Weber's foundation is that its home is cited as the Heidi Weber Museum  
The Heidi Weber Museum is rarely open these days. The irony of its creative legacy and legal h

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