

# Teotihuacan

“the place where the gods were created”



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# What is Teotihuacan?



- Aztec named “place where the gods were created”
- About 30 miles northeast of modern day Mexico City
- Organized using a grid plan

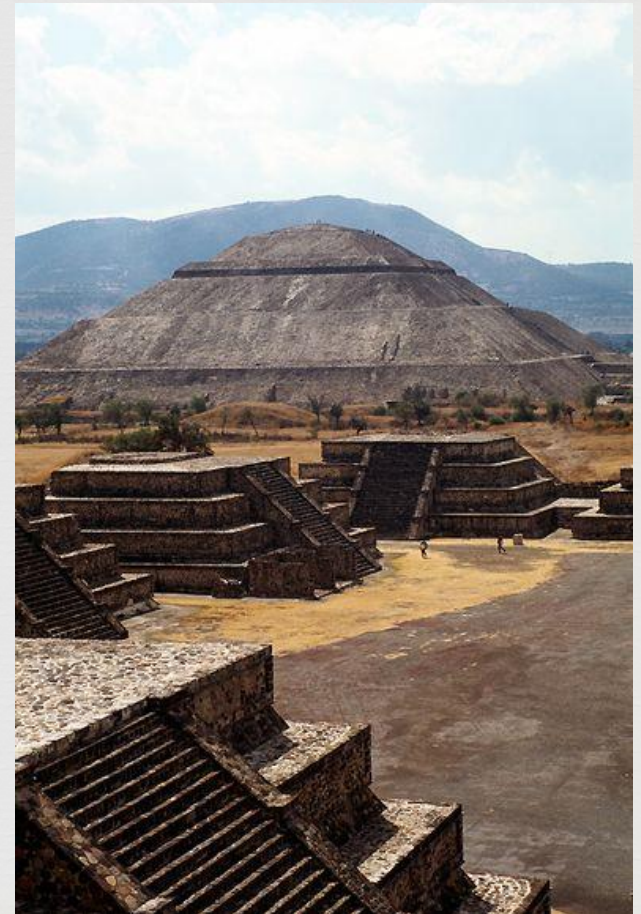




# The Mythical Origin



- Only 5% has been scientifically excavated
- Some say Toltec culture built it
- Modern scholars believe the Totonac were more likely to have been responsible



# The Sun and Moon Pyramids



- Construction of temple suggests Teotihuacan was a metropolis
- Temple of the sun is the highest pyramid in Mesoamerica
- Temple of the moon is known for its beauty



Sun temple



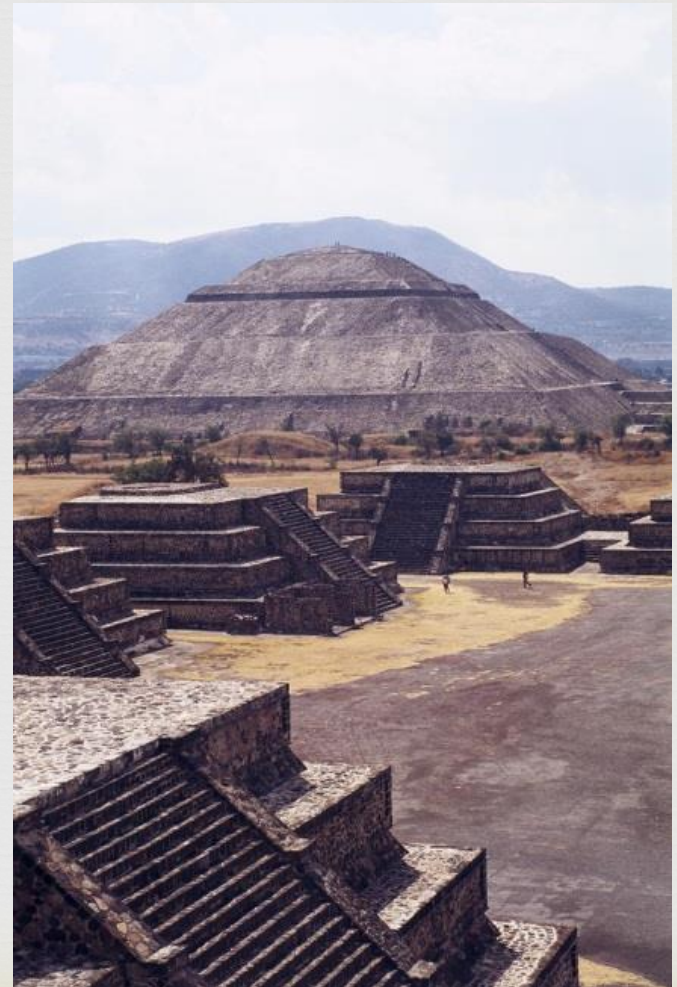
Moon Temple



# UNESCO World Heritage



- Date of Inscription: 1987
- Protected by Mexican Federal Law on Monuments and Archaeological, Artistic and Historical Zones of 1972
- Authenticity preserved despite reconstruction work



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