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1. Youguo Temple, Kaifeng (CHN). 1049 56.4 ▲
2. Saint Basil's Cath., Moscow (RUS). 1561 47.5 ▲
3. Leaning Tower, Pisa (ITA). 1372 55.8 ▲
4. Sakayamuni Pagoda, Yingxian (CHN). 1056..... 67.3 ▲
5. Giralda, Seville (SPN). 1568 104.1 ▲
6. Yellow Crane T., Wuhan (CHN). 1985 (renv.)... 51.0 ▲
7. Temple of Kukulkan, Tinum (MEX).ca800 30.0 ▲
8. Himeji Castle, Himeji (JPN). 1346..... 46.0 ▲
9. Giant Wild Goose Pag., Xian (CHN). 652 64.5 ▲
10. St. Paul's Cathedral, Macau (CHN). 1640..... 25.8 ▲
11. Angkor Wat, Angkor (KHM). ca1150 57.9 ▲
12. Colosseum, Rome (ITA). A.D.82 47.8 ▲
13. Parthenon, Athens (GRC). 438 B.C. 13.7 ▲
14. Leifeng Pagoda, Hangzhou (CHN). 975 71.0 ▲
15. Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao (SPN). 1997..... 53.0 ▲
16. Porcelain Tower, Nanjing (CHN). ca1420..... 79.0 ▲
17. World Building, NY (USA). 1890 106.4 ▲
18. U.S.Capitol, Washington D.C.(USA). 1863 87.8 ▲
19. Park Row Building, NY (USA). 1899 119.2 ▲
20. Flatiron Building, NY (USA). 1902..... 86.9 ▲
21. Taj Mahal, Agra (IND). 1648 73.0 ▲
22. Wat Arun, Bangkok (THA). ca1820 (renv.)... 79.0 ▲
23. Palace of Westminster, Lond.(GBR). 1859... 120.7 ▲
24. Neuschwanstein Castle, (DEU). 1892 90.0 ▲
25. St. Paul's Cathedral, London (GBR). 1710 ... 111.3 ▲
26. Sta. Maria del Fiore, Florence (ITA). 1471 ... 114.5 ▲
27. St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. 1626 138.0 ▲
28. Washington Monument, (USA). 1884 169.2 ▲
29. Pittsfield, Chicago (USA). 1927 168.0 ▲
30. Potala Palace, Lhasa (CHN).1645 (renv.)... 117.0 ▲
31. Sydney Opera House, Sydney (AUS). 1973... 65.0 ▲
32. Pyramid of the Sun, Teotih.(MEX). ca200 71.2 ▲
33. Great Pyramid, Giza (EGY).ca2550 B.C. 146.5 ▲
34. Cologne Cathedral, Cologne (DEU). 1880 ... 157.4 ▲

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35. Tianning Temp., Changzhou (CHN). 2007... 153.8 ▲
36. Notre-Dame Cath., Paris (FRA). 1345 96.0 ▲
37. Statue of Liberty, NY (USA). 1886..... 93.0 ▲
38. Berlin Cathedral, Berlin (DEU). 1905 116.5 ▲
39. Mangia Tower, Siena (ITA). 1348..... 102.0 ▲
40. Agbar Tower, Barcelona (SPN). 2004 144.4 ▲
41. Hopewell Centre, Hong Kong (CHN). 1981... 222.0 ▲
42. Dai Heiwa Kinen To, Osaka (JPN). 1970..... 180.0 ▲
43. Singer Building, NY (USA). 1908 186.6 ▲
44. Bank of America, Houston (USA). 1983..... 237.8 ▲
45. Palace Cul.& Sci., Warsaw (POL). 1955 237.0 ▲
46. Capital Gate T., Abu Dhabi (UAE). 2011 164.7 ▲
47. 500 Fifth Av., NY (USA). 1931 212.5 ▲
48. Woolworth Building, NY (USA). 1913 241.4 ▲
49. Philadelphia City Hall, Phi. (USA). 1901 167.0 ▲
50. 30 St Mary Axe, London (GBR). 2004 179.8 ▲
51. Carnegie Hall T., NY (USA). 1991 230.7 ▲
52. Metropolitan Life, NY (USA). 1909 213.4 ▲
53. Pan Am Building, NY (USA). 1963 246.3 ▲
54. Lake Point T., Chicago (USA). 1968..... 196.5 ▲
55. GE Building-Rockefeller, NY (USA). 1933... 259.1 ▲
56. CCTV Headquarters, Beijing (CHN). 2012... 237.5 ▲
57. The Shard, London (GBR). 2013 306.0 ▲
58. Torre Costanera, Santiago (CHL). 2014 300.0 ▲
59. Capital City MT, Moscow. (RUS). 2010 309.8 ▲
60. Mercury City, Moscow (RUS). 2013..... 338.8 ▲
61. Grand Lisboa, Macau (CHN). 2008 258.0 ▲
62. HSBC Building, Hong Kong (CHN). 1985 178.8 ▲
63. Baiyoke TII, Bangkok (THA). 1997 328.4 ▲
64. Eiffel Tower, Paris (FRA). 1889 324.0 ▲
65. Bank of China, Hong Kong (CHN). 1990 367.4 ▲
66. F&F Tower, Panama City (PAN). 2011 236.4 ▲
67. Central Plaza, Hong Kong (CHN). 1992 373.9 ▲
68. The Trump Building, NY (USA). 1930 282.6 ▲

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69. The Center, Hong Kong (CHN). 1998 346.0 ▲
70. The Torch, Dubai (UAE). 2011 336.8 ▲
71. Burj Al Arab, Dubai (UAE). 1999 321.0 ▲
72. Cayan Tower, Dubai (UAE). 2013 307.3 ▲
73. Chrysler Building, NY (USA). 1930 318.9 ▲
74. Q1 Tower, Gold Coast (AUS). 2005 322.5 ▲
75. The Index, Dubai (UAE). 2010 326.0 ▲
76. Almas Tower, Dubai (UAE). 2008 360.0 ▲
77. Marina 101, Dubai (UAE). 2015 426.5 ▲
78. Zifeng Tower, Nanjing (CHN). 2010 450.0 ▲
79. Empire State Building, NY (USA). 1931 443.2 ▲
80. Shun Hing Sq., Shenzhen (CHN). 1996 384.0 ▲
81. Petronas T1, Kuala Lumpur (MYS). 1998 451.9 ▲
82. CITIC Plaza, Guangzhou (CHN). 1996 390.2 ▲
83. Bank of America, NY (USA). 2009..... 365.8 ▲
84. Al Hamra, Kuwait (KWT). 2011 412.6 ▲
85. Two IFC, Hong Kong (CHN). 2003 412.0 ▲
86. Trump IH&T, Chicago (USA). 2009 423.2 ▲
87. Jin Mao Tower, Shanghai (CHN). 1999 420.5 ▲
88. John Hancock, Chicago (USA). 1969 457.2 ▲
89. Guangzhou IFC, Guangzhou (CHN). 2010... 438.6 ▲
90. KK100, Shenzhen (CHN). 2011 441.8 ▲
91. Princess Tower, Dubai (UAE). 2012 414.0 ▲
92. Willis Tower, Chicago (USA). 1974 527.0 ▲
93. ICC, Hong Kong (CHN). 2010 484.0 ▲
94. Shanghai WFC, Shanghai (CHN). 2008 494.3 ▲
95. Federation Towers, Moscow (RUS). 2016... 506.0 ▲
96. Taipei 101, Taiwan (CHN). 2004..... 508.0 ▲
97. One WTC, New York (USA). 1972..... 526.7 ▲
98. One WTC, New York (USA). 2014 546.2 ▲
99. Abraj Al Bait Tower, Mecca (KSA). 2012... 601.0 ▲
100. Shanghai Tower, Shanghai (CHN). 2015 632.0 ▲
101. Burj Khalifa, Dubai (UAE). 2010 829.8 ▲
102. Kingdom Tower, Jeddah (KSA). 2019..... 1,007.0 ▲

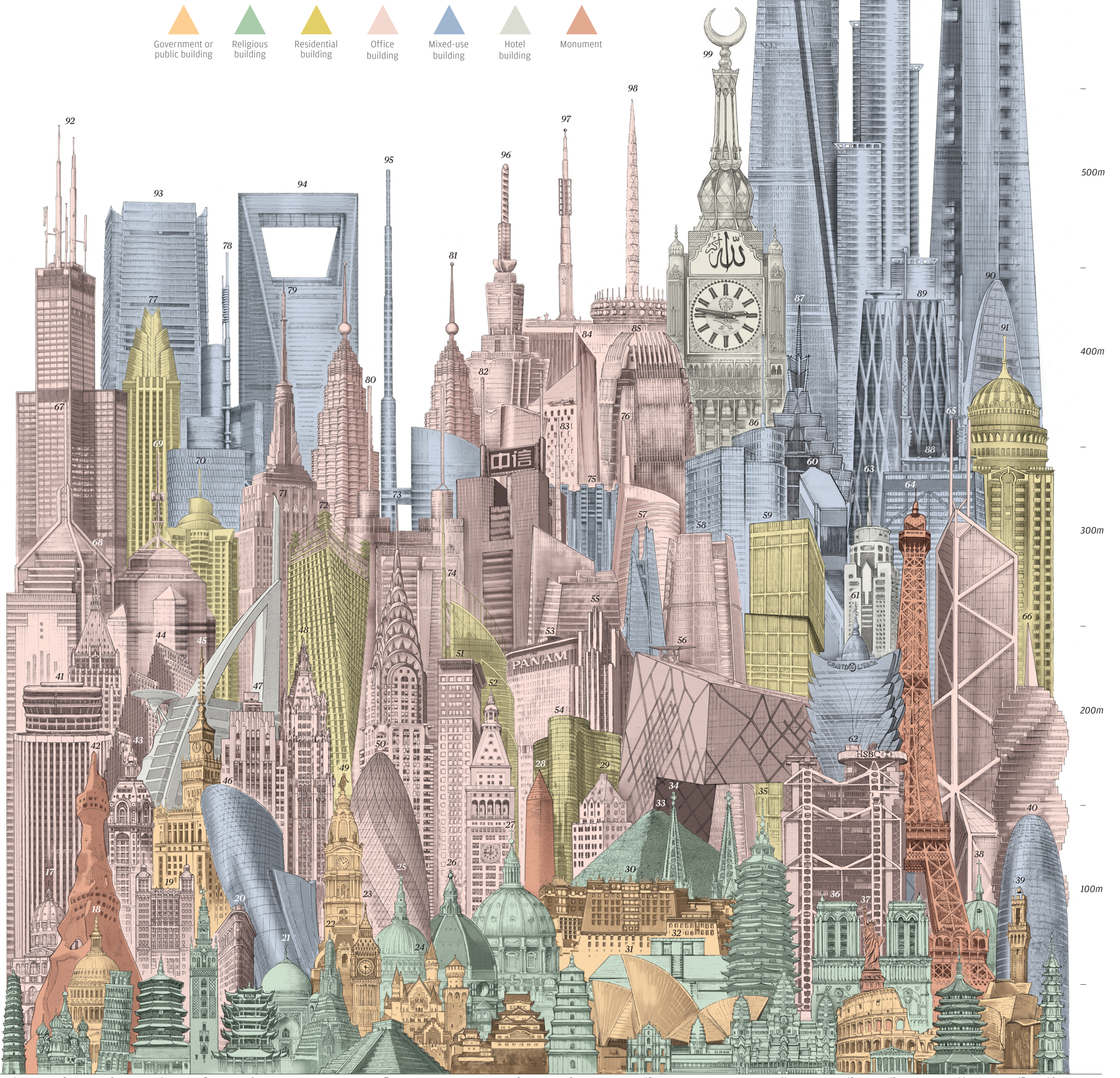
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Joseph Campbell in *The Power of Myth* (1988)



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