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#### Stonehenge



Stonehenge was built around 2500BC. New Stonehenge was built in 1975. I wonder what people with think the purpose of this structure was 5 millennium from now. Will the reason this was built be lost from the historical record? Will the conspiracy theories hold?

## **New Stonehenge**



The Stanley R. Mickelson Safeguard Complex in North Dakota, costing \$2 billion to construct, was operational for only 1 day. It is a little weird-looking—it looks like a pyramid with the top cut off with all seeing portals on the sides and several monolithic structures off to one side. So, naturally, it is the subject of conspiracy theories. The Safeguard Complex was an anti-ballistic missile defense system during the Cold War era. The complex provided launch and control for 30 <u>LIM-49 Spartan</u> anti-ballistic missiles, and 70 short-range **Sprint** anti-ballistic missiles.

Because of its shape, which resembles the "<u>Eye of Providence</u>" from your \$1 bills, some people believe it's used by the Illuminati secret society, which <u>has been associated</u> with the symbol. The Eye of Providence is a symbol that depicts an eye, often enclosed in a triangle and surrounded by rays of light, meant to represent divine providence whereby the eye of God watches over humanity.

## Pontomo's Supper at Emmaus



Supper at Emmaus is a 1525 oil on canvas painting by Pontormo and now in the Uffizi in Florence. At the top is an eye in a triangle, alluding to the Holy Trinity and the risen Christ's divine nature. It also appears in a copy of Pontormo's work by

Empoli still at the Certosa and so it is thought to have been added to the original work by Empoli to mask its three-faced symbol of the Trinity, a symbol banned by the Counter Reformation.

### U.S. \$1 dollar note



A well known example of the Eye of Providence appears on the reverse of the <u>Great Seal of the United States</u>, which is depicted on the <u>United States</u> one-dollar bill.