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**Cover Photo:** This life-size statue of King Chephren was fashioned around 2500 BCE, from anorthositic gneiss quarried in the remote desert of southwestern Egypt. This same stone, known as the Chephren gneiss, was also used to create thousands of funerary vessels. The beauty of these artifacts attests to the skills of these ancient artisans, but also to the innate qualities of this heritage stone. The statue now resides in the Egyptian Museum, Cairo; the bowls reside in museums in Brussels (top) and Turin (bottom).

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