

# Monuments

Nobody asked but ...

I have a solution to the monument problem. Quit erecting them! Read *Ozymandias*!

Statues generally were put up by somebody who is not around anymore, and who probably had a way of thinking that is now outmoded. It is not erasing history to either dismantle a monument or just not put one up in the first place. If one needs to travel to some shrine to honor someone or some idea, if one cannot honor anything in meditation without changing location, isn't it really an ego trip? I love my late parents every day. I have never seen a monument to either of them. I honor my ancestors every day. I cannot possibly be everywhere that may have been special to them.

— Kilgore Forelle