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? From 1994 until May 2016, Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua Yanasampanno, better known as the "Tiger Temple," served as a Buddhist temple and tiger sanctuary in western Thailand. The authorities closed the temple for animal abuse.

? The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) has thousands of churches around the world, but only 170 temples. Temples are reserved for special occasions.

? The Karnak Temple in Luxor, Egypt is the largest religious complex in the world. It covers 247 acres of ground.

? The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine in St. Augustine, Florida is the oldest continuous church congregation in the continental US. It was established by the Spanish on September 8, 1565.

? Ziggurats were ancient Mesopotamian temple complexes that were built from about 3,000 to 550 BCE. They also served as scribal schools and astronomical observatories.

? Work on the Parthenon in Athens, which was dedicated to the goddess Athena, began in 447 BCE and was completed in 432 BCE.

? St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is ranked as the largest Christian church or cathedral in the world. Number two is The Basilica of Our Lady Aparecida in Aparecida, Brazil.

? Zoroastrians believe that fire is sacred, so every one of their temples has a sacred fire that's continually kept. There are 167 Zoroastrian fire temples in the world.

? Egyptian pyramids and Mesoamerican/Mexican pyramids may look similar, but they had different functions. Egyptian pyramids were tombs while those in Mexico were temples.

? Mount Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan and one of the holiest

sites in the country. The Shinto and Buddhist religions both regard the mountain as holy.

? If you don't like rodents, stay away from the Karni Mata Temple in northwest India. Rats are sacred in this Hindu temple, with more than 25,000 roaming freely in it.

? The First Judaic Temple in Jerusalem was built during the rule of King Solomon around 957 BCE. It was destroyed by the Neo-Babylonians in 587/586 BCE.

? The Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus is one of the holiest sites to Coptic Christians. The church was built in the 4th century at the site where the Holy Family is believed to have rested.

? The two largest mosques in the world are those in Mecca and Medina respectively, but the third-largest mosque in the world is the Grand Jamia Mosque in Karachi, Pakistan.

? The Batu Caves in Malaysia are a network of caves in a limestone mountain that is dedicated to the Hindu god Kartikeya/Murugan. The caves first became a holy site in the late 1800s.

? The Karnak Temple was primarily dedicated to the gods Amun-Re, Mut, and Montu, although smaller temples within the complex were dedicated to the gods Ptah and Khons.

? The Guinness World Records lists the world's smallest church as the Santa Isabel de Hungria in Benalmadena, Spain. It's listed at just under six square feet.