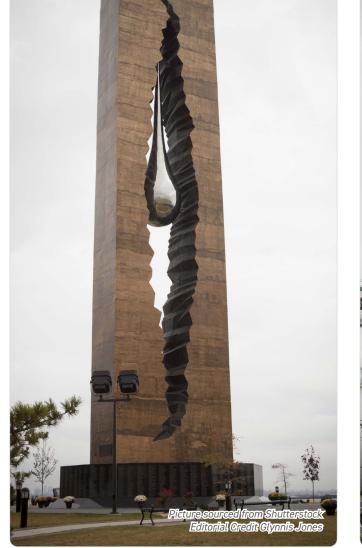
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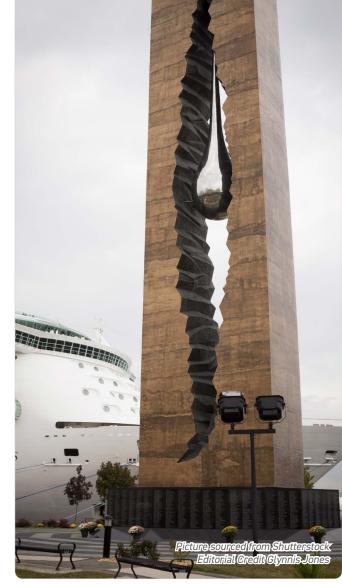
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One of the more controversial of all the 9/11 memorials is the Russian inspired sculpture originally known as the "Tear Of Grief". The forty-foot stainless steel replica of a teardrop suspended in a fractured 100-foot, 175-ton, bronze-clad tower now bears the official title "To the Struggle Against World Terrorism". This extraordinary work is a gift to the United States from the citizens of Russia and from the renowned sculptor Zurab Tsereteli. Mr. Tsereteli first envisioned the image of the "Tear Of Grief" on September 11 after he witnessed the horrific destruction of the World Trade Center on Moscow television and, later, as he drove past a gathering of crying Muscovites in front of the nearby US embassy. He began the design of the "Tear Drop Memorial" on that same day.

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