

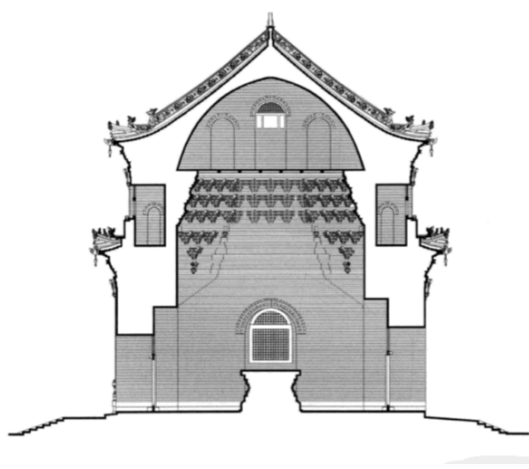


Student Work Sample 1

## **The Beamless Hall 無梁殿 of Xiantong Monastery 顯通寺 in Mt Wutai**

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Traditional Chinese architecture is famous for using wood to construct the building framework. The common knowledge is true for most of the Chinese history, particularly regarding grand halls. However, a building type known as beamless hall (i.e., Wu Liang Dian) became popular in the Ming-dynasty Buddhist monastery, using solely bricks and stones to produce a similar architectural style of timber-framed halls. By investigating the Ming-dynasty beamless hall in the Xiantong Monastery, this study discusses this peculiar type of building within its historical context.



顯通寺  
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 Grundplan

Wu tai shan  
 der heilige buddh. Berg  
 in der  
 Provinz Shanxi

