

Solutions to Future Architecture

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In the evolution of history, we have been presented with the morphing nature of architecture and society. Whether it be the Greek, Roman, Chinese, or British empires, architecture has been the cornerstone of societal distinctions. Moving forward, we are faced with the challenge to practically foster societal progression in both material and spiritual aspects.

Initially, architecture lends itself as a tool for spiritual progression through the understanding of our own identity both as individuals and nations. In order to foster societal growth, we must balance both the acknowledgement of national culture and the desire for an individual understanding. Traditionally, architecture has provided an explanation of the local spirituality. In the development of contemporary architecture, however, structures have lost their local cultural distinctions by creating a new global image that shares the same face. There has been a loss of spirituality in the modern architecture since there is no longer an identity with which to relate to nationally. Our objective now is to preserve the spiritual nature of traditional architecture, whilst creating contemporary architecture with distinctive, local elements. We have recognized our similar aspirations, but it is also time to accept the distinctive differences that defines our identity.

As we progress farther into the future, the sustainability of architecture proves to be an ordeal worth fighting for. Environmental design has become an implicit part of a building's plan. The progression of materials involves both functionality and productivity. By meeting the needs of the people, we are able to construct a more effective society within the confines of our existing resources. Our objective is to establish a global standard for environmentally conscious architecture that works with our earth instead of against it. Practical steps could include: Using local and recycled materials, natural lighting, renovation previously established space, etc,

We are structured in an architectonic societal hierarchy. The more we have grown as a world, the more disparate people become through means of wealth and social status. We need to use architecture to create a more integrated society. Rather than having skyscrapers adjacent to ghettos, we could establish more open and urban areas that foster a greater connection between various echelons. We are aware that the fundamental change needs to occur on a person by person basis – architecture does not have that full capability; however, architecture can be used as a passageway to connect people from all parts of society. The problem will not go away immediately, but it will alleviate the issue on a long term scale.

In the interest of creating a more feasible and integrated future, all of the aforementioned aspects must be taken into account. Architecture must simultaneously respect both spiritual and environmental uniqueness, while nurturing a connected global society.