

Architecture enables man to live meaningfully. It enhances the quality of his built-environment. It inspires and motivates his existence in this world and ensures his psyche wellbeing. A building is a symbolic expression of man. It comes from his need to express. A building is an expression of man's understanding of the natural environment.

The need to express is a psychological need, it is the reason man lives. With time, with the rapid advancement of technology and science, modern man has acquired a new attitude towards life. An attitude that gives him a pseudo-realistic impression of being free of his dependence on nature. Thus the buildings modern man creates, no longer express his psychological needs, his reasons for living. They are no longer symbolic expressions of his understanding of nature.

Instead they are demonstrations of his scientific attitude to life, of his material gains, advanced technology and inventiveness.

Thus modern man with all his advanced knowledge stands alone, emotionally deranged, and unable to grasp the realities around him. He has lost his stable foothold in this world. He has lost his sense of symbol.

Louis Kahn's philosophy has shown us the way to bring back meaning to our life. He has shown us the way in which to re-create a stable footing, so man he can take a hold of himself and face the rapid changes that would inevitably come about with the 21st century. Kahn through his theories and concepts pointed out a way of building that would ensure order amid change, a way that would bring back the symbolic values to our buildings and a way in which we can once again live in harmony with our natural

environment.

As such Kahn's philosophy by defining the difference between a building and a work of architecture and by establishing the true meaning of architecture gives us new hope for the future.

The 'way' Kahn points is simple. It is based on man's psychological needs and a deep understanding and sensitivity towards nature. It is a way that a few architects of the modern world have discovered and followed. It is a way that has inspired and enable them to create wonderful works of architecture, in this world that is so deprived of it.

As such Kahn's philosophy, his concepts, his theories and his work is of vital importance to the architects of the present day. Great and important lessons are to be learned from him. Lessons which would ensure that our children have a stable and secure world to live in. Lessons that would enable us to create a wonderful world within this world of wonder that nature has created.




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