

IDEAS

All the world's architecture and all men and women merely dwellers!

Buildings affect our lives much more than we are aware of.

Architecture is more of an art than an exact science.

The architect is given the role of an orchestra conductor, but does not always have the means to fulfill it.

Architects endlessly seek to be different simply because they are so concerned about being noticed.

Tradition can successfully be re-written using the contemporary language of every epoch.

Architecture, as a participatory art of an entire society, is the best expression of its time.

Architectural works are so complex and contradictory that perfection often seems an unattainable ideal.

It is time for a revived union of arts and architecture.

The inner space is probably the most important of all architectural criteria in the scale of values.

The essence of organic architecture consists in the harmony and fusion of the built environment with nature.

"Less is more" has been the credo of *minimalism* until this day.

Strive for perfection is the driving force of architecture and art.

Natural daylight gives space a specific, constantly changing aura.

It is better to create one work and let it be a masterpiece, rather than produce hundreds of mediocre buildings.

The relations between the client and the architect are complex and often contradictory.

Neither form, nor function is primary: they are equally important, albeit united opposites.

Architecture stories in quotes All Arts are connected by a metaphysical bond.

The fusion of different styles in art is a difficult and perilous exercise.

Apartments are a kind of prêt-à-porter, addressed to everybody, but unable to satisfy anyone.

You don't need to have walls to separate people. You can do so with vertical empty spaces with daylight.

Urbanism: the art of organizing exterior space between the buildings through their placement, height and form.

Architecture and buildings are a link between earth and heaven, between the material and spiritual world.

The art of organizing spaces through construction is one of the major expressions of mankind and civilization.

New construction should not be a synonym of destroying greenery.

One daunting task of architects and artists is to cultivate their aesthetic taste and criteria.

Architects must catch the spirit of time and embody it in their works.

Architecture is born out of restraints.

The best way to reach optimal quality in architecture is to professionally organize a fair competition.

The highest ideal is **A**rchitecture with a majuscule, the one that satisfies all architectural criteria!

It is a huge responsibility to be an architect, of which few are aware!

It is necessary to understand that built environment depends on all of us.

We are the World and we should adopt a more active stance towards the buildings we live in!

[**Stefan Dobrev**, Architecture Stories in quotes, published in 2012]