

'The Question'  
Imperfection and the Dream

This paper is an investigation of the fundamental question of art and architecture. What is architecture? What is its source of value, beauty, and content? What makes a building more than just an object but something with the capacity to confer meaning and to inspire? How can architecture best be approached in the future?

It is a question of 'why' directed at the arts. Art and Architecture of any merit does not simply fall out of the sky. To begin to answer this question consider the saying, "Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto"- "I am a man: I regard nothing human as alien to me" (Heauton Timorumenos).