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Abstract

One's inner self is reflected on the built environment where one lives in. At present getting one's desires fulfilled, ignoring the spirituality of the place and limiting oneself into a single unit, each one bringing up an individual style of their own to bring about a catastrophe in the built environment in which case the built environment becomes a spiritless and meaningless entity. Once the places which had brought forth excitement had become lifeless. To bring about a change for the better, the point at issue is - no body is observing, no body is getting aware of the fact that the structure is falling down to pieces. *"What is change is first to be aware of what actually is and to live with it, and then one observes that the seeing itself brings about change."*(Krishnamurthi J., 1974, 52). Therefore, this study focuses to make people aware of the fact that the structure is falling down and how this deterioration could be overcome to bring about a structural quality which is not based on one's likes and dislikes.

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