

Alvar Aalto

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Nothing is as dangerous in architecture as dealing with separated problems. If we split life into separated problems we split the possibilities to make good building art.

~Alvar Aalto

Form must have a content, and that content must be linked with nature.

~Alvar Aalto

Human life is a combination of tragedy and comedy. The shapes and designs that surround us are the music accompanying this tragedy and this comedy.

~Alvar Aalto

The ultimate goal of the architect...is to create a paradise. Every house, every product of architecture... should be a fruit of our endeavour to build an earthly paradise for people.

~Alvar Aalto

Building art is a synthesis of life in materialised form. We should try to bring in under the same hat not a splintered way of thinking, but all in harmony together.

~Alvar Aalto

Beauty is the harmony of purpose and form.

~Alvar Aalto

God created paper for the purpose of drawing architecture on it. Everything else is at least for me an abuse of paper.

~Alvar Aalto

Modern architecture does not mean the use of immature new materials; the main thing is to refine materials in a more human direction.

~Alvar Aalto

We should work for simple, good, undecorated things, but things which are in harmony with the human being and organically suited to the little man in the street.

~Alvar Aalto

I tell you, it is easier to build a grand opera or a city center than to build a personal house.

~Alvar Aalto

Objects are made to be completed by the human mind.

~Alvar Aalto

True architecture exists only where man stands in the center.

~Alvar Aalto

Nothing old is ever reborn, but neither does it totally disappear. And that which has once been [born], will always reappear in a new form.

~Alvar Aalto

The most difficult problems are naturally not involved in the search for forms for contemporary life. It is a question of working our way to forms behind which real human values lie.

~Alvar Aalto

The very essence of architecture consists of a variety and development reminiscent of natural organic life. This is the only true style in architecture

~Alvar Aalto

Architecture belongs to culture, not to civilization.

~Alvar Aalto

It is the task of the architect to give life a gentler structure.

~Alvar Aalto

Even the smallest daily chore can be humanized with the harmony of culture.

~Alvar Aalto

I do not write, I build.

~Alvar Aalto

Architecture is not merely national but clearly has local ties in that it is rooted in the earth.

~Alvar Aalto

Our time is so specialised that we have people who know more and more or less and less.

~Alvar Aalto

We should concentrate our work not only to a separated housing problem but housing involved in our daily work and all the other functions of the city.

~Alvar Aalto

We should work for simple, good, undecorated things

~Alvar Aalto

We have almost a city has probably two or three hundred committees. Every committee is dealing with just one problem and has nothing to do with the other problems.

~Alvar Aalto

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