

Louis Kahn

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Architecture appears for the first time when the sunlight hits a wall. The sunlight did not know what it was before it hit a wall.

~Louis Kahn

I sense Light as the giver of all presences, and material as spent Light. What is made by Light casts a shadow, and the shadow belongs to Light.

~Louis Kahn

We are born of light. The seasons are felt through light. We only know the world as it is evoked by light.

~Louis Kahn

The sun never knew how great it was until it hit the side of a building.

~Louis Kahn

A great building must begin with the unmeasurable, must go through measurable means when it is being designed and in the end must be unmeasurable.

~Louis Kahn

Even a room which must be dark needs at least a crack of light to know how dark it is.

~Louis Kahn

Design is not making beauty, beauty emerges from selection, affinities, integration, love.

~Louis Kahn

A city is the place of availabilities. It is the place where a small boy, as he walks through it, may see something that will tell him what he wants to do his whole life.

~Louis Kahn

Even a brick wants to be something

~Louis Kahn

The creation of art is not the fulfillment of a need but the creation of a need. The world never needed Beethoven's Fifth Symphony until he created it. Now we could not live without it.

~Louis Kahn

I Use The Square To Begin My Solutions Because The Square Is A Non-choice, Really. In The Course Of Development, I Search For The Forces That Would Disprove The Square.

~Louis Kahn

Architecture is the thoughtful making of space

~Louis Kahn

Architecture is what nature cannot make. Architecture is something unnatural but not something made up.

~Louis Kahn

The first thing that an architect must do is to sense that every building you build is a world of its own, and that this world of its own serves an institution.

~Louis Kahn

A room is not a room without natural light.

~Louis Kahn

The Sun does not realise how wonderful it is until after a room is made.

~Louis Kahn

Architecture is the reaching out for the truth.

~Louis Kahn

The nature of space reflects what it wants to be.

~Louis Kahn

You can never learn anything that is not a part of yourself.

~Louis Kahn

How precious a book is in light of the offering, in the light of the one who has the privilege of this offering. The library tells you of this offering

~Louis Kahn

Just think, that man can claim a slice of the sun.

~Louis Kahn

Consider the momentous event in architecture when the wall parted and the column became.

~Louis Kahn

Every time a student walks past a really urgent, expressive piece of architecture that belongs to his college, it can help reassure him that he does have that mind, does have that soul.

~Louis Kahn

The person of old had the same brilliance of mind that we assume we have now. But that which made a thing become manifest for the first time is our great moment of creative happening.

~Louis Kahn

In a small room one does not say what one would in a large room.

~Louis Kahn

The room is the beginning of architecture.

~Louis Kahn

Every building must have... its own soul.

~Louis Kahn

How accidental our existences are, really, and how full of influence by circumstance.

~Louis Kahn

Thoughts exchanged by one and another are not the same in one room as in another.

~Louis Kahn

Architecture struck me between the eye and the eyeball.

~Louis Kahn

The crocodile must want to be a crocodile for reasons of the crocodile

~Louis Kahn

I try to create homes, not houses.

~Louis Kahn

If people want to see Beaux-Arts, it's fine with me. I'm interested in good architecture as anybody else.

~Louis Kahn

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