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Sri Lanka Style showcases 30
of the finest traditional and
modern dwellings in Sri Lanka.
Reflecting its location and

status as a hub of Indian Ocean trade from time immemorial, the tropical island of Sri Lanka has always been open to the movements and patters of world culture. Indigenous architects and cultural traditions, colonial incursions and the vagaries of living in a tropical environment have combined to produce a distinctive Sri Lankan architectural style: thick lime-washed walls, tall windows and doors, terracotta or granite tile floors, open pavilions and verandas, courtyard gardens, elaborately carved furniture and vibrant hand-loomed. The Sri Lankan homes vary from private homes to retreats and resorts, all designed by the island's most creative architects and interior designers including some by the world-renowned architect Geoffrey Bawa that have never been seen before. These works demonstrate the essentials of the Sri Lankan spaces open to the elements and the natural use of space and decor, contributing to a palpable sense of peace and discipline.

In addition, there are practical design ideas that can be applied to any tropical locale. Photographed entirely on location, Sri Lanka Style is an inspirational source book of contemporary tropical style. Packed with hundreds of glorious full-colour photographs, this book focuses on the multitude of elements and forms that go into Thai architecture - its agrarian roots, its religion and monarchy, its rich mix of foreign influences. Lively text introduces readers the whole range of Thailand's architecture - from the humble but charming field hut woven of bamboo to the splendid teak mansion built high on stilts, and from the country's magnificent temples to the vast differences in regional styles. It also explores how traditional Thai architecture has been adapted to suit contemporary aesthetics and usage. About the Book: For the first time, Mamallapuram, Dharmaraja Ratha is vividly discussed by the hereditary practising architect and a qualified

researcher from the science and technological angle, thereby never been viewed before. Sincere efforts have been applied to reveal the legacies of Dharmaraja Ratha. For delivering this book, the historically significant structures have been visited by the author and explained in an analytical and deductive method. Viewing the Dharmaraja Ratha through the eyes of science and technology as prescribed in the ancient literary texts, desires and effects of the Pallava monarchy in showing the unfettered love for art and architecture and discovering the founder of Dharmaraja Ratha through the Sthapati's technological angle were explained in this book. It is indeed as a musician elucidating the musical structure and fluidity by singing with his tone from his studio. About the Author: Dr.K.Dakshinamoorthy PhD., 59, is the Sthapati in the Heritage Committee, constituted by the High court, for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment

Department, Government of Tamilnadu. He is the Managing Trustee in the Vastu Vedic Trust, founded by his Uncle and guru Dr V. Ganapati Sthapati. His father, Sthapati Sri. S.K. Achary was the Designer Sthapati of Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari.

K.Dakshinamoorthy has designed many temples in India and countries such as the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New-Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, and Srilanka. He has presented many papers in architecture and sculpture, delivered lectures, and he has written a Tamil book 'Uli Ezhutthukkal, ' released by the then Governor of Tamilnadu. His long desire was fulfilled with this book on Vatapikonda Narasimha Pallava's Dharmaraja Ratha, bring out its legacies from an unseen angle, from his workroom, from where Dharmaraja Ratha and its intangible heritage has never been viewed before. Sustainable design requires that design practitioners respond to a particular set of

social, cultural and environmental conditions. 'Vernacular Architecture and Regional Design' defines a set of strategies for understanding the complexities of a regional setting. Through a series of international case studies, it examines how architects and designers have applied a variety of tactics to achieve culturally and environmentally appropriate design solutions. • Shows that architecture and design are inextricably linked to social and environmental processes, and are not just technical or aesthetic exercises. • Articulates a variety of methods to realise goals of socially responsible and environmentally responsive design. • Calls for a principled approach to design in an effort to preserve fragile environments and forge sustainable best practice. 'Vernacular Architecture and Regional Design' will appeal to educators and professional practitioners in the fields of architecture, heritage conservation and urban design. Dr. Kingston Wm. Heath is

Professor and Director of the Historic Preservation Program at the University of Oregon. Previously he was Professor of Architecture at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte where he taught seminars on vernacular architecture and regional design theory. He holds graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and Brown University. In addition to numerous articles in scholarly journals, he is the author of *Patina of Place*, and winner of the Abbott Lowell Cummings Award from The Vernacular Architecture Forum for excellence in a scholarly work. He has earned an international reputation in the field of vernacular architecture and has directed field schools in Italy and Croatia. Features contemporary works from new and emerging Sri Lankan architects Introduction by Sean Anderson, Associate Curator at MoMA Presents 19 projects selected by Channa Daswatte, examining Sri Lanka's present economic, social, and cultural situations Following a+u 11:06 issue on Geoffrey Bawa

featuring the architect's timeless and influential masterpieces, this November issue examines the works of emerging Sri Lankan architects. Beginning with an essay by Sean Anderson, Associate Curator in the Department of Architecture and Design at MoMA, it describes the scene of how early practices by pioneering architects thrive within the economy of colonialism at the time to bring about modern regional architecture of the tropics. It was not until 1969 when Sri Lanka started their own local architecture schools, teaching new generations of architects to challenge the limits of tradition and shape their own local architecture identity. Together with Channa Daswatte, architect of the MICD Associates and Trustee of the Geoffrey Bawa Trust and the Lunuganga Trust, 19 projects are selected and structured into 3 topics reflecting the architecture of contemporary Sri Lanka relevant to today's economic, social, and cultural situations.

Text in English and Japanese. Address by the speaker at International Centre for Ethnic Studies. Over the past two decades Anjalendran has established himself as one of Sri Lanka's leading architects. Born into a family of Jaffna Tamils and a student of the prolific and influential Geoffrey Bawa, Anjalendran's buildings are known for their simple directness, modern spirit, and acknowledgement of the rich vernacular traditions of Sri Lanka. His studio has provided all the detailed and varied drawings in this book. Based in Sri Lanka with an intimate knowledge of the island, its people, culture and architecture, Dominic Sansoni likes travelling with no agenda. His photographs enliven the pages of this book, adding another dimension to the drawings. An author, architect and professor of architecture, David Robson has written a number of books - on low-cost aided-self-help housing and housing for the elderly; a comprehensive monograph on Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey

Bawa (2002), followed by two further books on Bawa; and a book on the life and work of Sri Lankan Architect C.

Anjalendran. Analyses of the Sri Lankan civil war (1983-2009) overwhelmingly represent it as an ethnonationalist contest, prolonging postcolonial arguments on the creation and dissolution of the incipient nation-state since independence in 1948. While colonial divide-and-rule policies, the rise of ethnonationalist lobbies, structural discrimination and majoritarian democracy have been established as grounds for inter-ethnic hostility, there are other significant transformative forces that remain largely unacknowledged in postcolonial analyses. This ambitious multiscalar spatial study of civil war in Sri Lanka offers an intersectional, de-ethnicised analysis of political sovereignty drawn out by the struggle for territory. Based on vital retrospective findings from the five-year postwar

period, when wartime hostilities were still festering, it convincingly links ethnonationalism to postnational border politics, marketisation, militarised securitisation and illiberal democracy. This book argues that internecine conflict exposes the implicit violence within nation-state formations; mass human displacements heighten collective and individual ontological insecurity and neoliberalism makes the nation porous in unforeseen ways. Based around three themes - normative spaces, human mobilities and exilic states - it is organised into ten comprehensive, chapter-based explorations of a range of spatial units, including homes, cities, routes, camps and experiences of ruin that were irrevocably politicised by protracted conflict. Focusing on their material transformations over a thirty-seven-year period, the book explores what can be known of the war if we look beyond ethnicity to other salient, shared geographical features

of this embattled history. The book uncovers how fealty to exclusionary cultures of political sovereignty aligns us with their violence, limiting our capacity for empathy, a boundary seemingly exacerbated by neoliberal opportunities. Making use of Sri Lanka as a case study to test geographic, architectural and urban methodologies for understanding violence, this book acts as a provocation to rethink current readings of the particular case study while reflecting on the more general impact of marketisation and militarisation in Asia. It will be of interest to an interdisciplinary audience, including those scholars interested in South Asian history, politics and civil war, South Asian studies, border studies, geography and architecture and urban studies. Golconde is an astonishing architectural accomplishment. With technical finesse and extraordinary craft, it offers a living testament to the original modernist credo - architecture as the manifest union of

technology, aesthetics, and social reform. Here exists an undiluted view of a wholly triumphant tropical Modernism, built during the tumultuous years of the second world war. If ever there was a time when the notion of sanctuary, of a place in the world at a safe remove from its tribulations needed to be manifest, then this certainly is that year. Enforced isolations, mediated encounters, and filtered interfaces have become the norm. An unseen adversary has unmasked our frailty, weaponizing our own breath, making an enemy even of that essential human construct - shared space. The seeking of spatial solace has been a human preoccupation for much of our existence. Golconde is one such exemplar of calm. Created during another tumultuous time of human suffering - at the onset of the second World War - this building continues to offer succor to its residents, even from this latest upheaval. Mira Nakashima, George Nakashima's daughter,

contributes with a new 800 word introduction essay for this new edition. The New Sri Lankan House charts the development of private houses in the 21st century in a variety of locations around the island. Most are the work of 'home-grown' architects, many of whom are indebted to the influence of the island's most famous son, Geoffrey Bawa. Through the inclusion of plans, sections and elevations, full-colour photographs and interviews with owners and architects, Powell traces the evolution of residence styles in both urban and rural areas. Of paramount importance are sustainability and suitability to site and climate, topics that Powell investigates in depth. Whether an architect, designer or simply somebody who enjoys looking at beautiful homes, The New Sri Lankan House will both educate and entertain. Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa was among the most influential figures in South Asia in the latter half of the twentieth century. In houses, hotels, public buildings, and

perhaps his greatest achievement, his residential complex in Lunuganga, Bawa achieved the harmonious and pleasurable fusion of local building traditions with modern forms. His legacy lives on in current architectural practice and remains an important source of inspiration for generations of architects. Bawa was the principal force behind what is today known globally as "tropical modernism," and examples of his ideas can be found in Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Bali, and in resorts and residences throughout wider Asia. The book first presents a useful overview of Bawa and his contribution to contemporary architecture. The main section highlights the achievements of twenty-four contemporary architects, ranging from well-known practitioners such as Australian Kerry Hill to local talents such as Sri Lankan Anjalendran. The works they have created over the past ten years reveal the long-lasting significance of Bawa's approach to building and the

landscape. LANDSCAPE GARDENING. Geoffrey Bawas architectural work is well documented, but less attention has been paid to his work on gardens. This book focuses on his two most famous gardens: Lunuganga, on his own estate, and the lesser-known garden he fashioned for his brother, Bevis. Evolved over several decades, the gardens and their outbuildings and sculpture represent high points of all-encompassing tropical design. This book begins with a largely photographic overview of Sri Lankas natural features, showing the varied palette of landscapes that inspired Bawas sensitive treatment of architecture. At the very heart of the book is an intimate portrait of two exquisitely detailed gardens and the personalities that brought them into being. But it is also a story about the nature and landscape of an island of exceptional beauty. As such, the book has something to offer followers of Geoffrey Bawa, tropical-garden enthusiasts and to all those seeking a photographic portrait

of Sri Lanka. Kanchi, the ancient capital city of the South, teems with historic temples of great beauty and grandeur. The magnificent temple of Lord Varadaraja, situated in Vishnu-Kanchi, has played a remarkable part in fostering the growth of Sri-Vaishnavism and has justly been ranked with the famous temples of Srirangam and Tirupati as the holiest of the holies. This is the first comprehensive and illustrated treatise on this hoary temple, focusing attention of the various aspects like the origin and the growth of the temple, critical review of the temple traditions, the role of the temple in the growth of Sri-Vaishnavism, the association of the acharyas like Ramanuja with the temple, besides the pivotal role the temple has played in the social and cultural life of the community. The vast literature that has grown round the temple and the five hundred and odd inscriptions that crowd the wall-spaces of the shrines provide a sumptuous source

material for this study. One of the largest temple complexes of South India, the temple presents interesting variety of architectural and sculptural styles of different schools. The temple is particularly rich in Vaishnava iconography. The book provides a detailed study and interpretation of these features with the help of hitherto unpublished photographs and drawings. The book also brings to light the presence of fine paintings of the Vijayanagar times that are found in the dark cloister around the sanctum. The book is a distinct contribution to the field of historical and architectural studies of ancient Indian temples. It is widely acknowledged that there is an urgent need to transform our housing stock to a better energy performance level. However, improving energy performance should not result in a negative impact on the health, wellbeing and the comfort of building occupants. There are many energy-neutral features that can be incorporated at small or zero

cost which have a positive effect on wellbeing. This book aims to outline and discuss these aspects of building design. The issue of health and wellbeing has already entered into design advice for the workplace, where productivity and absenteeism are often used as indicators. This book concentrates on residential buildings, notably mass housing and affordable strategies, for which new, more socially and health-oriented indicators are being developed. Provides practical design guidance based on scientific evidence Explores both physical and psychological wellbeing Focuses on the home and immediate domestic environment Structured in an accessible way for architects and designers. The role of the home, the domestic sphere and the intimate, ethno-cultural identities that are cultivated within it, are critical to understanding the polemical constructions of country and city; tradition and modernity; and regionalism and cosmopolitanism. The home is

fundamental to ideas of the homeland that give nationalism its imaginative form and its political trajectory. This book explores positions that are vital to ideas of national belonging through the history of colonial, bourgeois self-fashioning and post colonial identity construction in Sri Lanka. The country remains central to related architectural discourses due to its emergence as a critical site for regional architecture, post-independence. Suggesting patterns of indigenous accommodation and resistance that are expressed through built form, the book argues that the nation grows as an extension of an indigenous private sphere, ostensibly uncontaminated by colonial influences, domesticating institutions and appropriating rural geographies in the pursuit of its hegemonic ideals. This ambitious, comprehensive, wide-ranging book presents an abundance of new and original material and many imaginative insights into the history of architecture and nationalism

from the mid nineteenth century to the present day. This beautifully illustrated book showcases the works of one of Sri Lanka's most influential architects—Anjaleddran, an ethnic Tamil and visionary artist. During the past 25 years of civil war in Sri Lanka, Anjaleddran has stayed on, creating architecture that has attracted interest across the entire Indian subcontinent. In Anjaleddran, David Robson explores this unique man and his uncommon vision. Anjaleddran's buildings have a simple directness and although totally modern in spirit, they acknowledge the rich design traditions of Sri Lanka. Whether working with ample budgets or at rock bottom cost (like his SOS Children's Village orphanages), his work focuses not only on creative buildings, but—:a la Frank Lloyd Wright—:also their landscaping, furniture and decoration. Just as interesting as the architecture is the process by which Anjaleddran works—:from home, never

employing more than four student assistants, with no office, no secretary, no car and no cell phone. He operates without a bank account and has never signed a contract with either a client or a builder. With stunning color photographs, plan details and behind-the-scenes insights, Anjalendran sheds light on the works of this exceptional man. Plastic Emotions is inspired by the life of Minnette de Silva—a forgotten feminist icon and one of the most important figures of twentieth-century architecture. In a gripping and lyrical story, Shiromi Pinto paints a complex picture of de Silva, charting her affair with the infamous Swiss modernist Le Corbusier and her efforts to build an independent Sri Lanka that slowly heads towards political and social turmoil. Moving between London, Chandigarh, Colombo, Paris and Kandy, Plastic Emotions explores the life of a young, trailblazing South Asian woman at a time of great turbulence across the globe. Little Attention Has Hitherto Been

Given To The Role Of Timber Construction In Sri Lanka S Ancient Architecture, And Its Photo-Coverage Has Not Until Now Appeared In One Place. The Buildings Described Here Are Mostly Close To Folk Architecture But They Comprise An Important Part Of The Ancient Building Tradition Of Monsoon Asia An Immense Area That Includes Parts Of India, Nepal, Burma, Bali, And Japan, As Well As Sri Lanka Itself. Buddhist Monastic Architecture In Sri Lanka Makes A Permanent Contribution To South Asian Studies. The Authors Search Out The Ancient Picturesque Temples In The Central Hills. Guided By The Well-Known Scholar, Professor Seneviratna, The Book Centers On Colour Photographs Taken By Architect Polk During An Eight Month Sojourn In 1980-81. Both Archaeological And Architectural Expertise Thus Combine, And Added To This Is The Research Into The Writings Of Early Travelers, Researched By Emily Polk, Poet And Painter, Who Has Put

The Threads Of History Of Those Adventurous Days Into A Dramatic Form. This Collaboration Is The Result Of Their Common Interest In The Ancient Architecture Of South Asia, And Is Written Hoping That Continuities From Past To Future May Be Maintained In These Troubled Present Times. In Sri Lanka There Are Forests Where Modern Ways Have Not Overwhelmed Tradition And Where The Old Wood Buildings Still Flicker In The Magic Of The Trees. Here Is The Drama Of The Land And Its People: The Stream ;Of Pure Notes From An Invisible Flautist, The First Glimpse Of Adam S Peak, The Romantic Narrative Of The Sacred Tooth Kept Secret For 900 Years Before Emerging In Serendib. And Then Kandy, Where High On The Island The Winds From The Bay Of Bengal And The Indian Ocean Are On A Collision Course And The Sensation Of Colours, Movements And Light Is Electrifying. So, We Believe, Is This Book. Studies on architecture in South Asia

continue to ignore women in canonical histories of the discipline. This book attempts to recover the stories of the women architects whose careers nearly parallel the development of modernism in colonial and postcolonial India. Writing their experiences into the narrative of mainstream architectural history within the challenge of non-existent archives, it sheds light on seven pioneering women who broke male bastions to go beyond the traditional confines of the era from the 1940s onwards. The author also examines 28 contemporary practices to demonstrate the ways in which architectural modernism in India was shaped by the contribution of women. The book uses a format that weaves together social, professional and biographical factors into a productive account; pluralizes various concepts of design; and redefines the idea of 'work' of women through a greater range of activities, including pedagogy, mentoring and activism. Alluding to challenges

faced by women, the study celebrates practices in diverse regional settings even as the designers move in transnational contexts in an increasingly globalizing India. Extensively illustrated, featuring drawings and photographs, this book will be a milestone in the modernist narrative of South Asia and will be of interest to scholars and researchers of architecture, gender studies, modern Indian history and sociology. Plastic Emotions is a novel based on the true life story of Minnette de Silva, the first female Sri Lankan architect. In a gripping and lyrical novel, Shiromi Pinto charts Minnette's affair with famed modernist Le Corbusier and her efforts to build a postindependence Sri Lanka. Set in London, Chandigarh, Colombo, Paris and Kandy, Plastic Emotions explores the life of a young, trailblazing south Asian woman at a time of great political turbulence across the globe. From communal violence in Sri Lanka, forewarning the rise of the civil war, to troubles with

building a brand new city in north India, de Silva's life is pinned to several key moments in subcontinental history. The *Ṭāmpīṭavīhāras* of Sri Lanka focuses on one distinctive Buddhist architectural practice from pre-modern Sri Lanka – the construction of Buddha image-houses on elevated wooden platforms supported by stone pillars. As a centre of Buddhism, Sri Lanka has a rich tradition of erecting Buddha image-houses, the origin of which dates to the fifth century. Yet, the *ṭāmpīṭavīhāra* tradition only existed from the thirteenth to the nineteenth centuries. The *ṭāmpīṭavīhāra* is an exceptional type of image-house, not only for its specific timeframe and unique construction technology, but also for its complex architectural conception of the Buddhist worldview and soteriology. Except for this period of Sri Lankan history, this architectural exemplar does not exist in anytime or anywhere in the entire Buddhist world. This book examines the significant

aspects of *ṭāmpīṭavihāra* architecture and documents some of the distinctive examples with an analysis of their architectural design and symbolic content. Richly illustrated with photographs and drawings, the book is organized into two parts. The first part examines the significant historical, cultural, and architectural aspects of *ṭāmpīṭavihāras* in depth. The second part documents fifty of the distinctive examples of *ṭāmpīṭavihāras* in the country with an analysis of their architectural designs and symbolic content. Each example is illustrated with architectural drawings of its plans, elevations, and sections along with photographs. The book also includes a list of over 200 extant *tāmpīṭavihāras* in the country. This book is the very first comprehensive examination of the subject of *tāmpīṭavihāras* published in any language and made available for a global audience. It narrates the story of *ṭāmpīṭavihāras* from a multidimensional perspective

that involves architecture, anthropology, archaeology, art history, geography, history, sociology, and theology. Consequently, it appeals to a vast array of enthusiasts of these disciplines in addition to scholars in Asian studies, South Asian studies, Sri Lankan studies, and Buddhist studies. *Travel, Space, Architecture* defines a new theoretical territory in architectural and urban scholarship that frames the processes of spatial production through the notion of travel. By aligning architectural thinking with current critical theory debates, this book explores whether dissociating culture from place and identity, and detaching the idea of architecture from both, can reframe our understanding of spatial and architectural practices. The book presents seventeen key case studies from a diverse range of perspectives including historical, theoretical, and praxis-based, and range from interrogations of architectural travel and notions of belonging and nationhood to challenging

established geopolitical hierarchies. This book answers some important questions about Geoffrey Bawa, Sri Lanka's pre-eminent architect, and his legacy. A sizeable introduction to Bawa's world, life, education and work is reviewed by eminent Bawa scholar, David Robson. This precedes a site-by-site tour of 45 of his buildings scattered throughout Sri Lanka, Many are considered "pilgrimage sites" by up-and-coming architects, designers and lay people interested in his extraordinary and enduring talent. Insightful texts, contemporary and archive photographs and a plethora of drawings illustrate the individual buildings that range from private dwellings to public buildings, schools and hotels. Each is representative of Bawa's pioneering work on tropical modernism. The book ends with a brief section on buildings that have been transformed, lost or are at risk for one reason or another The Routledge Companion to Critical Approaches to

Contemporary Architecture convenes a wide array of critical voices from architecture, art history, urbanism, geography, anthropology, media and performance studies, computer science, bio-engineering, environmental studies, and sociology that help us understand the meaning and significance of global architecture of the twenty-first century. New chapters by 36 contributors illustrated with over 140 black-and-white images are assembled in six parts concerning both real and virtual spaces: design, materiality, alterity, technologies, cityscapes, and practice. Golden Temple: Marvel of Sikh Architecture by Dr SS Bhatti is based on the author's doctoral thesis for his third PhD from Panjab University, Chandigarh. This work on the Golden Temple is the first one of its kind in that it has been done by a professional whose research and creative contribution in the three fields of Architecture, Engineering, and Aesthetics is

quite well known. The author has developed a new method of studying historical monuments, and of establishing their distinct styles on the basis of illustrated analysis of the three fundamental elements of building design: space, structure, and form. Dr Bhatti has convincingly shown how Sikh Architecture is an independent style of building design, which has produced the Golden Temple, Amritsar: a marvel of Sikh Architecture with its characteristic ebullience and aesthetic charm. This book is a definitive work on the theory and practice of building design with a befitting research methodology, which should benefit students, teachers, practitioners, and scholars alike worldwide. This is a definitive and comprehensive monograph on one of the 20th century's greatest architects, Geoffrey Bawa, whose influence has extended to garden and landscape design. The first edition of *Architecture, Power, and National Identity*, published in

1992, has become a classic, winning the prestigious Spiro Kostof award for the best book in architecture and urbanism. Lawrence Vale fully has fully updated the book, which focuses on the relationship between the design of national capitals across the world and the formation of national identity in modernity. Tied to this, it explains the role that architecture and planning play in the forceful assertion of state power. The book is truly international in scope, looking at capital cities in the United States, India, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Kuwait, Bangladesh, and Papua New Guinea. One of the most influential names in Sri Lankan architecture, Geoffrey Bawa is represented here through images of his houses, hotels, public buildings, and the famous complex at Lunuganga. Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa was among the most influential figures in South Asia in the latter half of the twentieth century. In houses, hotels, public buildings, and perhaps his greatest achievement, his residential

complex in Lunuganga, Bawa achieved the harmonious and pleasurable fusion of local building traditions with modern forms. His legacy lives on in current architectural practice and remains an important source of inspiration for generations of architects. Bawa was the principal force behind what is today known globally as "tropical modernism," and examples of his ideas can be found in Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Bali, and in resorts and residences throughout wider Asia. The book first presents a useful overview of Bawa and his contribution to contemporary architecture. The main section highlights the achievements of twenty-four contemporary architects, ranging from well-known practitioners such as Australian Kerry Hill to local talents such as Sri Lankan Anjalendran. The works they have created over the past ten years reveal the long-lasting significance of Bawa's approach to building and the landscape. Out with the cool, in with the hot. These houses by

such luminaries as Oscar Niemeyer, Gio Ponti, Geoffrey Bawa, and Isay Weinfeld are a perfectly seamless continuum of indoor-outdoor space. The author has traveled the globe to bring together a collection of luxurious modern homes that combine modern technology with local, often exotic materials to produce rich designs of wood, metal, stucco, and glass. Water and breezeways figure prominently, and "green" eco-conscious features emerge naturally from the tropical design environment. This is a sophisticated survey of modern houses with open floor plans, exterior courtyards, sunny patios, and cool stucco surfaces all touched by the exotic flavors of their tropical locales. The combination of modern architectural form and tropical settings is extending and revitalizing modernism as never before. Beautifully executed architectural drawings from the great Sri Lankan architect The Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa fused sensitivity for local

context with the technological discoveries and design principles of modernism. Accordingly, Bawa often incorporated materials (local stone and timber) and layouts (high roofs, cross-ventilation, vast overhangs) specific to Sri Lanka's monsoon climate and storied architectural history--from the cave monasteries of the Anuradhapura period to the feudal Walauwa style of manor houses--into his modernist designs. Gathering together essays by scholars and writers across a multitude of disciplines--including architecture, photography, geography, urban design and art history--this volume spotlights Bawa's exceptionally beautiful architectural drawings, delving into the central, multipronged role of the medium in his practice, from ideation to instruction to post-construction review. The anthology also explores the identity of post-independence Sri Lanka, which Bawa helped to shape--aesthetically and, less overtly, ideologically. Featuring over 200 lush

drawings and photographs, many of which have never been published before, the book promises to engage both general and scholarly audiences with interests in architecture, drawing and archives. Geoffrey Bawa (1919-2003) was a Sri Lankan architect who designed the country's new Parliament building at Kotte, completed in 1982. While Bawa mostly worked within Sri Lanka, he also completed projects in several other countries, including India, Indonesia, Mauritius, Japan, Pakistan, Fiji, Egypt and Singapore. His works include houses, hotels, schools, clubs, offices and government buildings. Sri Harmandar Sahib: Architecture - Engineering - Aesthetics (Golden Temple, Amritsar) is based on the author's doctoral research for which he was conferred his third PhD by the Panjab University in 2008. This holy shrine is the only example of Religious Architecture in the world that derives its concept and inspiration from the Sikh Faith's Holy Book, Sri Guru

Granth Sahib. Known all over the globe as the Golden Temple, it has been awarded the certificate of the 'most visited place of the world' by the London-based organisation, World Book of Records (WBR). Though the world's greatest architects have designed modern buildings for Religious Architecture of different faiths, the author says, only one architect in 45 centuries of recorded history mentions architectural creativity as an act of divine inspiration. He is the Spanish genius Antoni Gaudi who said, in the Sagrada Familia (The Sacred Family), everything is providential. The stated distinction was achieved by a kind of Building Design that deploys Human Scale unlike the places of worship of other faiths which invariably exalt Monumental Scale. The Golden Temple size is incredibly modest, which also underscores the cardinal principle of Humility. Furthermore, the Shrine's height is less than the height of a house permitted for Shudras, the lowest caste in Hinduism,

in the Indian tradition. The holy shrine is approached by descending two-storey height from the ground level in sharp contrast to all places of worship of other religions that are approached by a flight of steps to reach their high plinth. The Golden Temple also celebrates all cardinal points as sacrosanct by virtue of being an integral part God's creation of the universe, and respects any orientation that the site offers unlike in the case of other religions that makes an inviolable prescription. The magnanimous attitude of unconditional reverence for Mother Earth that permits an entrance on each of the four sides of the Golden Temple expresses the universalness of the Sikh Faith. It is noteworthy that the Golden Temple is located in a large water body called the Amrit Sarovar [Pool of Elixir]. First book of its kind in the world, Sri Harmandar Sahib - Architecture - Engineering - Aesthetics is written by a formally trained architect whose spiritual leanings and enormous

research-based writings on diverse disciplines have won international acclaim. The author has convincingly established that Sikh Architecture exists as a valid architectural style like Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, etc. His conclusion is that the holy shrine is the Matrix, Mother, and Marvel of Sikh Architecture. Furthermore, the Golden Temple, according to him, is a Paragon of Spiritual Architecture in the world.

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