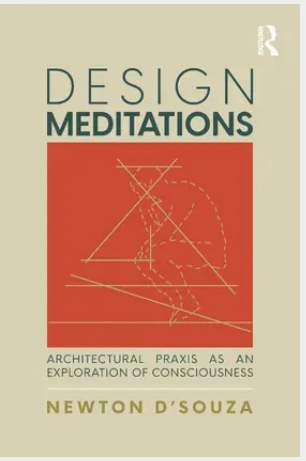
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Design Meditations

Architectural Praxis as an Exploration of Consciousness



Could a heightened sense of awareness deepen the designer's capacity for empathy, ethical responsibility, and meaningful engagement with the world? And might design thinking, understood as an exploration of consciousness, offer a structured yet liberating framework for architectural praxis? The discourse on design cognition has long sought to understand how designers analyze, create, and solve problems. Yet cognitive processes alone may not fully explain the awareness through which designers perceive and engage with the world. This limitation invites a complementary inquiry into the broader field of consciousness within which design thinking occurs. Drawing on consciousness studies, design cognition, architectural theory, and neuroscience, this book examines transcendental knowing as one dimension of this inquiry into consciousness. Within architecture, the work of Louis Kahn, Tadao Ando, Zaha Hadid, Laurie Baker, Glenn Murcutt, and Frank Lloyd Wright illustrate how loosening the dominance of form-making can open awareness toward the transcendental. Central to this inquiry are contemplative practices as a means of intentionally cultivating this awareness within architectural praxis. These practices are developed through guided meditative exercises that can be integrated into design practice, including site visualization, concept generation, and pre-construction visualization. This book is a theoretical resource, practical guide, and studio companion for design educators, students and researchers in architecture and related design fields.

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